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TRIBUTARY TO DEMING

A Number of Places in Luna and Grant Counties Which Should Bring Large Amounts of Trade to Our Town.

Two weeks ago we told of a trip through the lower Mimbres valley and the camp of Santa Rita today we propose to tell of some other places tributary to Deming. The first of these is Faywood springs. This group of springs is situated about 25 miles northwest of this place in the edge of Grant county. There are several separate springs varying from cold to warm and warm to hot the largest of these comes out from the top of a round mound some 40 or 50 feet above the level of the plain. This mound was evidently formed by the sediment from the mineral water which has settled there for ages past. At the foot of this mound is the View hotel, a well equipped modern hotel which will accommodate about 100 guests. As its name implies the hotel is so situated as to afford an imposing view of the broad plains and the picturesque mountains; standing at the front door of the office one can see to the east peak Cooks and the small foot hills surrounding it while further to the south are the rugged Floridas and beyond these, but farther to the right, rise the Tres Hermanas clear and distinct although over 50 miles away, and following the horizon toward the west is a range of low hills which form a pleasing back ground to the broad plains which stretch away for miles almost without a break. Going into the building at this main entrance we find a large office and reading room and to the left as we enter is one of the finest collections of mineral specimens and Indian curios we ever saw, passing on we find the office and reading room with a plentiful supply of easy chairs and other conveniences for the guests with all the leading papers and magazines. Opening off this are Ping Pong and Billiard rooms for those who desire light exercise and to the



Dining Room View Hotel
(FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS.)

right of these the great dining room a picture of which appears on this page as we took dinner there we can state from our own knowledge that notwithstanding the fact that they are so far from market, the meals are fully equal to those set at any first class eastern hotel. Going from here to the right wing of the building through a hall way leading also from the office we found the sleeping rooms finished and furnished in latest most approved style, both singly and en suite with hot and cold water and with radiators supplied from the spring so that no matter what the weather is the rooms are always comfortable, and Mr. McDermott informs us the fireman never goes to sleep and lets the fire go out either. Going outside we found the grounds nicely arranged and so set with plants and trees as to present a very pleasing effect, at the rear of the hotel is a convenient laundry supplied with water from the spring.

A system of large pipes and cooling tanks running from near the top of the large spring to the basement of the hotel supplies all the water, both hot and cold which is used in the hotel. While examining this pipe system we saw a very ingenious invention of Mr. McDermott, an incubator heated by the pipes of hot water with which he has successfully hatched chickens and turkeys this spring, thus utilizing the waste heat from these pipes. After our short stay at the springs we can only say that we believe it will only be a short time under the able management of that prince of good fellows Mr.

T. C. McDermott until this beautiful place will be one of the most popular resorts in the southwest.

Leaving Faywood we rode some 20 miles across the stock ranges occupied by the Victoria Cattle company, J. N. Upton, and others, to the lively little town of Central, the scene of some of the early mining activities of Grant county and the hills surrounding it are filled with old prospect holes and other evidences of those times, but the mines yielding mostly silver and lead everything shut down in the panic of '93-'94 and are only beginning now to revive. We found here four mercantile establishments and several saloons all doing a good business. We were informed that the place received considerable trade from the government employes at Fort Bayard near by and also from the ranches in the surrounding country, and that two companies were arranging to work mines which have been idle for several years. This together with a gold find of considerable importance during the past few weeks will doubtless start into renewed activity this noted old camp.

From Central we crossed the Mountains to Hanover where we found a nice little village settled in a narrow gulch between the hills and doing a good business both in shipping iron ore and with the concentrator of the Hanover Mining and Milling Co. This mill under the direction of Mr. J. W. Bible is running regularly but was closed down the day we were there for the purpose of putting in, new elevator buckets. Bible & Dawson proprietors of the large mercantile establishment which supplies the needs of the people are also shipping iron ore regularly and doing a thriving business in both lines. About one mile up the gulch from Hanover on the road to Fierro the Colorado Fuel & Iron company have an extensive plant where several cars of iron ore are shipped daily.

At Fierro we found a lively mining camp with perhaps a dozen business houses all of which appeared to be doing good business and we were informed by Judge White that the people were a very quiet law abiding people, he not having had a case of any kind for a considerable time. Passing from here to Santa Rita; which we described in our last article so we will not take any space for it at this time, except to say that we found it in the same thrifty condition as on our former trip. After taking dinner at the Santa Rita house and having a pleasant visit with numerous friends we drove over the hill to the Mimbres post office as we passed up the valley from here the first place we halted was the fine ranch of J. H. Bragaw, Mr. Bragaw has spent a large amount in improving his place and has one of the finest ranches in this part of the valley, and has a new store building nearly completed to which he will bring his stock of goods from George Town where he has been in business for many years.

