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New Mexico's Advancement.

While a few people have had indefinite ideas of the mineral wealth of New Mexico for years, the development of the territory, with the exception of a very few properties, began about two and a half years since when the A. T. & S. F. railroad was built through the country. Since that time prospectors have been persistently and industriously searching for and developing the mineral resources of the country. With the hindrance of land grants, both valid and fraudulent, the occasional raids of the accursed Apaches, the continued, persistent and extravagant Indian reports kept before the public by some of the papers, yet New Mexico has continued to advance and improve to such an extent that the past year has witnessed greater development than all the previous years combined. During this time shrewd and aggressive business men from the north, the east, and the Pacific slope, have been investigating and have found that New Mexico is wonderfully rich in coal, copper, silver and gold, both lead and placers. They have found that there was nothing to fear from the Indians, that the land grants and patents, where it is claimed to exist, only cover portions of districts, that the climate is healthy and mild and permits of work the entire year, that the mines are more accessible and can be worked at from 25 to 33 1/2 per cent less than the mines of any other great mineral producing section of the United States. The result has been that mining men and capitalists have invested largely in various parts of the territory, and today it has about thirty prosperous and active districts.

Too much cannot be said of the Denver exposition as the principal means of attracting the attention of capitalists and mining men to the mineral resources of New Mexico. Before the exposition was closed they began to visit this country and examine the mineral districts, and as a result this winter has witnessed in the territory more mining men who mean business, more sales, the erection of more mills and machinery, the commencement of more active operations on a large scale, than has been the case of the past three years, since we have been familiar with New Mexico.

While the southern portion of the territory has made the most rapid advancement within the past year, yet the development of the northern districts has been regular, continuous, and with good results. In Taos county, coal, copper, silver, gold, and mica are found. The prospects have been steadily improved. New companies have been organized to develop them; machinery erected, and a smelter is contemplated for the near future.

In Colfax county the mineral lands thus far discovered have been embraced by the Maxwell grant. It is estimated that the product for the placers in this county for the past year will reach \$200,000. Coal has been extensively mined at Raton, coke ovens built, and large amounts of coke have been shipped throughout New Mexico and Arizona. Gold and silver have been discovered near Raton, and it is reported that prospects are being developed with good results. The cattle interests predominate in this county; and within the past year it has been very successful and received large additions in capital.

San Miguel county is largely devoted to timber, livestock and agricultural interests. At Mineral Hill considerable development has been done, and it is reported that the results thereof have placed that district upon a substantial basis. Considerable prospecting has been done in the neighborhood of the Hot Springs, with a fair showing, and we hear that a recent important find has been made near Las Vegas.

In Santa Fe county a determined effort is being made to eradicate the evil which has so long and so extensively delayed the rapid development of their wonderful mineral resources. Suits have been commenced to annul the agricultural patents in the Cerrillos districts, and to set aside or confine to reasonable limits the old Mexican grants at the Placiers. A large amount of development work has been expended in the various districts upon property situated on government land. Some ore has been produced and the work shows the most gratifying results. Quite an amount of property has changed hands at fair prices, and the Cash Entry in the Cerrillos district has been sold for \$75,000. The smelter at Cerrillos is now under the management of Messrs. Tabor, Wurtzbaeh and Spiegelberg, and as a result has been running successfully for several months. The Gonzales concentrator

has been erected at Bonanza. The Dursey smelter, which proved a failure, has been removed, and another erected in its place. A smelter is being erected at Santa Fe. The stamp mill at San Pedro has been working up the gold ores, and now that the proper treatment for the immense bodies of refractory copper ores has been discovered, it is expected that the smelters will run regularly hereafter. The Cerrillos coal mines, both anthracite and bituminous, have been quite largely developed, and considerable quantities of coal sold to the government, to mining companies and individuals. Rich discoveries of horn silver and galena have been made at the placiers, and a rich gold find is reported adjacent to Santa Fe. An important item is the narrow gauge road nearly completed from Santa Fe to Espanola, which will form a connection with the Colorado narrow gauge system.

Bernalillo county has made the most rapid development in the working of copper properties at Nacimientos, or Copper City, on the head waters of the Rio Puerco. Several of these properties have been put in a condition to henceforth be productive. Several companies have been organized to work, and eastern capital is being invested. A smelter is in course of construction, and coal has been found in abundance in this section. Many favorable reports are received of late discoveries in the Sandi mountains. At Jemez Springs a new district has been discovered which contains fine copper and galena prospects. A company has been organized at Albuquerque which has erected a 40-ton water jacket smelter, and one especially adapted to the treatment of copper ores. The coal mines along the A. & P. railroad have been extensively worked, and are showing even larger bodies of coal.

