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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

H. Gordon Temple is about to start a weekly paper in Santa Fe.

The Pueblo News will be moved to Denver and run as an evening daily. So says report.

The new five cent nickel piece is being coined with the addition of the word "cents" on its reserve side.

The coal miners of Youngstown, Ohio, and adjacent districts in Pennsylvania are on a strike and are very ugly.

A heavy snow storm blocked the roads and prevented railroad travel in the New England states and Canada last week.

Four boys, the oldest being sixteen and the youngest thirteen years of age, robbed a train in Texas, and all have been captured.

An eruption of Mount Etna has begun, accompanied by earthquake, causing a panic in that vicinity. Several houses have fallen.

A customs collector of Montreal refused to pass the works of Paine and Voltaire, and an action at law compelling him to be sensible has been begun.

The Johnson brothers, two of the Little Rock and Fort Smith train robbers, now in jail at Ozark, Ark., have confessed their crime to Gov. Johnson.

The Chihuahua Mail seems to be prosperous. It has been enlarged to four 9-column pages. It is well filled with advertisements and is replete with news.

The New York state senate passed a bill compelling telegraph and telephone companies in New York and Brooklyn to place their wires underground after March, 1885.

Queen Victoria slipped down stairs and severely sprained her knee, last week, and all England is intensely excited over the event. Her injuries are not serious.

R. B. Cobb has been appointed general superintendent of the Colorado and New Mexico lines of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad company, with his office at Denver.

Sitting Bull has been removed from Fort Randall to Standing Rock agency and united with the remainder of his tribes. He will be given a chance to raise stock and make a living.

The telegraph line from Deming to Silver City is completed, and the railroad between those points is completed five miles from Deming. Forty-four cars for the line have been received.

The United States Telegraph is a new company which has been organized in New York with a capitalization of \$120,000. The Western Union will soon make another gulp and take in the infant.

A reception committee from Chicago went out to meet President Diaz of Mexico, but the train carried them by the junction and they returned to the city some hours after the visitors arrived.

The governor of Moscow has received a letter warning him that Krenlin, when the Czar is to be crowned, will be blown up during the coronation ceremonies, if the Czar refuses to grant a constitution.

The railroads have made the round trip exposition rates from the Missouri river to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs \$30 for the round trip. The rate from Chicago to Denver \$50, and from St. Louis \$42.

There is likely to be trouble in Dakota because of the legislature voting to issue bonds to the amount of three-fourths of a million dollars for improvements which many claim to be unnecessary and unwarranted.

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Advices from various points in the Yellowstone country indicate that the past winter has been favorable to stockmen, and the loss from exposure and cold weather is estimated at not to exceed five per cent. of the entire territory.

The performance of the Passion Play which has been prevented so frequently in New York city will be attempted in Louisville, Kentucky, and it will be seen if the authorities of that latter city are as bigoted as those of the nation's metropolis.

High waters are not confined to the United States. About Halifax, Nova Scotia, a sudden thaw last week raised the streams to overflowing. Bridges have been swept away, and railroad tracks have been flooded and many houses submerged. The damage done is considerable.

It has been learned by the coroner of Arapahoe county, Colorado, that there is no law on the statute books of that state which compels any person to notify officers of cases of violent deaths requiring his services. This virtually leaves the coroner without occupation in Colorado.

An attempt is being made to remove the county seat of Bernalillo county from Bernalillo to Albuquerque. The change should have been made long ago. There is no possible excuse for making the bulk of the inhabitants of a county travel to an obscure village to transact public business.

Secretary Folger created a stir in Washington lately by leaving the city without posting up bulletins notifying everybody of his intention. He went down to Fortres Monroe but got back to the city again safe and sound. The rejecting of the newspapers over the recovery of the lost secretary was tumultuous.

Secretary Teller has decided that the cattle ranch capitalists who have been putting up wire fences in the territory must either come to an amicable and satisfactory agreement with the Cherokee authorities or remove their fences. Over one thousand miles of fencing have been built and come within the terms of the secretary's decision.

Governor Grant has granted an unconditional pardon to Joe Hackett, sentenced in the district court of Arapahoe county, in October, 1881, to nine years in Canon City, for the killing of B. K. Coons. It is believed by the authorities that Hackett's mental condition is such that were he not released he would become permanently insane.

Major A. J. Fountain has the right idea of the way to dispose of rustlers. His command of militia sent out lately by the governor to hunt cattle thieves, captured John Watts and Bice Bush, two notorious rascals. The prisoners attempted to escape and were riddled with bullets. Thus were the ends of justice accomplished without expense to the territory.

The scene of the mine accident at Bradwood, Illinois, is laid on the boundary between two counties and the coroners of each of the said counties are on hand to hold inquests, each claiming that the territory is his, and that he is entitled to the eleven dollars for which each corpse calls for. There is likely to be disgraceful scenes between these two officers in their attempts to assert what they deem their individual rights.

Gen. MacKenzie has issued orders to the commanders of the several military posts in New Mexico to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's notice. This command was given in accordance with advices received from the commander of the Mexican forces in Chihuahua, that the latter was about to begin an attack upon the hostile Indians in the Sierra Madre mountains, and requesting that the Americans be prepared for the savages if they shall be driven into the United States.

Mr. C. H. Kirkpatrick has bought a fine ranch property from Henry Connelly and the heirs of ex-governor Connelly. The ranch is situated about three miles south of Hell Canon, and carries with it about 23,000 acres of land, good grass and ample timber for shelter. Mr. Kirkpatrick paid for this property \$3,500 and intends to spend about two thousand more in improvements on it before he begins to stock it with cattle. Mr. Kirkpatrick will put about four thousand cattle on the range at the beginning.—Albuquerque Review.

