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Mora.—The Town and the People.

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Editor Las Vegas GAZETTE:

When at Las Vegas, I considered it the most peaceable and moral place in the Territory, but I now find that the town of Mora will compare with it most favorably in this respect, and that the leading citizens of the latter, like those of the former, are very intelligent, generous and hospitable. Indeed both places so well understand and appreciate the distinction between *meum* and *tuum*, and are such scrupulous observers of the golden rule of all moral philosophy, namely: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," that a disciple of Blackstone coming to either place, with the view of practicing his profession, will, soon after he has arrived, wish himself in a more congenial clime. This town, which is the county seat of one of the best agricultural and grazing counties in the Territory, and whose altitude is seven thousand five hundred feet above sea level, is situated in the heart of a most delightful and exceedingly fertile valley, through the entire length of which, courses a beautiful stream which always affords an abundant supply of water for irrigating and other purposes. Its principal merchants are the Wedeles Bros., Lowenstein & Co., Metzger & Co., and Marcelino St. Vrain—all of whom seem to be doing good business. The Wedeles Bros. are extensive dealers in general merchandise. They are quite liberal, very affable and agreeable, and are gentlemen of fine intelligence; as well as skillful and experienced merchants. Messrs. Lowenstein & Co. have two stores here, each of which is well stocked with goods and wares of every description. This firm is composed of B. Lowenstein, M. Strousse and F. Strousse—all of whom are young gentlemen of excellent business tact and knowledge, and to whose polite and winning manners their large and profitable custom may, to no small extent, be attributed. Mr. St. Vrain, Mora's efficient postmaster, has on hand a large stock of general merchandise, and being one of the oldest business men of the place, and well known as an honorable and honest man in all his dealings with his fellow-men, he, of course, controls, in his line of trade, a large portion of the public patronage. In the conduct of the business of the post-office and the management of his mercantile affairs, he is ably assisted by Mr. Z. S. Longaeven and Mr. J. H. Rude—both of whom are very intelligent young gentlemen and than whom it would be difficult to find young men who are more courteous, moral and attentive to business. Mr. Metzger's stock will compare favorably, in extent and character, with the above mentioned. He is the oldest merchant of this place, and, by strict attention to business, and the exercise of economy, he has acquired considerable means. He is also known as a man who always "deals on the square" with his fellow-men, and in consequence thereof, he is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. His son-in-law and partner—M. H. Rovete—is an excellent gentleman, very energetic and intelligent, and of whom his father-in-law has every reason to be proud. Conspicuous among another class of the prominent and leading citizens of the town of Mora, are Hon. Anastacio Trujillo, who is the Probate Judge of this county, and who is said to be unscrupulously exact and honest in the exercise of the functions of his office; Mr. Henry A. Robinson, who is the sheriff of said county and who is known as the son of honor, and whose great popularity as an officer is sufficient proof of his having hitherto discharged his duty, as such, in the interest of law and justice; Mr. Pablo Valdez, who is the county clerk and who is known as a gentleman of integrity and fine intelligence. Mr. Frederic Myer—a retail merchant, and who is now living upon the interest of the money he has made by honest and honorable means; Dr. C. Menger, a highly educated and polished gentleman, and a thorough physician; Mr. Severino Trujillo—a son of Hon. Anastacio Trujillo, and who is a well educated and very promising young man; Mr. Lewis Kahn, who, as one of the alcaldes of this county, always fearlessly and impartially exercises the functions of his office in the interest of law, order and justice; Mr. William Rohmann—an intelligent and wholesouled gentleman, and a skillful and experienced miner; Mr. Juan Jose Gallegos, who is one of Mora's most esteemed citizens; Mr. Joe Green, Mr. Alejandro Branch, Mr. George Keshmore, Mr. Henry Kienken, and many others whose name I do not now remember, but who, as well as those whose names are herein mentioned, are always ready and willing to advocate and support any and every measure tending to promote the moral, educational and material interests of the town and county. This place being situated at the altitude above stated; its climate is exceedingly pure and salubrious—indeed, it is so pure and conducive to health and longevity, that Dr. C. Menger, the only disciple of Esculapius here, is constantly complaining of a lack of opportunities of displaying his fine medical skill. Of those places that afford the hungry and weary traveler an opportunity of appeasing the cravings of his inner man, and of recuperating his exhausted energies, there is but one here—the Mora Hotel, which is kept by Mrs. Rouelle, an excellent cateress, and than whom it would be difficult to find a lady who is more intelligent, amiable and refined. In this respect however she has her equal in Mrs. St. Vrain, who is her nearest neighbor, and between both of whom there seems to exist a most affectionate relation. The business of the excellent bar connected with this house, is conducted by Mr. Jose Leandro Gallegos who is always agreeable, polite and accomodating, and who is higly respected by all who know him.