In Socorro county Water canon has been improving with development. The Magdalena has been producing ore and bullion. Colorado parties have purchased the Kelley mine, paying \$40,000 therefor, and have made preparations to work the property extensively. A large sum has been refused for the Hardscrabble mine, which is being rapidly developed, and at the same time is producing a large amount of ore. This property has within the past year been developed from a prospect to a large and valuable mine, and the same is true of other properties here. Several have been purchased for the purpose of working them extensively. A large amount of ore has been contracted for at the smelter, and an additional stack is to be erected. A mill has been erected at the Mogollons, and the mines there are in the condition which promise much for the future. It is reported that the mines in the Socorro mountains have been put into condition for a goodly production, and that the stamp mill at Socorro will shortly be running once more. In the San Andreas line prospects have been discovered, and some of them sold at good prices, others partially developed with promising results. The Cabellos and the Cuchillo Negros have come to the front in the past year with some remarkable copper and galena prospects. In the Black Range near Chloride and Grafton the improvement has been so universal that it is impossible to mention but a few. The Occidental has been developed into a producing mine and a stamp mill erected for the treatment of the ores. A smelter has been built at Fairview. The White Signal is producing. The Apache and several other leading properties have been bonded at good prices. Machinery has been erected upon the Alaska. The Ivanhoe company have been acquiring more property. Their stock has risen in value and it is expected that the company will soon resume work.

The wonderful gold mines at White Oaks, in Lincoln county, but which are tributary to Socorro, have at last been put in working condition. The differences heretofore existing between the owners have been settled, and the properties are under the management of enterprising and progressive mining men. The experimental machinery which has been used for the treatment of the ores has been replaced by improved machinery known to be adapted to these ores. The Nogals, Jicariillas, Benito, Jarilla and other districts of Lincoln county, are being prospecting and are beginning to attract attention. A large body of coal has been discovered and opened, and a railroad is soon to be built from El Paso to White Oaks, which will tap this coal field.

In Dona Ana county rich gold finds have been made in the Organs, and considerable work has been done and some ore shipped. At Hillsboro a stamp mill has been running the most

of the year on the ores of the King and Bobtail. The capacity of the mill is being increased and the mines put in a condition to supply a greater quantity of ore. The Hydraulic Company have several miles of pipe, and it is expected they will complete their work about May 1st, when they will have expended about \$250,000, have twelve miles of pipe, and engage extensively in placer mining. At Lake Valley the Sierra company has produced \$1,000,000 in six months with a twenty stamp mill. A smelter is nearly completed and they have otherwise improved and developed the property. Prospecting is going on extensively in this district, with diamond drills and otherwise.

The developments in Grant county have been so extensive during the past year that a mention of these must be even more condensed than the others. At Silver City Bremen's mill has been constantly at work on the ores of the Seventy Six mine. The mine has been stocked with a view of more extensively working it. Six Frue Vanners have been added to the mill. A smelter is about to be erected at Silver City for the treatment of the ores of Cook's Peak, and also for custom work. The mines at Georgetown have been steadily producing during the past year. At Santa Rita the copper mine has been producing. Fine hoisting machinery erected, a smelter and mill built, and the property put in the most excellent condition, with a capacity of 100 tons per day. At San Jose the mines have been developed and worked, and a smelter is being erected. In Hanover Gulch a large amount of development work has been done, which shows it to be one of the richest districts in the southwest. Preparations are being made to erect hoisting machinery at one of the mines, and there are two smelters promised in a short time. At Oak Grove the Queen City company have erected two reverberatory and one water jacket furnace, and have greatly improved their property. At Pachel the Valverde company have within the past year developed several of their prospects into mines, erected three reverberatory and one water jacket furnace, have been producing copper, and recently sold their property for \$1,300,000. At Shakespeare several properties have been developed and are now valuable mines. The smelter has been running part of the time, and negotiations are now pending for some of the mines at good prices. At Pyramid the Viola mine has been thoroughly developed, one of the best stamp mills in the United States, erected, and \$1,000,000 refused for their property. Other good mines have been developed here and some of them sold for large figures.

Kingston, an almost unknown district, has in a short time become familiar throughout the United States. It has furnished large amounts of exceedingly rich float, and the vein from whence this float came has been discovered in the Solitaire and Brilliant. Considerable rich ore has been shipped from the Bullion mine. A rich strike was recently made in the Superior mine, and others have been made in various properties situated upon the same contact and extending for several miles. Much development has been done and many properties have changed hands at good prices. In the Steeple Rock district a twenty stamp mill is nearly completed, and one of the most promising mines in the territory is being worked. Property in the Telegraph district has been sold to N. K. Fairbanks and others of Chicago for \$75,000. Reduction works are being erected in the Eureka district. Good sales have been made in the Victoria district. A smelter is being erected at Deming by parties interested in the Floridas, near Deming. In brief, it may be said that active work is being done in most of the districts in the county, and with good results. A railroad is nearly completed from Silver City to Deming, which is to be extended through the territory and west into Arizona.—H. R. Harris, in Rocky Mountain Mining Review.

A Connecticut man has invented a machine for counting money. Editors have long felt the want of some such labor-saving machinery; and now if the Connecticut man will put an attachment on his machine to enable a man to get money as fast as it will count it, he can sell the machine for seven dollars and a half.—Norristown Herald.

She was asked what she thought of one of her neighbors by the name of Jones, and with a knowing look, replied: "Why, I don't like to say anything about my neighbors, but as to Mr. Jones, sometimes I think, and then again I don't know, but after all, I rather guess he'll turn out to be a good deal such a sort of a man as I like him to be."