An electrical phenomenon was witnessed on the Union Pacific railway between North Platte and Sidney lately, which suggests that the coming motive power for railway trains is to be electricity and we need not be surprised if steam shall give away for this cheaper and more powerful element. In the instance spoken of the rails were surcharged with a current of electricity, moving from west to east, to so high a degree that handcars standing on the track were impelled at a fair rate of speed by it. One hand-car at Brule got away from the section men and started for the east. The influence of the current was felt by many persons along the track, and no little excitement prevailed during its continuance.

MINING NEWS.

Between Bullard's Peak and the Gila, the country is covered with immense leads of low grade galena and carbonate ores. One mine recently located has a thirty-five foot vein of carbonate ore; many other leads average from five to fifteen in width. The claims run very high in lead but carry little silver.

The unexpected is the lucky fate of many a footsore prospector. Recently one of these sons of toil met with an unexpected streak of luck that astonished him. While on his way from Haller to Croy canyon the pack on the horse he was leading became loose, and in order to adjust it he dismounted. While rearranging it he saw something at his feet that resembled rich silver float. He traced up to the ledge, which was only a short distance away, and found that he had one of the best "prospects" in Wood River. He located the original and two extensions, and the best ore in the vein assays up into thousands.

A very remarkable discovery is reported of a vein of platinum which promises to make its locators immediately wealthy. It is located up a gulch on Wood River, not far from Hailey, but its whereabouts will be kept a secret for a time, as the discoverers desire to prospect in the vicinity still further, and, if possible, secure more ground before making all the facts public. It is known, however, that they shipped one hundred pounds of ore to Balbeck's Smelting Works, at Omaha, and lately received returns from it so satisfactory that 400 pounds more have been got ready to ship. From the returns on the small lot it is estimated that the ore extracted so far is worth over \$20,000.—Wood River Times.

The recent strike at Eagle gulch, Plumas county, California, says the Greenville Bulletin, is something so great that a bare statement of the facts would read like the wildest romance. One of the owners of the mine with a hammer and chisel cut out one solid lump of gold worth \$2,700. When the ledge was struck in the lower tunnel a man who was at work there was sent off some little distance on a message. During his absence his employer took out \$10,000. It is a common thing to find from \$200 to \$300 in a single pan of dirt. The ledge is nearly fifty feet wide, all of which is good milling ore. The extremely rich vein is about three feet wide. This mine at Eagle gulch is today the great mine in the state. To illustrate how fortunes are missed and made in mining, it may be stated that a short time ago a mine operator of great experience went and examined the property. It was offered to him for \$75,000, and he refused it. Not long afterward that much could be taken out in little more than a week.

A Miner's Notice.

It sometimes happens that the horny-handed prospector knows little or nothing of the forms required by law when locating a claim, and in such instances the honest old boys just drive ahead and do the best they know how. A grizzled old bunch of antiquity recently struck a lead near Gunnison, Colorado, and left the following notice written on an old envelope and stuck in a split stick:

"TAK NOTIS!

The undersigned claims this lode with all its dips, spurs, angles, sinosities, etc., etc., from this stake a 100 feet in each direction, the same being a silver bar-ling lode and warning is hereby given to awl persons to kepe away at their peril. Any person found trespassing on this claim will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This is munky talk butt I will assert my rites at the point Of the sick shuter if legally Necessary so take head and good warning. According to law I post this notis.

"JOHN SEARLE."

Bless His Dear Heart.

In a very elegant palace-car entered a weary-faced, poorly-dressed woman, with three little children—one a baby in her arms. A look of joy crept over her face as she settled down into one of the luxurious chairs, but it was quickly dispelled as she was asked rudely to "start her boots." A smile of amusement was seen on several faces as the frightened group hurried out to enter one of the common cars. Upon one young face, however, there was a look which shamed the countenances of the others. "Auntie," said the boy to a lady beside him, "I am going to carry my basket of fruit and this box of sandwiches to the poor woman in the next car. You are willing of course?" "Don't be foolish, my dear; you may need

them yourself, and perhaps the woman is an impostor." "No, I'll not need them," he answered directly, but in a very low tone. "You know I ate a very hearty breakfast, and I don't need a lunch. The woman looked hungry, auntie, and so tired, too, with those three little babies clinging to her. I'll be back in a minute, auntie; I know mother wouldn't like it if I didn't speak a kind word to the least of these when I meet them." The worldly aunt brushed a tear from her eye as the boy left her, and said audibly: "Just like his mother." About five minutes later, as the lady passed the mother and the three children, she saw a pretty sight—the family feasting as perhaps they had never done before; the dainty sandwiches eagerly eaten; the fruit basket stood open. The eldest child, with her mouth filled with bread and butter, said: "Was that pretty boy an angel, mother?" "No," answered the mother, and a grateful look brightened her faded eyes; "but he is doing angels' work, bless his dear heart!" And we, too, said, "bless his dear heart!"—Peoria Call.

The Fox and the Hare.

A Fox who was gamboling about had the ill-luck to fall over a cliff, and as he lay on the cold ground, unable to rise and suffering great pain, along came a Hare.

"Well," said the Fox as he looked up, "the tables are turned. I am your bitter enemy, and have often pursued you with the intent to murder, but now I am helpless and you can take your revenge."

"Do you expect me to kill you?" said the Hare.

"Naturally I do, and I ask the favor that you kill me with a club, instead of slowly torturing me to death by singing: 'Only a Pansy Blossom!'"

But the Hare determined to heap coals of fire on his head, and prove her own forgiving spirit. She therefore brought him water and food and nursed him until he was quite able to take care of himself.

The very next day after they separated the Hare was crossing a field when she found herself overtaken by a fox. After running a long distance she was overtaken, and as she was knocked over she recognized in her assailant the very Fox whose life she had saved.

"Why, you are the fox whom I nursed!" she cried out.

"Is that so?"

"Of course it is! How could you fail to recognize me?"

"Well, fools look so much alike that it is hard to tell who from who. For fear of making a mistake I shall eat you and let the next one go."