About a mile above here we spent the night at the delightful home of William Moore, a Tennessee farmer who believes in comfort. The roomy old farm house with its broad vine covered porch and flower garden and the cool milk house at the rear reminded us of our boyhood days and it was with regret that we left the place the following morning to start on our return trip down the river. The only place we halted on the return trip was at the McCreger home a short distance above San Lorenzo thus finishing to the place where we left the river on our last trip. On this trip as on the other we found the people nearly all in favor of the canning factory project and most of them think a creamery would prove a success. In conclusion we will say we think the region just described is in every way equal to the one gone over before and we think the people of Deming are making a great mistake when they do not make a greater effort to get the trade from this region.

Found His Work.

Some one has said that the man who has found his work needs no other blessedness. The "World's Work" tells of a young man, the son of a very wealthy American, who, having graduated from college, went to Paris to study art.

He worked hard in the Paris studios for three years. One year he made up

his mind that he would never be a great artist, and that he would rather be a successful farmer than a fairly successful painter. Now—although still a young man—he has a model farm covering 10,000 acres in Illinois. He knows every foot of it, what it should produce and he sees that it produces everything it should. He has built a magnificent house, in which not an ornament jars the finest taste. He goes to Europe every winter and studies European methods of scientific farming and cattle raising. He is developing the land as his fathers did before him. He employs scores of men; he helps the smaller farmers about; he is likely to be a great factor in the development of the state during the next few years. And this is the story of a young American who works for the love of it, and who is a great success because, anxious to do things, he knew when he had not "found his work."

Where Alfalfa Goes.

The Roswell Register says many remarks of surprise are heard concerning the large shipments of alfalfa hay this year. Feeders are holding off their purchases and saying that there has been an abundant rainfall in Texas and that was our only market and prices would go down—but where does the hay go to? The Felix ranch is shipping to Honolulu. Mr. Creighton has been shipping to South Africa. Mr. Brown is considering a proposition to ship to Philadelphia. These places are very far distant and wide apart. How many places are there between to ship to? We only faintly realize the value of our alfalfa fields.

Swartz Siftings.

Special to the Graphic, Aug. 1st. Reports of a wolf hunt come from above Mimbres but we have not heard who was in at the death.

Henry Acklin and Edward Perrault killed a large bear up in hot spring canyon last Tuesday.

J. Goforth and two sons went to Deming on business today. They expect to return Monday.

Henry Acklin and Edward Perrault of Sherman were down Wednesday evening visiting their dulcinea.

John A. Curley and W. H. Heberling have been camping on the river near Goforth's ranch a few days.

Assessor E. J. Swartz is selling large amounts of vegetables now days frequently loading two or three wagons per day.

The editor of the DEMING GRAPHIC and a strolling photographer visited this place Thursday and if the Kodak stood the strain we expect to see some interesting pictures soon.

P. R. Smith Jr. and his two sisters Lillian and Maude passed here yesterday en route to the Gila for an outing. The young ladies were enjoying the trip but said Eddie the pack horse was too smart, and their brother neglected to dig up a good well and bring with them, so it was too far between drinks.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shultz died last Wednesday. The little one had been sick for some time and all efforts to restore her health failed. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

A fine social dance was given last Saturday by Assessor E. J. Swartz and his accomplished daughters which was attended by the people from several miles up and down the river, there being over 100 persons present, and a good time was reported by all.

The Pope's Wit.

The following story of the pope, a ready wit is current in Italy, where he personally was most popular, even among the anti-clericals. He had some nephews who found it somewhat difficult to extract money from him.

The wife of one of these nephews is said to have undertaken to get some from him. She solicited an interview and, having obtained it, said: "Holy father, I come to seek your advice.

I am poor; I have a large family, and alas! I am in debt. I have been gifted by heaven with a good voice and the proprietor of a music hall has offered

me a large salary to appear in his stage and sing a few songs. Ought I to accept the offer?" "Certainly," replied his holiness, "and I only regret that my official position will not allow me to be present at your debut."



The City of Rocks.
(FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS.)

Santa Rita Items.

Dr. Strong the company physician has recovered from his severe illness.

Mr. Lappelman and family are visiting Dr. and Strong.

Miss Grace Osmer who has been visiting Mrs. Crocker has returned to her home in Deming.

H. Lamb and John Edgar, of El Paso have accepted positions with the Santa Rita store company.

Ben. Moses is now using the pen, ink and blotter for the Santa Rita store company.

A basket social was given by the ladies of the Methodist church last week.

Mrs. Herbert Dawson and Mrs. Arthur Dawson accompanied by Miss Rita Dawson, left for San Francisco, July 28th on a six weeks visit to relatives.