THE BLACK RANGE.

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NEWS NOTES.

A theatre to cost \$3,000,000 is being talked of in New York City.

Eighty corpses have been found at the disaster in the Diamond mine at Braidwood near Chicago.

Five children and a servant perished in the flames of a burning residence in Montague, Muskegon county, Mich., on the 28th inst.

The president nominated J. W. Foster, of Indiana, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Spain.

The wife and three children of Wm. Bush, living near Corsicana, Texas, died from the effect of morphine, administered through mistake.

Some of the convicts in the Missouri penitentiary mutined and started a fire in that institution, and then endeavored to frustrate efforts to subdue it.

The chamber of commerce relief committee of Cincinnati, received a check for \$25,000 from Wm. H. Vanderbilt for the benefit of the flood sufferers.

The tin roof, which was blown off the exposition building during the storm of January 12th, has been replaced, and the entire roof is now battened down and securely fastened. The cost was \$1,700.

At an auction sale of unopened packages in the express office at Pueblo, Colorado, recently, James Thompson risked one dollar on a box which he found contained two gold bricks, worth over \$11,000.

Frank James appeared before the court at Kansas City on the 29th inst., and plead not guilty to the indictment brought against him, and after a lengthy argument his trial was fixed for the third Monday in June next.

The mills of the St. Joseph Lead company, at Bronner, St. Francis county, Mo., were totally destroyed by fire, together with a large amount of valuable machinery, on the 25th inst. Loss \$250,000. Several hundred men were thrown out of work.

The lives of fifteen little girls were lost by the breaking out of a fire in the school house attached to the Roman Catholic church on Fourth street, New York city, on the 20th inst. In their alarm those in the upper story all rushed to the stairs, which gave way and precipitated them to the floor below.

By an explosion of a kerosene lamp in a farm house near Brackett, Texas, recently, four children, aged from two to seven, were burned to death, and their mother, Mrs. Michael McDonald, who was alone in the house with them was compelled to witness the scene, the flames having cut her off from the children's room.

Notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts to throttle it the small-pox appears to be getting the upper hand of the authorities at Leadville. The public schools have been closed, a new pest house is being built, and the alarm, which is becoming general, is reaching into the surrounding towns and some of them are establishing a quarantine.

Jen. Mace and Slade gave a boxing exhibition at Washington last Monday night. A number of persons of distinction, including several members of congress were in the audience. Slade visited the capitol and was followed through the corridors by a large crowd, and even some of the dignified senators and members of the house left their seats and went into the hall to get a sight of him.

Reports from northern and western Kansas and southern Nebraska indicate that so far but little damage is apparent to growing wheat, and that, notwithstanding the very severe winter, the plant is strong and thrifty, with a condition above the average. Along the Central Branch of the Union Pacific road, farmers are unanimous in this sentiment, and those in the Kansas Pacific country the same; but from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe territory the outlook, as reported by them, is very gloomy. The most disastrous period in Kansas for wheat is in March, when high winds from the south, usually warm, blow the earth from the tender rootlets and expose them.

MINING NEWS.

The Rain-in-the-face mine, in Steeple Rock district, is reported to have been sold for \$60,000.

The Santa Fe New Mexican says that southern capitalists are about to invest \$30,000 in developing mines in the Cerillos district.

The Total Wreck mine, in the Empire district of Arizona, has 45,000 tons of ore in sight, which are said to be worth \$2,000,000.

Hillsboro Prospector: The Harper mine near Hanover has been attached by the Sheriff. At Osceola, White Pine county, Nevada, last week a gold nugget weighing 63-26-100 ounces, valued at \$1,002 was found. This makes the fourth nugget found in that camp within a few weeks. The three previous finds were valued at \$5,000, \$1,050 and \$980 each.

Albuquerque Democrat: We ac-

knowledge the receipt of a pamphlet describing the wonderful mines at Kingston and vicinity. A class of men has entered the Percha country that will succeed, if industry and energy have anything to do with it. They want a smelter at Kingston, and the Tribunes say: "There is ore enough now on the dumps within five miles of Kingston to keep a smelter running for months, and more being taken out daily than any single stack could treat." The Magdalena mountains report another strike of rich ore. The fame of this range has been chronicled far and wide, and the time is fast approaching when the Magdalenas will be recognized as one of the richest districts in the territory.

The Frue Vanners at Hillsboro are a decided success. A test run of forty-eight hours on ore from the King mine, resulted in saving eighty per cent. of the amount shown to be contained in the ore by exhaustive and careful assays. Another run of forty-eight hours on ore from the Bobtail mine, saved so nearly all of the mineral that an assay made from the tailings showed that there were only two dollars and thirty cents per ton left in them.

Among the new mining states of the west, our neighbor to the south—New Mexico—promises to assume a leading position this year. The extent of her gold and silver mines, and their richness, is only beginning to be talked of—not a title of it is known—while her coal, iron and copper deposits are yet in embryo. Capital is being attracted toward her, and the dispelling of the delusive ideas which have long prevailed regarding the difficulties and dangers of operating there, is being succeeded by a refreshing confidence which manifests itself in the many large investments now being made within her borders.—Rocky Mountain Mining Review.