A Boy.

An exchange says a boy will tramp 247 miles in one day on a rabbit trunk and be limber in the evening, when, if you ask him to go across the street and borrow Jones' two-inch auger, he will be as stiff as a meat-block. Of course he will. And he will go swimming all day and stay in the water three hours at a time, and splash and dive and paddle and puff, and next morning he will feel that an unmeasured insult has been offered him when he is told by his mother to wash his face carefully, so as not to leave the score of the ebb and flow so plain as to be seen under the girls. And he'll wander around a dry creek bed all the afternoon piling up a pebble fort, and nearly die off when his big sister wants him to please pick up a basket of chips for the parlor stove; and he'll spend the biggest part of the day trying to corner a stray mule or a bald-back horse for a ride, and feel that all life's charms have fled when it comes time to drive the cows home; and he'll turn a ten-acre lot upside down for ten inches of angle-worms, and wish for the voiceless tomb when the garden demands his attention. But all the same, when you want a friend that will stand by you and sympathize with you and be true to you in all kinds of weather, enlist one of the small boys.—Burlington Hawkeye.

A Map-Maker.

"That fellow had a monstrous foot—the biggest I ever saw."
"How large?" asked the general.
"Give us some idea of its size."
"I don't know that I can, but I tell you what's a fact. His foot was so big that—well, you have heard tell of the fellow who used the forks of the road for a boot-ja k? Yes? Well, Nick tried it and split the road so far that the geography of the neighborhood was changed."—Arkansas Traveler.

THE BLACK RANGE.

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Montana's Indians are on the war-path and are doing considerable devilry.

Secretary Folger, it is stated, is troubled with erysipelas of the face and head and is much prostrated thereby.

It is reported upon good authority that the Old Boss mine in the Magdalena has changed hands. Consideration \$100,000.

The bodies of the miners who lost their lives in the Bradwood, Illinois, Diamond mine disaster have been recovered and given proper burial.

Chas. W. Greene, of the Lake Valley Herald and Kingston Tribune, has been chosen as the proper person to manage successfully the Tertio-Millennial celebration at Santa Fe.

Gen. Phil Sheridan is visiting Texas and the papers there are recalling the remark that the general once made, which was that if he owned hell and Texas he would sell Texas and live in hell.

The information was circulating in Socorro last week that Dr. Lapham had been captured and was safely established in the Chester penitentiary in Illinois. Citizens of Socorro put up the funds to defray the expenses of getting him safely housed.

The Santa Fe New Mexican's city editor speaks of the San Miguel church at Santa Fe as being the oldest church edifice on the American continent. The fact is that Mexico is rife with church buildings much more aged than the ancient structure at Santa Fe.

Lon Cerrillos has a jockey club and a nice track, and it is having some fun during these dull times. One of the races was run on Wednesday of last week, and the crowd in attendance was hardly large enough to furnish material for a full quota of judges. That these were on hand was probably due to extensive advertising of the show.

Lake Valley was very much excited last week over the shooting of the alleged rustlers by the militia. The prisoners knew that the probabilities were that they would be shot down if they attempted to run and when they took such chances there was every reason to believe that they were guilty of either rustling or some other crime and the shooting of them was justifiable. That's the view taken by a man in the steple.

The Atlantic and Pacific track is now thirty-five miles from the Colorado river. Track laying is progressing at the rate of a mile and a half per day. The Southern Pacific will reach the river in eight miles more. When the two roads reach the opposite banks a pile bridge will be thrown across and connection made, which will afterwards be substituted by an iron bridge.

General Sherman, in testifying in the spy route case, attributed Sitting Bull's capture to his running of a daily mail line through that wild and dangerous country where drivers were paid ten dollars per day for hazarding their lives. It is a little strange that the same agency did not accomplish like results in this country. The multitudes of daily lines on two hundred mile routes where nobody lived in New Mexico did not overthrow Victoria nor his lieutenant Nane.

The editor of the BLACK RANGE, having returned last week from a nine weeks' tour in the states, desires to publicly express his appreciation of the efficient and faithful manner in which Mr. Milton V. Devor, foreman of the office, assuming editorial duties discharged the same and kept the paper up to at least its usual standard of merit. Thanks are also extended to friends of the paper who gave their assistance in gathering news and otherwise adding to the excellence of the paper.

California is suffering from a drouth and reports from that country are without exception very gloomy. Without a good rain in the next fortnight the main cereal crop will be a total or partial failure. The whole question of a good or bad year hinges on the prospects of showers which usually come at this season. The equinoctial has passed without rains in all counties, with not more than half a dozen exceptions. Grass on the ranges is drying up and much stock will starve to death if not removed.

Major Fountain and his militia have done good work in breaking up the gang of rustlers who have been for so long a time engaged in robbing the stockmen of southern New Mexico. John Watts, Bice Bush, and John Shannon were shot and killed at Lake Valley while attempting to escape from the militia, while Nat Irvin and Mr. Gatz of Lake Valley, and John Colville and five others of Kingston are in jail with Kinney at Las Cruces, and Bark, Brohman and several others are hiding in the mountains to escape arrest. Major Fountain deserves a tribute of praise from the territory more substantial than thanks for the efficient manner in which he discharged this arduous duty.

The cowboys on the Pan Handle of Texas have struck for higher wages. They were getting \$30 per month and they want \$50, which the owners refuse to pay. The boys have chosen their time well, as the annual drive is about to commence and their services cannot well be dispensed with nor their places filled with new men. There is likely to be trouble, however.

Hon. Timothy O. Howe, postmaster general, died at 2:20 p. m. on last Monday at the residence of his nephew in Milwaukee. He contracted a severe cold at Green Bay recently, returned to Kenosha and was very ill until Saturday when he seemed to improve. The physicians pronounced it pneumonia. He was taken worse on Saturday night and sank rapidly, passing away peacefully on Monday afternoon. His remains were taken on a special train to Green Bay and there interred. On Wednesday, the day of the funeral, the several executive buildings were closed and flags were displayed on all public buildings throughout the United States. The postoffice department will remain draped in mourning for the next thirty days.