Quite a number of the married ladies are leaving on pleasure trips and it has been suggested to form a Widower Club.

Quite a number of unmarried employees of the Santa Rita Mining company, received their discharged papers on Saturday morning August 1st.

Miss Maude Chapman, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Jagger returned to her home in Canon City, Colorado, accompanied by her sister who goes on a short visit.

Perry Crawford, who has been filling the position of assayer for the Santa Rita Mining company, left last week for the Berkeley, California, University to take a four years course.

The new patented Wilfley slime tables have been placed in the mill and will be run on the tailings from the Wilfley concentrating tables, it has already been proven that the Wilfley slime tables are a great success, and will increase the earnings of the Mining company.

A gold strike has been made in Gold Gulch about two miles from Central City, the strike has been made on the two claims owned by Messrs. Hamilton and Sanders, the rock is assaying 29-4-10 ounces in gold and as low as two ounces, there is quite a little excitement by the strike and people are taking bonds and leases on the outside claims. There is every indication of having a gold camp in this section of the country yet.

Reports have been circulated, that the Mining company would shut down on the first of this month, the recent slump of copper will effect the camp very little. The company will continue to develop work, and will run several hundred feet of drifts, and all work will be carried on as heretofore.

Santa Rita, is one of the best copper camps in the south west and has produced more copper than any other camp in the Southwest for its size, and has been a dividend payer since Mr. B. B. Thayer, the General Manager took charge of the property, it is not policy for the company to ship the ore, when the price of copper has a downward tendency. The leasers in the camp now are employing about 150 men, and are shipping quite a number of tons of ore every month, and there is every indication that they will continue to do so. Copper will have to drop very low before it will stop the men from leasing at Santa Rita.

RICH STRIKE IN GOLD GULCH

Vein of High Grade Gold Ore Encountered in Central District.

A great deal of excitement prevails at Gold Gulch, three miles from Central in the Central mining district, over the discovery of a gold bearing vein of ore which reliable assays show runs \$700 to the ton. The find was made early last week by A. A. Hamilton, on his claim, the Owl. Those who have seen the ore claim it is the most peculiar looking gold ore they have ever seen. Several maintain it is sylvanite. However, an experienced mining man took a piece of the ore and roasted it in a furnace, claiming that if it was sylvanite the gold would come to the surface. This it failed to do. He then became skeptical, as the ore resembled to a great degree a certain class taken from the Santa Rita mines. Finally to satisfy himself he pulverized the piece and washed it in a pan, and to his profound astonishment, a string of gold as big as a man's finger formed in the receptacle.

The assays were made by C. P. Crawford in Santa Rita and submitted to a number of tests. There can be no question that the assays were anything but reliable and the lucky owner is receiving the congratulations of his friends. The pay streak runs from twelve to fifteen inches in width, the entire vein matter being about forty-six feet wide. The find was made at a depth of fifteen feet, in what looks like a decomposed quartz. The foot wall consisting of decomposed iron and granite is very clearly defined at this depth and is as smooth as if it had been planed. The shaft itself is sunk in the side of a knoll, near the bottom of an arroyo, so that floods frequently reach the shaft, seriously impeding work. Among those owning claims in the vicinity are A. J. Cornell and George Saunders, who have a half interest apiece in an adjoining claim, Lou Oamer Robert Worthing and others.

That gold exists in this district has been known to the Mexicans a long time, who have made a fair living washing the gravel in the gulch. Prospectors have searched in vain for the mother lode from which this gold must have been washed down and many firmly believe it has at last been struck in the Owl claim. It is understood that several offers have been made to Mr. Hamilton; but so far, they have been rejected.

We are informed by a resident of Central who is acquainted with the facts that the above taken from the Silver City Enterprise is a correct statement and that this find will doubtless prove a bonanza.

Alarm of Fire.

Monday morning our town was roused by an alarm of fire and investigation proved that a barrel containing bottles of muriatic acid had caught fire from a broken bottle and when moved it broke into a blaze causing no little excitement among the employes of the freight house who were moving the barrel from the car as they did not know whether there was danger of an explosion or not, but Walter, Wilkinson and another man of nerve rolled the truck containing the barrel off, of the platform and dumped it on the ground and no damage was done aside from the loss of the acid. At about the same time a small fire started in a shed at the home of Julius Rosch which was discovered and extinguished by a neighbor lady and her little girl before any damage was done so Deming again had the good luck to escape serious loss by fire.

Picnic Party.

S. W. Brown and family; L. P. Moore and wife; and Miss Lottie Moore spent Sunday picnicking at the spring east of the Floridas. All report a fine time and say the only trouble they had was, that the day did not last long enough.