Albuquerque Journal: We were yesterday shown by Mr. C. L. Rood, of the Atlantic & Pacific road, a number of specimens of very rich ore, recently brought by him from his new find in the Zuni mountains on the Atlantic & Pacific road about a hundred miles west of Albuquerque, where but little prospecting has thus far been done. The specimens brought were gray copper heavily impregnated with silver, and quartz bearing gold. Whether there is any considerable quantity of the ore has not as yet been ascertained, nor can it be for some months, owing to the large amount of snow in the mountains, which in many places is from three to five feet in depth. If such ore as we have seen from there shall be found to exist in large quantities, the Zunis will experience a "boom" during the coming season fully equal to that of Lake Valley last fall.

News of the discovery of new mines of fabulous richness comes to us from the mountains west of Chihuahua. The ore is said to have, with one exception, the appearance of fractured bars of coarse-grained silver, the exception being a lump nearly as big as a man's clenched hand and which, when broken, shows an exceedingly fine grain. It has a mint valuation of \$105 per ounce. On some pieces the quartz has been repeatedly fractured without a separation of the several parts, so tenacious is the silver. The ore from the San Nestor, in the same district, is also rich in gold. The vein is said to be eighteen inches wide, with a value aggregating \$35,000 to the ton. The Estelle has a similar width, twelve inches of which, it is claimed, will average \$25,000. The other six inches is a black pentagon, that is split and lies against either wall. It has a value of about \$8,000 per ton. In the same vein also occurs a half-inch streak of almost pure silver. The San Maximo is narrower, the broadest part of the vein not exceeding twelve inches in width, but \$18,000 per ton may be considered pretty good pay ore, even if the ledge does pinch to a foot, more or less.

A party of Chicago millionaire merchants representing \$50,000,000 capital, composed of Marshall Field, of the dry goods firm of Marshall Field & Co.; Franklin McVeagh, of the great grocery house of Franklin McVeagh & Co.; N. K. Fairbanks, of N. K. Fairbanks & Co., dealers in land; Col. Morris Sellers, of the iron manufacturing establishment of Sellers & Co.; Martin Ryerson, retired lumberman, and Hon. Sterling Morton, ex-congressman from Nebraska, were the guests of Santa Fe on the 24th inst. The party is out for a pleasure trip, and are bound for Los Angeles, Cal.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, cautioning all persons against purchasing the following mining property situated in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, to wit: The one-half interest in the Terrible mine, formerly owned by L. L. Case, of Kingston, N. M., as the undersigned have purchased the said interest of the said Case, and are now in lawful possession of the same. S. B. FERREY, H. E. BERLEW, Chloride, Feb. 23, 1883.

Notice of Pre-Emption Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA MESILLA, N. M., February 17th, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof on their respective claims before the probate judge at Los Lunas, N. M., on the 28th day of March, 1883, to wit: Rafael Samora, on homestead application No. 324, for the s 1/2 sec 22, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 14, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 15, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 16, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 17, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 18, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 19, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 20, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 21, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 22, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 23, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 24, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 25, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 26, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 27, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 28, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 29, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 30, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 31, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 32, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 33, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 34, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 35, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 36, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 37, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 38, T. 2 S., R. 12 W., S. 1/2 sec 39, 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HERMOSA.

Big Bonanzas On The Palomas.

Mr. George Turner has bonded the American Flag and the Flagstaff, two of the noblest looking quartz veins in the Black Range. Recent developments have shown native and brittle silver distributed lavishly through the ore bodies, and work will be pushed to show up their hidden treasures. On the surface three feet of mineral was discovered in a new place from which five samples were taken, the assays giving from sixty-one to five thousand ounces of silver to the ton.

News has just come in from the Palomas mining district which we give in the terse terms of the miner who brought it: "The ore body in the American Flag is five feet wide and the silver is splattered all through it." A fine chunk of this ore is on exhibition in Dr. Haskell's cabinet at 88 Wall street.

The Palomas Chief is keeping up its reputation for rich strikes. A bonanza of ore was cut through by the adit at sixty-six feet from the surface, which shows native silver in sprays and leaves and also disseminated through the blackish lime quartz which forms the gang of the pocket. Silver antimonide, copper and iron sulphides show in the ore, and a black talcose selvage separates the ore from the wall rock; about eight feet beyond this a seam of quartz and calcite was cut, which shows silver antimonide, copper and iron sulphides. The adit is now about seventy-five feet from mouth to face, and shows some of the richest bodies of ore, for the same number of feet, that can be shown in any mine or mining country. The timber has been cut for cabins and partly hauled to the ground, and this week the building of cabins will be begun for the accommodation of the miners.

The Pelican shows a fine body of argentiferous galena eight feet in width, recent assays giving sixty-eight and one hundred and twenty ounces of silver to the ton. Developments on the claim are progressing rapidly. The adit by which the property is worked is showing a line breast of ore, the distance under cover being about seventy feet. A drift has been started westward and has progressed about ten feet in the breast of which is the fine showing of galena just mentioned.

The Albatross and Maine, adjoining claims to the Pelican, and owned by the same parties, show similar ore.