There is no reason in the world why the Tertio-Millennial celebration at Santa Fe if it is extensively advertised in the east and reasonable rates given by the railroads, should not attract as large and desirable a crowd of visitors as the exposition at Denver. There is a growing disposition in all quarters of the territory to try and make our home celebration a success and let Denver take care of itself. We want to boom New Mexico. Colorado is nothing to us except it furnishes food for immigration, and a brilliant display and large attendance at Santa Fe will be as valuable in securing additional population as the same in any other place in the west can be. If New Mexico is to spend time and money in making displays of her wealth and advantages in any other place than San Francisco or one of the large eastern cities let the energy go to the Santa Fe celebration.

The future of the Black Range never before looked so bright as it does at the present time. During no period in the history of this region of equal length, has so many discoveries of new prospects been made and never have such rich ones been found here or in New Mexico as have been shown up during the first months of 1883 just past. The Adirondack whose assays run up to \$2,500 was found on Chloride creek adjacent to this town, and on the Palomas the American Flag, the Palomas Chief and several other properties are showing a richness almost fabulous. The Palomas Chief with ore in form of native silver in lode which runs \$22,000 per ton is unequalled any place except by its neighbor the American Flag, which has an ore body whose extent is unknown, of almost pure silver. From the developments already made a person runs no risk in predicting that when the attractions of the Palomas country become known to the outside world a boom will be started such as White Pine and Leadville saw in their day. The facts only need advertising and only the truth need to be told.

Socorro is still agitating the scheme of a railroad from that place to the Mogollons by way of the Black range. A party of Santa Fe railroad officials who lately came along the line and stopped at Socorro for a few hours, stated that as things appeared now nothing was likely to be done by the company in extending branch lines in New Mexico at present. The officials stated further that when the road to the Black range is built, as it undoubtedly will be some time, that it would be run out from Socorro, and also that if the people of the section to be benefited can show the company that there is likely to be sufficient business from the districts to be visited by the desired road to pay a dividend of six per cent. upon the cost of constructing and operating, that no time will be lost in putting the project through. A meeting was held in Socorro on Thursday of last week and a committee consisting of Col. Eaton of the Magdalena, Capt. Cooney of the Mogollons and V. B. Beckett of the Black range was chosen to report the apparent and possible resources of their districts, for transmission to the company. Of course by this action there is no harm done and it serves to keep the subject agitated which is always desirable, but that any direct benefit will result is not at all likely. The railroad company keeps pretty thoroughly posted regarding the resources and advantages of the country which it considers within the limits of its territory, and the citizens of the same can tell them little news. The assurance of building at once if a six per cent. dividend business could be guaranteed was simply wind blown to keep public sentiment waving gently toward themselves, and the talk of the officers that Socorro would surely be made the junction of the branch and main lines amounts to nothing. Those things are not determined by subordinate officials but by stockholders, and the said officers know no more where the branch will be built from than do the citizens of Socorro. There is this fact that the people of all sections may be sure of; the Santa Fe company will not build branches where it does not have to protect its interests, and the only way to get this company to extend

its lines is to agitate some adverse scheme. Capt. Cooney at the meeting held in Socorro which suggested this article, gave the most practical plan, for the people of the county seat to take hold of, and that was for them to encourage substantially the extension of the narrow gauge road which is building from the Southern Pacific road to Clifton, Arizona, to come through to their place. The scheme is not impracticable and might be carried out, or at any rate it would stir up the Santa Fe folks to do something. The best plan for Socorro to pursue would be to call an election to vote, say \$100,000 county bonds in aid of the construction of the Clifton road. It is not probable that proposition would carry the first time nor the second, but the subject could be constantly agitated and frequent votes could be taken and eventually it may possibly carry. It will act as a scare if it does nothing else, and scare has accomplished many things which love and persuasion have been powerless to handle. Will the people of Socorro think soberly of this and see if the scheme is not good.

MAMMOTH CAVE.

Discovered in the Black Range, by a Party of Prospectors.

The greatest discovery yet made in this county belongs to two old prospectors, Jack Woods and Bill Morris, well known as men of truth. The cave is situated in the extreme Black Range portion of this county, and is comprised of seven distinct chambers. The entrance is scarce large enough for one to squeeze through. Once inside, however, a dazzling brightness awaits the awe-struck viewer, he standing in a chamber nearly a hundred feet long and about eighty feet wide, with the ceiling fully seventy-five feet above. Thousands of scintillating stalactites reach to the floor, while numerous stalagmites of fantastic and curious shapes and indescribable beauty, mystifies and astonishes. In the second chamber, which is reached by descending an almost perpendicular flight of stairs of twenty steps, the views and picturesqueness are more beautiful even than in the first. Gigantic pillars of immense circumference and continually changing hues, sparkling like diamonds at every turn, looming up like towering giants, take the place of the constantly dripping stalactites. The air of this room is singularly bracing—almost intoxicating. A stream of water, clear as crystal and of briny saltness, about twenty feet in width and from four to ten feet in depth, flows from under the north wall, across the floor some sixty feet, and out again under the south wall, where can be heard the rumble of a waterfall, evidently but a few feet away. The next room was the last explored, and is about a hundred feet square, with arched roof studded with twinkling stars fully two hundred feet from the floor, which is covered with fine white sand. Some rude implements of copper, and of great weight, tell the story of ages ago. The remaining rooms were quickly examined, owing to the falling of hastily improvised torches, but each seemed to vie with the other in beauty and strangeness. In the last room was discovered a small aperture leading to the south, through which pebbles were rolled and heard to drop, showing that the extent of this wonderful formation is yet to be determined. We shall form a part of an exploring party to visit the cave in April, and will then give a complete and minute description of the place.—Georgetown Courier.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Revocation.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that I have this day revoked any and all powers of attorney heretofore granted to Duncan M. Lotbain and John C. Wright to dispose of any or all of my interests in and to certain mining properties situated in the Apache and Palomas mining districts, Socorro county, N. M.

