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### A VALUABLE CONCESSION

Granted in Sinaloa to Two Well Known Business Men Who Have Operated in Sonora.

A personal letter to THE OASIS from San Blas, Sinaloa, received this week, conveys the important information that Messrs. Walter R. Willcox and Gaston Schwob, two well known business men who have operated in Cananea, and at other important points in Sonora, have secured from the state and municipal governments a concession, having twenty-five years to run, for erection of an electric and ice making plant combined with a refrigerating and meat packing establishment for preserving and putting up meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, and the exportation of

Southern Pacific of Mexico, the other on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway, which are but about 500 yards apart at that place, and parallel each other for some distance.

As is well known the former is the Mexican extension of the great Harriman system, connecting at Nogales with the Southern Pacific lines in the United States, and at Guadalajara, (nearing completion) with the entire railway system of the republic of Mexico.

Upon its completion the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient will be one of the most important trans-continental lines on the North American continent. It has completed and in operation in the United States more than one thousand miles of track, and several hundred more in Chihuahua and Sinaloa. With the construc-

### ARIZONA'S POPULATION.

Synopsis of Second Census Bulletin, Showing Composition and Characteristics.

THE OASIS is in receipt of the Second Bulletin with regard to the population of Arizona, from which the following interesting excerpts have been taken:

"The first population bulletin for Arizona gave the number of inhabitants by counties and minor civil divisions, the decennial increase and the density of population, and the proportions urban and rural. The present bulletin deals with the composition and characteristics of the population.

"The greater part of the second bulletin present statistics of color, nativity, parentage, sex, citizen-

"The census inquiry as to school attendance was merely as to whether the person enumerated had attended any kind of school at any time between September, 1909, and the date of enumeration, April 15, 1910.

"The Census Bureau classifies as illiterate any person ten years of age and over who is unable to write, regardless of ability to read.

"Color and Nativity: Of the total population of Arizona, 62,468, or 40.4 per cent, are native whites of native parentage; 42,176, or 20.7 per cent, are native whites of foreign or mixed parentage; 46,824, or 22.9 per cent, are foreign born whites; and 29,201, or 14.3 per cent are Indians. In 1900 the corresponding percentages were 36.5, 20.9, 18.2, and 21.5 respectively. In eight of the thirteen counties at least 20 per cent of the population is white of foreign or mixed par-



A LANDSCAPE VIEW OF PATAGONIA AND VICINITY.

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the same. The concession grants immunity from taxation for the entire period of its existence, and it includes many other important and profitable privileges.

The plant is to be erected at Sufragio, in the rich and productive valley of the Fuerte river, the largest stream on the West Coast of Mexico, which point is about three kilometers below San Blas.

At the point selected the concessionaires have purchased a most valuable tract of land, upon which there will be laid out a town which will speedily assume great importance, and will become eventually a modern city of considerable magnitude. It is in a most advantageous position to handle the traffic of the entire Fuerte valley, whether moving by rail, or through the famous landlocked harbor of Topolobampo. Two railway stations are expected to be established upon the townsite, one on the line of the

tion of two or three links remaining to be completed the line will be in operation from Topolobampo to Kansas City, putting Topolobampo and the West Coast of Mexico in connection with all the great American systems of railway by the shortest line possible. The advantage of this location, at the crossing of two such great railway systems, is apparent at a glance.

The Fuerte river runs within two hundred yards of the townsite, which will permit installation of a water and sewer system expeditiously and inexpensively.

The importance of an ice plant at the point named will be understood from the fact that nearly one thousand carloads of fruits and vegetables, all requiring icing, will be shipped from the Fuerte river valley this coming season, with every prospect for a continued in-

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ship, illiteracy, school attendance, and dwellings and families, and also certain additional data relative to state of birth, age and marital condition.

"The white population is divided into four groups: Native-native parentage, i. e., having both parents born within the United States; native-foreign parentage, with both parents born abroad; native-mixed parentage, one parent native born, the other foreign born.

"Since marked differences often exist between urban and rural communities with respect to the characteristics and composition of the population the two classes are distinguished in connection with several of the subjects. Urban population, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, includes that of all incorporated places of 2500 inhabitants or more, the remainder being classified as rural.

entage, and in seven counties more than twenty per cent is foreign born white. In Santa Cruz county 42.3 per cent of the population is foreign born white, and only 22.8 per cent is native white of native parentage.

Of the urban population 42.1 per cent are native whites of native parentage; of the rural, 39.6 per cent. The corresponding proportions for native whites of foreign or mixed parentage are 26.1 and 18.2 per cent respectively. The percentage of foreign born whites is 27.2 in the urban population and 21 per cent in the rural; the percentage of Indians is 1.2 in the urban and 20.1 in the rural population. The Indian population is almost exclusively rural, only 2.7 per cent of their total number living in urban communities.

"Sex: In the total population

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