The Antelope at forty feet from the surface, in the new shaft has passed into a large body of high grade ore, the width of the pay being about six feet. Twelve feet have been sunk in the body without diminishing its strength, while the walls of the vein are found to be about ten feet apart and showing well defined clay selvages and solid smooth walls.

The new road has been traveled between Chloride and Hermosa so much that it is easily distinguishable from the old trail.

FAIRVIEW.

M. H. Day has purchased the adobe walls formerly owned by Dr. Driscoll, and is now at work completing the building.

McDermont, an expert, in the employ of Head & Hearst, California capitalists, made a short visit to the Cuchillos this week.

Young trees now adorn both sides of the main street of Fairview, and evince a disposition on the part of the citizens to give the place a neat and tasty appearance.

Frank M. Drake, expert, arrived from San Francisco on Wednesday's coach, to take charge of the Black Knife smelter. Although a little earlier than expected, his arrival is none the less satisfactory to Col. Nulton, and we hope to chronicle in our next issue the fact that the smelter is in operation.

ROBINSON.

To Robinson belongs the credit of having the first school in the range. Miss Nellie Russel is teaching the young ideas of about ten scholars from Robinson and Fairview.

The shaft of the Nordhausen came into water at a depth of thirty-eight feet, and now a drift is being run to the west. There are about seven tons on the dump, which contains some very good galena ore.

J. L. M. Hill and Jas. Ryan returned from their trip south on the Rio Grande, last Friday. Their testimony is that there is some most excellent farming country between here and Rincon, that being the extent of their trip.

T. L. Reber made a trip to Hillsboro last week to assist in getting their branch soda factory in operation. On his return he met hoisting works being taken to the Superior mine. Mr. Reber is not certain as to the exact distance between Robinson and Hillsboro, but from his feelings the next day after his return, he thinks it is about nine hundred miles.

CHLORIDE.

News are most awful scarce.

Several of the Palomas boys were in town this week.

Mrs. Barnes is erecting an addition to her residence.

Our Grafton correspondence failed to connect this week.

Dr. Haskell has had another cabinet constructed in addition his large one. Some fine specimens of ore are being taken from the Sunrise claim owned by Maj. Beebe.

Mr. McGinnis and family are soon to move to Ojo Caliente. Mr. McGinnis has a ranch there.

R. W. Owens returned to the range last Friday, after nearly a year's absence in California and Oregon.

Mr. Corson has commenced operations on the adobe walls recently purchased by him. Mr. Corson means business.

Wm. H. Moore arrived in Chloride last Monday night. He is accompanied by Mr. James Sweet, a banker of Nebraska City, Neb.

John Andrews has moved his family on to his ranch east of this town. Mr. Andrews will try to determine the question as to the success of raising vegetables for the market this season.

Dr. Driscoll, of the City Drug Store, has moved his entire business into the building belonging to Martin Wegman, recently fitted up for that purpose. The Dr. has things fixed up in good style.

E. J. Fields was in town last week, returning to Socorro by Tuesday's stage. He says Chloride has grown considerable since his departure last spring, and that it looks as though the present population were here to stay.

Ten or twelve of our citizens, attracted by the rich ore and most favorable reports from Hermosa went to that camp yesterday. If we are not very much mistaken Palomas district will attract considerable attention from other sections besides New Mexico ere long.

From the Chief.

PEORIA, ILL., Feb. 17, 1883.

Water bound on the prairies, I have an abundance of leisure. This I will improve by writing to the RANGE.

This has been a nice winter in these states. Directly after the holidays snow storms and cold weather set in and the sleighing has been splendid since, until yesterday. A day or two of melting weather was followed by a terrible rain storm which carried all the immense volumes of aqueous food in one night into the water courses and inundated the country. The low lands about this city are flooded, railroad bridges are carried away by the raging streams, and no trains have left or entered this city since yesterday morning, although there are eleven outlets by rail in ordinary times. The prairies round about here are a solid sheet of water, or rather ice now, for the weather turned cold last night, and has been freezing all day. The weather this winter is the coldest that has been known for years. The thermometer has been down to 37° below zero—not since I have been here though. The coldest that I have seen it is 19° below, which was at St. Joseph two weeks ago to-morrow. I found the frigid temperature rather hard on my thin blood. The floods mentioned, appear to be widespread, but the telegraph wires are prostrated and work no better than the railroads. There will be little movement before Monday.

My time so far on this journey has been spent one week at St. Joseph Missouri, and ten days in this county. I will continue to the next station as soon as the blockade raises. I find but little interest in New Mexico taken by the citizens of this section, Dakota is the talk, and nobody is allowed to forget it, for blazing advertisements of the wheat-growers' eden adores every available posting spot. Its advantages are placed in every conceivable light which shows favorably and is reiterated time and again, as railroad advertisers air their education. The poor deluded fools who are entrapped into emigrating to that land will be returning sorrowing in a few years or I am mistaken. All are not dairymen who go there, and farms in that land resemble mines in New Mexico, in that they are not opened without an outlay of cash which all poor men do not possess. In a few years the soil for wheat production will be exhausted and as this is their only crop, then what? Give me New Mexico.