A. J. HOGAN.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., March 23, 1883.
To J. Allene Case and W. G. Case: You are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the Columbia mining claim, situated in Palomas mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold said premises under said section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, by the terms of said section, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

RICHARD MANSFIELD WHITE.

Notice of Homestead Proofs.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA MESA, N. M., March 21st, 1883.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of intention to make final proof on their respective claims, before the probate judge of Socorro county, N. M., or in his absence before the probate clerk of said county, at Socorro, Socorro county, N. M., on the 4th day of May, 1883, viz:
JOHN BACA, on homestead application number 275, for lots 1 and 2, sec 16, t. 5, s. 16, w. 4, and the s. 1/2, n. e. 1/4 and n. e. 1/4, sec 15, t. 5, s. 17, w. 4. Witnesses: Timoteo Sandobal, Antonio Padilla, Julian Salazar and Pedro Gutierrez, all of Socorro county, N. M.
VIRAY BACA, on homestead application number 276, for the n. w. 1/4, sec 13, t. 5, s. 19, w. 4. Witnesses: Antonio Padilla, Narciso Marquez, Pedro Gutierrez and Julian Salazar, all of Socorro county, N. M.
HERMIE G. BACA, on homestead application number 321, for the s. 1/4, sec 14, t. 5, s. 17, w. 4. Witnesses: Pedro Gutierrez, Julian Salazar, Timoteo Sandobal and Antonio Padilla, all of Socorro county, N. M.
E. S. STAPLETON, on homestead application number 412, for the s. w. 1/4, s. 1/4, n. e. 1/4, and s. w. 1/4, sec 13, t. 5, s. 17, w. 4. Witnesses: Timoteo Sandobal, Antonio Padilla, Julian Salazar and Pedro Gutierrez, all of Socorro county, N. M.
DORCASIO BACA, on homestead application number 413, for the s. w. 1/4, sec 14, t. 5, s. 17, w. 4. Witnesses: Timoteo Sandobal, Antonio Padilla, Julian Salazar and Pedro Gutierrez, all of Socorro county, N. M.
Geo. D. Bowman, Register.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., March 2, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to S. McDonald that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon the W. C. Campbell mining claim, situated in the Cuchillo Negro mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 224 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

C. C. HARRIS.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Fairview, N. M., February 9, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to Lieut. G. Valois, Lieut. S. C. Finnamer and Charles Fetke that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon each of the following mining claims, viz.: the Rifle-shot, Harmony, Little Comstock, Merin, Carbonate and Monarch, all situated in the Cuchillo Negro mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owners, your interests in said claims will become the property of the undersigned under said section 224 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

Edna Knapp, Otto Lauer.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., February 2, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to E. H. Strong that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon the Silver King mining claim, situated in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 224 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

I. F. REAVIS, W. E. REAVIS.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., January 28, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to L. L. Case that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon the Cal mining claim, situated in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said section 224 of said statutes, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

J. C. SHAW, OSCAR FROSTHAUER, DEWITT MCKENNEY.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., January 12, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to J. G. Singleton that the undersigned has performed the annual assessment work for the year 1882, amounting to one hundred dollars, upon the Omega mining claim situated on Mineral creek, in the Apache mining district, Socorro county, N. M., east slope of Black Range, and you are hereby notified that unless you pay your proportion of the same, viz.: \$33.33, within ninety days from the date of the publication of this notice, your interest in said claim will be forfeited to the undersigned, according to law, and you will also pay the cost of this advertisement.

SOUTHWESTERN MINING CO. By G. F. BARBER, Pres. H. N. CASTLE, Secy.

Notice of Forfeiture.

CHLORIDE, N. M., January 12, 1883.
Notice is hereby given to A. J. Hughes that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor upon each of the following claims, viz.: the Buys, Ontario and C. H. Hoopes, situated in the Apache mining district, and the Crown Point, situated in the Palomas mining district, all in Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1882, in order to hold possession of said premises under section 224 of the revised statutes of the United States, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owners, your interests in said claims will become the property of the undersigned under said section 224 of the said statutes.

J. M. LOTHAN, J. C. WRIGHT, E. W. LAYTON.

James Dalglish. J. C. Plemmons.

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The pioneer hotel and headquarters of miners and mining men.

First-Class Accommodations

For travelers. Terms reasonable.

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Furnished to all parts of the Range. Accommodations furnished for Miners and Campers.

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Wines, Liquors and Cigars

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BLACK RANGE.

Friday, April 26, 1883.

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GENERAL LOCALS.

Sunday is April Fool's day. Look out for fat pocket books and "sich." Jack Sprading has returned from Kingston and has been ill at the hotel at Robinson this week.

The Palomas excitement takes all the floating population of the north end of the range. There is but one opinion concerning that section, which is that it is grand in its present showing and future possibilities.

The citizens of the range extend sympathy to friends east who are compelled to battle with cold, wind, hail, rain, snow or mud while we here have sunshine, balmy air and good solid, smooth roads. The past winter has been as pleasant and mild here as it has been cold and inclement in the states.

Kim Ki Rogers, who has somehow slipped out of sight in the last few months, turns up again as the sufferer by the raids of a band of horse thieves at his ranch in the Black Range. Rogers, by the way, is finding ranching better paying than railroading. He has 1,000 acres of land with three good springs on it, and has bought 500 cows with which to stock it.—Ab. Review.

The Kingston Tribune, speaking of Pye the pioneer prospector of the Black Range, states that he was killed by Indians some place down in Arizona. In truth Harry Pye came to his death in the canyon of the Palomas through the agency of the Apaches, and his skull now adorns Dr. Haskell's cabinet of Black Range specimens of minerals and curiosities, here in Chloride.