On the 27th ultimo, St. Mary's College of this place, gave a public exhibition of the progress its young students have made in the attainment of a knowledge of all the branches which compose their studies at school. It was, indeed, quite a successful affair, and one which not only reflected credit upon the College, but also demonstrated that the pious and learned professors who compose the faculty of the institution, are eminently fitted for the noble purpose to which they have chosen to devote their lives—that of moral, religious and mental education of youth. Of the hundreds that were present, all were not a little enthusiastic in the manifestation of their appreciation of the excellent manner in which all the students acquitted themselves in the various exercises which constituted the programme for the occasion. At the close of the exhibition, and after the distribution of premiums, Rev. Father Antonio, the parish priest of Sapelló, delivered an excellent address, and judging from the then apparent effect of which on the minds and hearts of his large and appreciative audience, St. Mary's College will, at its next opening session, receive a large accession to its present amount of patronage. L.

M. L. Fewell, the mail carrier between Prescott and Wickenburg, on his trip during the early part of last week, left the latter place about the middle of the day, when the thermometer stood 120 degrees in the shade, and in the sun at a heat beyond the capacity of a thermometer to indicate, his course being over the Walnut Grove trail, which follows a sandy wash several miles. Before passing from the wash, with its scorching sand, he noticed that his horse became restive and apparently in much pain. Upon making his exit from the sand he examined his horse and found the flesh around the upper part of the hoof thoroughly roasted, and the hoof ready to drop off. The animal in a few minutes was unable to stand and the mail rider was compelled to shoulder the mail, abandon his noble charger, and foot it to Walnut Grove, a distance of twenty miles, which he made, undergoing, however, considerable fatigue from exposure to the excessive heat of the sun.—*Arizona Miner.*

Counterfeit half dollars are beginning to make their appearance very freely in the East, and the officers of the secret service division of the Treasury Department express grave apprehensions that they will be multiplied largely on account of the facility with which they are executed. One of the new issue is made of a composition which has the exact appearance, brightness and ring, of the genuine silver half dollar but weights a few grains less.

"When you choose a wife, young man, do not go it blind," says a religious exchange, "but proceed prayerfully, quietly, calmly and considerately to find out her faults and foibles likes and dislikes." Good as far it goes; but what the young man wants to know is, how can he manage to stack up all the aforesaid information unless he marries the girl beforehand.

Information has been received at Portland, Oregon, concerning fresh Indian troubles on the Columbia river. A number of settlers are reported to have been killed, and other disasters are apprehended. General Howard is going after the hostiles, with a considerable force of regulars.

One lady read in the paper how a smitten youth had expended $120,000 on one of the most distinguished queens of the demimonde.

"A hundred and twenty thousand dollars!" says one of her auditors; "you wouldn't catch him spending $120,000 on a decent woman. Oh, those men!"

According to the New York *Express*, it is the boy on top a molasses hogshead who sings, "Oh for a thousand tongues."

Nurse: "Did you put that nasty mud on the door-step, master Charles." Little master Charles: "No, nurse." Nurse (artfully): "But I saw from the window." Charles (more artfully): "That you didn't, for I looked up to all the windows before I did it."

An exchange says: "Tell me, ye angelic hosts, ye messengers of love, shall swindled printers here below have no redress above? The angels flapped their wings and said, 'To us a heap is given—delinquents on the printer's books can never get to heaven."

There isn't much difference between an old Roman soldier and a cannibal who has just dined on a nice young female missionary; for the former was gladiator, and the latter is gladhe-ate-her, too.

Mosby, the great guerrilla chieftain, has been tendered the option of the Consul Generalship of China, or the Consulate of Canton, by President Hayes, and is likely to accept the latter.

A clergyman asked some children. "Why do we say in the Lord's prayer 'who art in heaven, since God is everywhere?" A little drummer-boy answered "Because it's headquarters."

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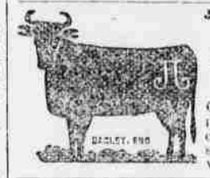

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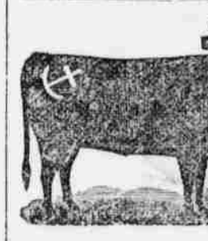

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