At St. Joseph, however, I saw crowds of men, solid, substantial men, whose eyes were turned in our direction longingly. Most my time while there was occupied by answering questions by contemplating emigrants. Most of them talked stock though, and were very wary regarding mines. Most of them had heard of the Black Range, and I think that I induced some of them to the determination to visit our section.

The conductors on the Santa Fe road told me that the heaviest trains west on that line went to New Mexico, and the company was preparing to accommodate a heavy emigration this season. I hope it will come.

The farming community which furnishes the bone and sinew of Illinois, prospered greatly last season and is in good spirits now. Stock cattle are

higher in the country than they are at the markets and many shipments have been made by farmers from the Chicago stock yards to their homes. Three year old steers bring from thirty to forty dollars when in medium flesh. Fat hogs are worth six and a half and seven dollars a hundred. Stock generally is exceptionally free from disease. The indications point to an early spring and a fruitful season coming.

BECKETT.

A Grand Scheme.

Colorado is striking while the iron is hot. Under the pressure of her \$27,000,000 output in 1882, senator Moynihan introduced a joint memorial petitioning the forty-seventh congress of the United States to establish a National Mining and Metallurgical Institute to be located at Denver, its object being well defined in the following extract from the memorial:

"The submitted facts . . . call for the establishment of a National Mining and Metallurgical Institute wherein may be exhibited and operated all kinds of smelting works, reduction works, leaching and concentrating works, as well as all kinds of mining machinery and improvements for facilitating economic mining of all ores, for excavating chambers, for timbering and supporting walls of shafts, inclines and tunnels, for hoisting works and pumping water out of mines, and for destroying gases, subduing flames, lighting drifts and winzes, all of which shall be for purposes only in making practical test trials, to the end of the advancement and economic working of the mines and reduction of various ores, treating and beneficiating them and other mineral substances."

The institution is to be free and experiments in all branches pertaining to the mining industry prosecuted so as to bring many known minerals, salts and acids, as exhibited at the Denver exposition of 1882 within the Rocky mountain region. Among these exhibits catalogued are "ores of quicksilver, zinc, nickel, cobalt, cinnabar, antimony, iron, coal, graphite, slate, emery, gypsum, salt, sulphur, mica and asbestos." Such an institution would be of incalculable benefit to the whole mining region of America and would lead to opening up of sources of wealth unthought of at present, and should be advocated not by Colorado alone, but by the whole mining region of the west.

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NEW MEXICO NEWS.

Bad Doble, the famous horseman, is at the Las Vegas hot springs.

A wagon road is to be constructed from Deming to Kingston, via the Sierra Blanco mining district.

The grass in the Mesilla valley is getting green, and the buds on the trees are almost ready to burst into leaves.

The Lake Valley Herald says there was never so much work in progress in the history of the camp as at present.

Harry George, a former resident of White Oaks, is reported to have been sold for debt in old Mexico, under a law of penance.

The artesian well at Golden is down one hundred feet. This boring has cost the South Pueblo Boring Company which is doing the work, \$900.

Albuquerque is putting up more new buildings at the present time than any other town, large or small, between Kansas City and San Francisco.—Journal.

Frank Phillips, aged nine years, blew out the brains of his playmate, Amador Mascarenos, aged eleven years, with a shot gun, last Friday evening. Frank didn't know it was loaded.

In an interview with the Albuquerque newspaper reporters, Gov. Sheldon is reported to have said: "I propose to make New Mexico safe for honest and industrious people or depopulate the whole territory."

The Kansas City Times of Sunday gives it out as positive that the Santa Fe road will build a line from La Joya, New Mexico, to Benson, Arizona, to complete the Guaymas extension. This line will cross the Magdalena and the Black Range.

Arrangements have been made between Major Fountain and the authorities of Old Mexico and Texas with a view to corralling the stock thieves infesting the southern border, and pursuing them in any direction across the line.—Review.

Already this season has Santa Fe entertained more distinguished and wealthy visitors than she did the whole of last year. Santa Fe seems to be the objective point for westward bound capitalists after leaving the Missouri river.—New Mexican.

Melchoir Luna, a cousin and supporter of delegate Luna, who is endeavoring to retain his seat in congress through the enormous frauds perpetrated in Valencia county, quarreled with Manuel Sanchez, over the merits of the contest now going on there, and finally becoming enraged at his opponent draw his revolver and shot him down. Because Sanchez did not coincide with his views on the Valencia frauds he shoots him as remorselessly as he would a dog. The Lunas have been accustomed to carry things in a high-handed way in Valencia county, and were up to the man

who crosses their path. It now remains to be seen whether the law will be permitted to take its course in this case and the guilty man be made to expiate the horrible crime, or whether he will be shielded from the gallows by the political intervention of the Lunas, as has been done in several instances in the past. Political freedom is beginning to dawn in Valencia, and the intelligent people of New Mexico will not tolerate high-handed assassins to go unpunished. The developments in the case will be watched with interest.—Albuquerque Democrat.