The BLACK RANGE, which paper came duly to hand this week despite the Socorro Sun announcement of suspension, strikes out boldly in favor of a daily mail from Engle to Chloride. The authorities should grant the request without delay, as the section around Chloride is one of altogether too much importance to be allowed to suffer through a lack of mail facilities.—Kingston Tribune.

The Black Range deserves, needs and should have a daily mail. Other places of less importance are thus favored and it is injustice that forces this region to do with less. However, there is but one way to go about getting the increase and that is to petition for it. All the complaining of individuals or newspapers will be of no avail, if a formal demand in the form of a petition unanimously signed be not made and sent to the first assistant postmaster general. This is the way to go about getting what is wanted in this particular and some persons who have leisure can win the fleeting gratitude of the range by interesting himself in the work and pushing it through.

The hitherto much despised lime formation is now becoming all the rage with prospectors and every body is looking for rich deposits of metal in places where a few months ago they would have been ashamed to have been found drunk. Thus does each section have its peculiarities and thus it is proved that mineral is where you find it and not entirely where theorists say it should be. In the Black Range everywhere the bonanzas seem to lie under a black lime capping and in gash veins cutting through solid lime formation. The reason why these discoveries have not been made before is because most of the prospecting to date has been done on contacts of granite and porphyry, and lime has been abhorred and shunned. Lake Valley and the Perchas were contradictions which puzzled the scientific and theoretical prospector and set him thinking, and the Palomas discoveries only were needed to revolutionize his ideas and set him to looking for his fortune in new quarters, until now it has come to pass that he will hardly glance at the ground to keep from stumbling when compelled to pass through a granite or porphyry region. This change of sentiment will undoubtedly lead to many new and rich discoveries in all sections of the range and while it cannot detract from the value of the many rich properties which are already known to exist on contacts of granite or porphyry, it can by directing attention in a new direction make the country more valuable.

FAIRVIEW.

Col. Nulton went to Socorro for more coke for the smelter this week.

Jacob Blun is a jurymen at the district court now sitting in Socorro.

Geo. Yeakel has a fine showing at the bottom of a thirty foot shaft on the Goodenough, in the north Cuchillos, and he will continue the work until at least fifty feet deep is attained.

C. H. Lugee is doing assessment work for 1883 upon the Evening Star lode and other properties in the Cuchillo Negro mountains east of Fairview, which belong to J. B. McPherson of Hillsboro.

Ben Cook and B. Payne begin work next Monday on a twenty foot contract from Hill and Beckett on the Blue Dandy in the Cuchillos south of the Black Knife mine. On two claims, the Blue Dandy and Mary Ann there are now six men at work.

The Black Knife smelter is troubled to get coke and this interferes with the working there as it also does with the mine where the same is crowding the dump and blocking operations. At the smelter every thing run smoothly for the last few days and Mr. Drake is satisfied that he will experience no further trouble in treating the Black Knife ore. The smelter at its full capacity on the present ore can turn out about one thousand pounds of bullion per day.

J. P. Armstrong will start next week for California where he will purchase a drove of sheep. The present season is an exceedingly dry one on the Pacific slope and many big owners of stock find it necessary to dispose of a portion of their animals or run the risk of having them all starve to death. The consequence is that sheep are cheap here and the opportunity is open for making a little money go a long ways in the purchase of the same. Mr. Armstrong will put the animals upon his Willow Springs ranch and start in to become a millionaire.

The first bullion that ever was sent out of the Black Range was shipped last Monday, the bulk weighing about 2,500 pounds. This will advertise the country more than anything that has ever been done. Bullion counts. It is a language which cannot be misunderstood nor denied. It is not idle breeze concerning the question of whether we have any of the precious metals here but is solid fact which can be proved by the figures. Col. Nulton feels proud of the honor which he merits in having produced this important innovation in Black Range affairs and he proposes to keep it up.

GRAFTON.

Thomas Malony has returned from his trip to Arizona where he went as a witness in a mining case in which he is interested. He thinks his side will come out all right.

D. H. Wenger is visiting Socorro and the cities along the railroad in the interest of the BLACK RANGE this week. It is hoped at this office that he will be treated courteously and loaded down with business.

A. Rush Bove put three more men at work on the Royal Arch properties this week and has two men on each of the three, viz: the Royal Arch, Lottie and Lucky Loo. The prospects as far as developed show good mineral in quantities and are entirely satisfactory to Mr. Bove.

Everybody who visits the Palomas and takes a look at the rich showing of mineral which has recently been opened on several prospects there pronounce them to be the biggest things yet shown in the range. Words refuse to do justice and visitors can only exclaim wonderful! wonderful!!

C. E. Kingsbury who had begun fitting up his building on Main street preparatory to having his wife come out from St. Louis, has written to Mrs. R. to not come since his movements are so uncertain for this summer that he thinks it better for her to remain where she is. Mr. Kingsbury proposes to patent his best properties this year and do no work until he can hire miners for dry digging at less than four dollars per day.

Col. M. G. Gillette, who formerly occupied the responsible position of superintendent for the Sierra Grande mining company, left Lake Valley on Tuesday for the east, having resigned his position. It is said that the Colonel will locate in Idaho, but his plans and movements are not familiar to outsiders. He says, however, that he will be back this way in about two months. Col. Gillette owns some valuable interests in New Mexico, and his numerous friends hope that they will be the means of calling him to the territory frequently.—Lake Valley Herald.

Contrary to the general report the Occidental mine is not lying idle, Kean St. Charles tells us, but has constantly employed six men engaged in stopping out ore and placing it upon the dump. Kean St. Charles has not for a moment lost faith in the property notwithstanding the unsatisfactory workings of and returns from the mill and he hopes soon to have associated with him men of sufficient capital to go ahead and give the ore a fair test. Kean is satisfied that the mill as it was worked did not get the metal from the rock and he wants a roaster or some other process added to supply the present deficiency. This he hopes to have soon and then he will give the property a fair test.

