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Deming's Future Compared With That of Denver Years Ago--Many Things in Common--An Old Timer's Prophecy

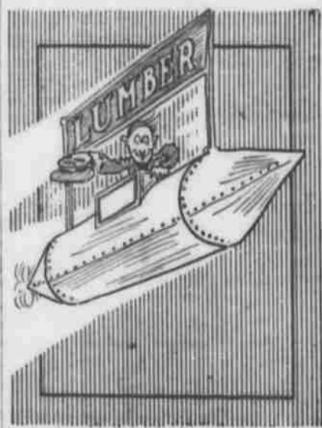
Over thirty years ago old Gov. Gilpin of Colorado, stood before a small row of Shanties in front of a log cabin saloon in what is now the city of Denver, and prophesied a great future for Denver and the state of Colorado. The words of the good old pioneer cannot be reported verbatim, at this late day but, the substance will still be remembered by some of the old timers of that day. It was a motley looking crowd, unshaven, roughly clad, hardy, sunbrowned veterans of adventure, underneath whose untanned buck-skins and rough canvas clothes, beat some as brave and noble hearts as ever crossed the plains. There were College graduates, young Lawyers, Doctors, merchants, tradesmen, ranchmen, gamblers, renegades, refugees from justice, and even one or two ministers of the gospel, all filled to overflowing with a spirit of adventure, and ambitious to succeed in many vocations which in their visions they had chosen to follow. This was the kind of an audience addressed by the old hero, Gov. Gilpin, and from his furtive brain and silver tongue, came the beautiful visions of life, hope and prosperity.

Pictures were drawn of the beautiful city of the plains, surrounded and sustained by waving wheat-fields, orchards, vineyards, gardens, parks, artistic and beautiful homes, mansions, cottages, great outlying ranches and luxurious grass carpeted plains, stocked with the cattle of a thousand hills, sheep herds to rival the fables of old; gold and silver to be drawn from the rock ribbed mountains of that empire of hidden wealth. He pictured the great rocky mountain range to north, south and west and the luxurious grass covered plains lying off east of the fabled city. He showed that in time all these wealth producing environments would contribute to, and be the means of building up a city of wealth and beauty, a far western seat of learning and progress. The most important center of the Union, settled and peopled by the most intellectual far seeing and prosperous inhabitants in this great Union of States. Many of those rough clad listeners to that old pioneer's prophetic words, have since made their marks in the world, great statesmen, politicians, bankers, far seeing business men, great lawyers, journalists and other professionals, came from that list of hardy big brained pioneer adventurers and the old time governor lived to see many of his prophecies become veritable facts. To such men the world owes a debt of gratitude which it can never pay. They beat down the bush and blazed out the way to the empire of the west, and made it possible for the faint hearted and timid to come later, and partake of and enjoy the treasures of life and prosperity of that land of promise. The writer of this remanent article having seen the old governor's prophecy fulfilled made a mental survey of the surroundings and therefrom made some deductions and by comparison twenty years later of the similar conditions, he figured out that he had found another place where another great city of the plains must sooner or later be founded. He made another mental survey and traced out this line of destiny. He founded his city in the center of the Mimbres valley and mapped out a small empire whose center he located in this valley. The city is surrounded by picturesque mountains on all sides where the sun rises in his glory and sets in magnificent splendor. Where the brilliant constellations of the heavens sparkle and twinkle like diamonds in the skies. Where the electric life giving balmy breezes pure ozone, bright sunshine and pure dry air make it impossible for the germs of tuberculosis to enter and live; Where the pure chrysal water of a great underground river flow from twenty to fifty feet under the surface perpetually; and which can be tapped and brought to the surface very economically in any quantity desired; Where the rich alluvial soil of millions of acres lie ready to drink in the waters and give forth fruits and flowers for the use and pleasure of men and women; Where semi-natural reservoirs can be made to hold the reserve of the flood waters of the rainy season. A great water shed

of one hundred and fifty by fifty miles, drains the mountain stream, springs and canons and the waters can be gathered, and stored for the use of agricultural, and horticultural needs of men.

Through this vast region a railroad from San Juan in Colorado to Deming is already projected, This road will pass through the greatest timber and coal regions of the middle west, and all along this line for fifty miles on each side graze immense herds of cattle and sheep; gold, silver, iron, copper and lead mines are also found along this line, and all this immense traffic will find its outlet at Deming. On the east of this new city of destiny to the Rio Grande, and on the south and southwest for one hundred and fifty miles immense herds of cattle live and thrive on the rich meadows which cover these vast prairies; and on the west to the Arizona line the same conditions prevail. From these vast plains Deming already receives and ships east over one hundred thousand beef cattle annually, and this number is constantly on the increase. These roving herds of the plains are well graded and improved stock, The Texas long horn and the Mexican dwarf have almost entirely disappeared, and have been replaced by the improved American stock. This business has proved immensely profitable, and hundreds of intelligent practical stockmen, who commenced here a few years ago with a few hundred head of cattle, are now independent, and many of them rich in this world's goods. Another new railroad, and perhaps two more will reach this city within the present year. These with three roads already here will make Deming a railroad center of no little importance. This is not all, a great smelter, and a number of other manufacturing enterprises are already decided upon, and will come at an early period. And again this is not all; the great National Colony and Sanitarium for consumptives has been permanently located here, and this of itself will in a comparatively short time make Deming, a city of twenty thousand people. Preparations are now being made to care for this class of sufferers by the thousands. This enterprise is founded on the broadest and most humane principle and altogether different from anything of the kind ever organized in this country before, being purely benevolent in its character and is so guarded as to make it impossible to turn it into any speculation for personal gain and so practical and its rules so well prescribed as to make failure impossible. These suffering people will come here, get well and invest their money, build factories and open up, and improve the city and country generally. (Continued on page 5)

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