The rustlers in Grant county are being made to understand that the militia mean business in hunting them. On the 19th, Capt. Salazar with his company of Major Fountain's battalion, went to La Mesa for the purpose of breaking up a nest belonging to the Kinney gang. They killed one, who resisted, and arrested three others, and are after the rest of the gang.

The Albuquerque guards were sent on a will goose chase after rustlers recently. The sheep herders of Francisco Chavez and Santiago Baca rushed into Albuquerque with the frightful story that one of their number had been murdered and 1,500 sheep killed by rustlers. The facts of the matter however were found to be that they had been trespassing on the cattle ranch of A. S. Stivers, known as Alamosa, and that while he was remonstrating with them, some natives commenced shooting at a mark about half a mile distant, which scattered the herd, and frightened the herders out of their senses.

A railroad is being built between Lordsburg, this territory, and Clifton, Arizona. Governor Sheldon is president of the company. The Santa Fe New Mexican says of it: The length of the line is exactly sixty-eight and three-fourths miles. Ten miles of the line are graded, the ties are contracted for and partly delivered, the iron has been purchased and part of it is on the ground; the engines and cars have also been contracted for. And the beauty of the whole business is that there is plenty of cash in the treasury to push it through. The road will be completed to the Gila river by May 15th and trains will be running into Clifton by August.

The Silver City, Deming & Pacific railway, a Boston enterprise, of which Mr. J. P. Whitney is president, is nearly completed. The ties, steel rails, and rolling stock are all on the ground, and the track will be laid at once. The road runs from Deming, New Mexico, forty-six miles north and west to Silver City, in the heart of a rich mining region. It connects at Deming with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific. The Deming & Clifton railroad, lately chartered by the Boston capitalists, will be the western extension of this road from Silver City, New Mexico, to Clifton, Arizona. Both roads will be entirely independent of the great lines mentioned, but will have traffic arrangements with them.

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That Time Table.

"My dear," said Mr. Spoonendyke, running his thumb down the list of towns on the time table and glancing helplessly at the columns of figures. "My dear, the man must have given me the wrong business. We can never get anywhere with this."

"Let's see," murmured Mrs. Spoonendyke, laying her hand on his arm and drawing the time table towards her. "There is Boston Lv. Albany Ar. 8:20 to 8:40; that's plain enough."

"It is, is it?" snorted Spoonendyke, abandoning the table and bending his eyes on his wife. "Think that's plain enough, do ye? Show me how you make it. If you've got this thing by the tail wiggle it once for my information!"

"Why," said the flattered Mrs. Spoonendyke, "just you add 'em together. Aught's aught; four and three are seven; eight and two's ten; put down the aught and carry—"

"Carry swill to the hogs!" roared Spoonendyke, bracing himself in his seat and surveying his wife with marked disapprobation. "That's about as much as ye know about anything! What's Boston got to do with it? What interest has Lv. and Ar. got in this thing? Got some kind of a notion they own the road, haven't ye? Praps ye think one's a tunnel and the other's a bridge! Well, they ain't, and they're not half-baked females who don't know a time table from a dog law! Now you let me figure this thing, if you don't want to spend the balance of your life on the road!"

"Certainly, dear," cooed Mrs. Spoonendyke, nestling up to her husband and glancing around the car to see if he had been overheard. "You can make it out if anybody can."

"Now, we started from New York at 10:50 a. m.," continued Spoonendyke, "and we get to Buffalo at 12:30 a. m. Then according to this, we leave Buffalo at 12:35 and 12:40 for Chicago. What I want to know is why we leave Buffalo twice?"

"I suppose it's to make sure of getting away from there," suggested Mrs. Spoonendyke, fastening her thumb and forefinger on the margin of the time table with a death grip. "Maybe the engine leaves at 12:35 and the last car at 12:40," she added, as the new explanation occurred to her. "Anyway, it is better to get away from there twice than stay there altogether; don't you think so, dear?" and she looked up at him confidently.

"S'pose anybody along the line of this road knows what you are driving at?" snarled Spoonendyke, hauling at his end of the table. "Let go, will ye? Engine leaves at 12:35! Last car leaves at 12:40! That's the idea! It took you to hit it! When I get time to fit you up with a cow-catcher and a schedule of out rates, I'm going to start an opposition road with you! Now you let this thing alone, will you?"

"There it is!" exclaimed Mrs. Spoonendyke, flushing with another discovery. "I've got it now! You see, we arrive at Chicago twice—at 7:40 and at 7:40 again. Look at it here! Of course, we've got to leave Buffalo twice to get to Chicago twice!" and Mrs. Spoonendyke settled herself back and regarded the table with much complacency.

"Oh, you've got it!" roared Spoonendyke. "That explains it! This railroad is twins! Leaves everywhere twice and gets everywhere twice! Nobody would ever have found it but you! All you want now is a misplaced switch and a coroner's inquest to be a through trunk line! Can't you see that it's two different trains that get in there at 7:40? S'pose they only run one train on this degraded road? Got a notion that the same train goes both ways at the same time? I know all about getting there as well as you do, but what I want to understand is how this measly train leaves Buffalo twice! Got it now? Think you've fathomed my design on this time table?"