CHLORIDE.

Henry Westerman went out to the road on business this week.

A fine body of rich mineral has been struck in the end of the tunnel in the Colossal lately.

Nate Ayers and Jack Wilson are having an adobe house built in the lower end of town.

Tom Evans is making adobes with which to extend the building occupied by Joe Aragon's saloon.

Mr. Newman the sheep man of Monument creek received a shepherd dog by express this week.

The papers for the patents of the Woods and Colossal mines are at the land office and the publication will soon begin.

Hugh Love has seven burros employed in packing the six tons of Silver Monument ore from the mine to the wagon road.

J. M. Smith is putting a new roof and other improvements upon his building at the head of Wall street. When completed he will occupy it with his family.

C. Kelley occupies the White Signal cabins in Wilson's gulch and is the only man who at present makes headquarters between Chloride and the Colossal.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Beckett thank the Chloride string band for a charming serenade last Saturday night. These musicians are capable of producing the sweetest music in the world and their performances are always a treat.

Geo. Davis first violin, Al Parker second violin, DeWitt McKinney bass viol and Charley Winters at the piano constitutes a string band of which Chloride need not be ashamed. It is doubtful if it can be surpassed by any city in New Mexico.

The number of ladies in Chloride has been so augmented this spring that it is no trouble to assemble a party for a ball at any time. The pleasant and well attended dancing party of Monday night was in strong contrast with efforts of a similar character six months ago.

J. J. Dalglis's cows stray away from his ranch on Dry creek and give him considerable trouble. One of them mixed with a Mexican's drove last week and was taken a long distance away before he got her again. It is evident that the best business in the world has its drawbacks.

Chloride is dull at present it is true and yet there are few vacant houses in town while the erection of new ones is being prosecuted all the time. Ours is not one of your booming towns but it is having a steady and natural growth which argues well for the future. Unlike most mining towns it is not growing faster than the country which furnishes its support, and also unlike them it will have no periodical backsets.

Frank Waterman has finished assessment work on the Copper King and Copper King No. 2, and part of the Argola for this year. These properties are all situated on Chloride creek and each makes a good showing of mineral at the surface. The work for this year on the Copper King was put upon a tunnel running from the base of the hill toward the vein.

Fulton and Traub are still pounding away upon the Alta on Chloride creek. The shaft is one hundred and twenty feet deep, and they are now prospecting the hill by a drift at the bottom of the shaft running south. They have the hard black lime which is so indicative of rich mineral bodies in this country and they are sanguine of striking the vein in good shape when they get through this. These gentlemen have worked faithfully upon this property and deserve to strike a bonanza.

The Silver Monument has six tons of ore nicely sorted and sacked which it is preparing to ship to Denver, provided arrangements cannot be made with the Fairview smelter for working it. The ore is separated into halves, one bunch belonging to Mr. Von Wendt and the other to the partners of Mr. Caldwell in the mine. If the ore is shipped to Denver only the first mentioned half will go, at present. If worked at Fairview the whole amount will be treated. The ore is being packed on burros down Chloride creek to the Wall Street mines a distance of ten miles, which point can be reached by wagons. The ore is quite rich and there is no doubt of its paying handsomely for mining, shipping and reducing.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of the territory for the Hagan's Peak Tunnel and mining company. The capital stock is one million dollars and the headquarters of the company is at Albuquerque. It is well known by those who have any knowledge of the topography of this section that Hagan's peak is the point from which most of the large veins of the Apache district radiate, and the opinion is very general that a tunnel run into this mountain on the east and west line so as to cut across the large veins which run out in a southerly direction, will open up an immense body of mineral. The object of this organization is to accomplish this result. L. Corson has been working for a year to interest capital in this project, and finally with the assistance of Judge A. C. Swift, has succeeded his endeavors. The tunnel will be run into the east end of the mountain in a westerly direction starting on the ground of the Black Prince which is now owned by Messrs. Corson, Miller and Blake. Twenty feet of work has already been done there, but it is now proposed to go down the hill some three hundred feet further and make a new start. Judge Swift writes Mr. Corson from Albuquerque that the men who compose the company has plenty of money and are willing to speculate with it. He has purchased a patent hand drill of the largest size and either himself or J. M. Briggs will be on the ground shortly to start the work. It is proposed to expend several thousand dollars in this work this summer. The scheme is a good one and while it promises to make the everlasting fortunes of those who

are investing in it, it will go far toward helping the country along by employing surplus labor.

HERMOSA.

Turkey are reported to be abundant on the Palomas.

Dr. Driscoll of Chloride, will open a branch drug business at Hermosa.

Everybody who neglected to visit the Palomas this week will do so next week.

George Bebe surveyed the town site of Hermosa on Tuesday and already the rush for lots has commenced, causing trouble and quarrels.

Mrs. Miller, from the Colossal, proposes to locate at Hermosa and will move her restaurant outfit and building to the rising city next week.

Dalglis & Piemmon's goods for their general store at Hermosa are arriving and next week they will be able to supply the wants of the hungry and naked.

Capt. Harris is assayer and photographer at Hermosa. He has taken some fine views of the town site already which will do to look at when the place becomes a city.

The town site of Hermosa is being platted this week and there is a rush for building lots. In a few months there will be a nice little town there, the nucleus of it being already started.

The initial cabin of the Palomas is found to be located in the middle of the street of Hermosa and will have to be torn down. Thus does the destruction of ancient land marks at this camp begin early.

The Exchange Saloon at Hermosa has been opened by Harry Berlew and S. B. Ferec, and it advertises in the BLACK RANGE. The boys are doing a good business owing probably to the effect of the advertising.

All that is needed to build a city at Hermosa on the Palomas, is wide and persistent advertising. Leadville had nothing bigger in its palmiest days than the Palomas can already show and yet development has but hardly begun.

George Turner took two hundred ore sacks to the Palomas this week in which it was desirable to put the rich ore of the American Flag, that the said rich ore might not be strewn all over the camp. When ore is almost pure silver it pays to take care of it.

John McBride visited Hermosa this week with a view of establishing a branch lumber yard there. That camp should consume considerable lumber this spring and summer and McBride & Anderson propose to give the people there facilities for getting it.

Arthur Ruben has arranged to open a boarding and lodging house at Hermosa and he expects his tents to be used for the business to arrive the first of next week. His furniture and bedding is already on the ground and it will be but a little time after his tents arrive before he will be engaged in active business. Mr. Ruben was a pioneer of Kingston and he sees much greater possibilities for Hermosa than he did for the Perchas town.

Hermosa is taking steps to secure the establishment of a mail route to that place via Fairview and Chloride. A petition has been written and circulated there and it will be brought up to these other towns for similar treatment next week. Hermosa is a young city of promise. It is growing rapidly and post-office facilities are absolutely necessary for the conduct of business. Without doubt the service can be readily secured.

Work is being prosecuted on the American Flag. The shaft at last accounts was thirteen feet deep and a vein of solid metal without quartz or other foreign substance forty-two inches wide showed in the bottom, besides the remainder of the lead being exceedingly rich. No discovery outside of the Lake Valley mine has ever been made in the United States which equals in richness in silver the American Flag.

A ten inch vein of horn silver has been struck in the Reserve mine in the Socorro mountains and has created quite a boom. Assays run \$2,000 per ton.

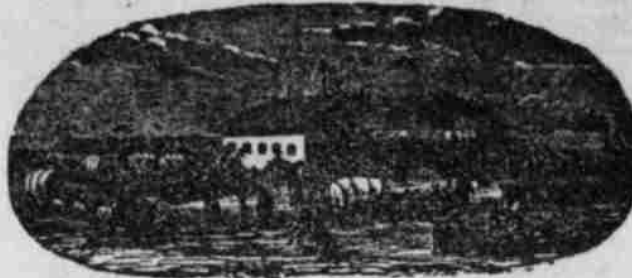
Hillsboro Prospector: A new strike has been made out near the tanks, about five miles from here. The ore is lead carbonate very rich in silver.... A new strike has been made on the North Perchas in the Keystone, owned by Jack Thomas and Billy Purple. The body of ore is three feet wide and assays run from sixty-nine to four hundred and fifty dollars per ton. The character of the ore is ruby silver.

Georgetown Courier: Hoisting works are being put on the Satisfaction mine. A fine body of ore has been opened in the Copper Bob mine, specimens assay fifty per cent.... The shaft on the Florence is 100 feet deep. In drifting to the contact exceedingly rich ore has been found.... The Naiaid Queed mine is improving daily. Richer ore and in larger quantities is being taken from the mine to-day than ever before. The main shaft will soon be 600 feet deep on the contact; the metal still holds out.... The Santa Rita company is shipping about \$40,000 per month in copper. Within the next sixty days \$80,000 will be the monthly product.... How Brothers are still developing their properties in Shingle canon. The quality of ore is still growing steadily heavier.

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We have our Mill, at the head

A LARGE

on hand at all times

His Pa an Inventor.

"Hal! Hal! How I have got you," said the grocery man to the bad boy, the other morning, as he came in and jumped upon the counter and tied the end of a ball of twine to the tail of a dog, and "staked" the dog at another dog, that was following a passing sleigh, causing the twine to pay out until the whole ball was scattered along the block. "Condemn you. I've a notion to choke the liver out of you. Who tied that twine to the dog's tail?"

The boy choked up with emotion, and the tears came into his eyes, and he said he didn't know anything about the twine of the dog. He said he noticed the dog came in, and wagged his tail around the twine, but he supposed the dog was a friend of the family and did not disturb him. "Everybody lays everything that is done to me," said the boy, as he put his handkerchief to his nose, "and they will be sorry for it when I die. I have a good notion to poison myself by eating some of your glucose sugar."

"Yes, and you do about everything that is mean. The other day a lady came in and told me to send up to her house some of my county sausage, done up in muslin bags, and while she was examining it she noticed something hard inside the bags, and asked me what it was, and I opened it, and I hope to die if there wasn't a little brass padlock and a piece of red morocco dog-collar imbedded in the sausage. Now how do you suppose that got there?" and the grocery man looked savage.

The boy looked interested, and put on an expression as though in deep thought, and finally said: "I suppose the farmer that put up the sausage did not strain the dog meat. Sausage meat ought to be strained."

The grocery man pulled in about half a block of twine, after the dog had run against a fence and broke it, and told the boy he knew perfectly well how the brass padlock came to be in the sausage, but thinking that it was safer to have the good will of the boy than the ill will, he offered him a handful of prunes.

"No," says the boy, "I have sworn off on Monday prunes. I am no kindergarten any more. For years I have eaten rotten peaches around this store, and everything you couldn't sell, but I have turned over a new leaf, now, and after this nothing is too good for me. Since pa has got to be an inventor we are going to live high."

"What's your pa invented? I saw a hearse and three hucks go up on your street the other day, and I thought maybe you had killed your pa."

"Much. There will be more than a huck when I kill pa, and don't it. Well, pa has struck if he ever make the thing he has got an idea about coal that will bring him in several dollars, if he gets a royalty of a every coal stove in the world. Idea is to have a coal stove on cast-iron, with the pipe made to telescope out tin, and rubber hose for one joint, you can pull the stove all around the room and warp any particular place. I hear pa tell about it, you think it would revolutionize the world, but he came near busting up, and scared us all morning, and burned all covered with coal on it, and he says, 'You see, some castors he tied a and had a goal'."

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