"Perhaps there are two different trains out of Buffalo," hazarded Mrs. Spoonendyke.

Mr. Spoonendyke deliberately tore the time table into a thousand pieces dropping them carefully under the seat, buried his hands in his pockets and glared out of the window.

"I don't care," soliloquized Mrs. Spoonendyke, "there can't be two trains arrive anywhere without leaving some place, and, anyway, I suppose we'd get to Chicago just as well if we didn't understand this Buffalo affair."

With such consoling reflection Mrs. Spoonendyke settled herself in her seat and gave herself to considering how that girl on the other side of the aisle would act if she knew how much her laughter and loud talking with her escort offended the virtuous minded of her sex.

Alaska Wealth.

Private dispatches have been received of a reliable character with reference to the nature of the gold deposits in Alaska. Much discredit has been thrown over the reports of gold discovered in our northwestern territory from time to time, until the impression has become pretty general that as a gold field Mr. Steward's purchase was not particularly valuable. The information alluded to is of such a character that as soon as it becomes known it will result in such a rush to the gold field as has not been seen since the days of '49. It

is stated that a quartz vein which will yield from \$5 to \$8 net to the ton has been discovered on the main land in southern Alaska, 200 feet in width. Many others equally rich in the same district are reported, and preparations are being made quietly, it is said, by a combination of New York and San Francisco capitalists, to start early in the spring, with mills and machinery, to take possession of the mines and mill the quartz. Plenty of coal and timber are reported at no great distance from the mines, so that the fuel supply will be abundant. Two gentlemen in conversation on this subject to-day said that there would be 10,000 men from Nevada and California on the way to Alaska within three months, and that, within a year, the mining population of the Pacific slope would be thoroughly drained of all surplus labor to supply the new field, unless some extraordinary excitement should be caused by new discoveries near home.—Washington Special.

A Red-Headed Reminiscence.

A man with red hair entered a railroad car at the Union depot in St. Joseph, Mo., the other day and took his seat. A moment later another man with a fiery top-knot and vermilion whiskers came in and sat down beside him. They looked at each other, but said nothing until a third traveler with a scarlet crest appeared upon the scene. Then the youngest of the trio arose and remarked, to the general amusement, that he would do what he could to prevent a conflagration in case of accident by riding in another car. He was on his way to the door when, amid a roar of laughter that shook the windows, a fourth passenger with a head like a beacon light flamed into the aisle. Then the quartet sat down together and made so much fun for the rest of the passengers that everybody was sorry when one after another they got out at their respective stations each leaving the car perceptibly darker at his exit.

The New Boy.

He was a brand-new office-boy, young, pretty-faced, with golden ringlets and blue eyes. Just such a boy as one would imagine would be taken out of his little trundle-bed in the middle of the night and transported beyond the stars. The first day he glanced over the library in the editorial room, became acquainted with everybody, and knew all the printers, and went home in the evening as happy and cheery as a sun-beam. The next day he appeared, leaned out the back window, expected on a printer's pate, tied up the cat by the tail in the hallway, had four fights with another boy, borrowed \$2 from an occupant of the building, saying his mother was dead, collected his two days' pay from the cashier, hit the janitor with the broom-stick, pawned a coat belonging to a member of the editorial staff, wrenched the knobs off the doors, upset the ice-cooler, pried three galleys of type and mashed his finger in the small press. On the third day a note was received, saying: "My Mother do not want I to work in such a dull place. She says I would make a Good preacher. So Do I. mi finger is better; goan fishin'. Yours 'Till Death do Yank us."

WITTICISMS.

A bear broke into the house of a Nevada man the other night. He was away, and his wife thought it was he coming home drunk. The bear cannot recover.

The fat young man who paid fifty cents for a secret that would show him how to double his money without risk, was told to double up the biggest bill he could find before putting it in his pocket.—N. O. Picayune.

A close student of human nature says that when you see a young man and lady walking down street leaning against each other like a pair of badly matched oxen, it is a pretty good sign that they are bent on consolidation.

Proctor says that Jupiter is in the same state that our earth was 34,000,000 years ago. Proctor has the longest memory we ever encountered. We can't remember half that far back in the dim and misty past.—Norristown Herald.

"So you have got twins at your house?" said Mrs. Beecumbe to little Tommy Samuelson. "Yes ma'am, two of 'em." "What are you going to call them?" "Thunder and Lightning." "Why, those are strange names to call children." "Well, that's what pa called them as soon as he heard they were in the house."—Texas Siftings.

"How did you come to break off your engagement with Miss Snowball?" asked Uncle Mose of Andy Perkins, an Austin darkey. "In de fust place Uncle Mose, she wasn't berry young, and she didn't hab any money, and jawed like de debbel; and secondly she wouldn't hab me, and went and married anudder niggab, so I tuck de advice ob my frens and jess drapped her."—Texas Siftings.

He was an artist, and he was sparkling the daughter of a retired sea captain. While he was whispering sweet nothings in his sweetheart's ear in the dimly lighted parlor, he was paralyzed by the voice of the ancient mariner in the other room: "Cast off that painter." But she explained that her father was only dreaming that he was on the sea again, and the engagement proceeded.—Exchange.

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