

Communication.

DEAR MRS. RIO GRANDE COUNTY, }
COLORADO, DEC. 14, 1876. }
To R. M. WHITE Esq.

DEAR SIR.—In the issue of your paper of Dec. 7th, 1876, I read a communication from Mr. A. D. Crowwhite, from Lake City, Hinsdale county, Colorado, to Mr. Sims, of your city, setting forth that since his arrival at Lake City where he had been prospecting we had not found anything himself, nor did he see any other person that had. There were no silver mines there. There were some few gold mines, but if you wanted silver mines you must look 'anywhere' but here for them. That there was not enough silver in the whole camp to make a silver teaspoon. And as for plums, plants and green corn, they could not be raised in the county, and the last fish was caught a month before his arrival in this country. He particularly requested his letter to be published in your paper, and posted in the forks of the roads so the people might know the truth.

Now sir, in answer to this communication, I beg to state that, if Mr. C. had confined himself to the truth and wished to let the people know the truth, there would be no necessity of writing you this note. In the first place, I beg to state that in and around Lake City, there are some 500 mines located, and a great many of them are being worked by a large force of men, and sufficiently developed, to warrant four different companies to put up works the reduction of the ore from those mines. Some of the works cost not less than \$100,000. Roads have been built; cities are growing up like mushrooms. Mail routes and stage lines are established, and any unprejudiced person traveling through the country, and seeing the amount of work being done both in mining, building and improvements generally, and hearing the hum of machinery, he could come to no other conclusion than that he was in a young, yet rich and prosperous mining country. Now sir, I do not live in Lake City, nor do I own an inch of mining country near it, but I have passed by and visited several of the mines there, and having had several years experience in mining, I can without prejudice say, I believe there are as true fissure veins well defined, and carrying as rich ore on the surface, as have ever previously been discovered in the United States. I do not pretend to put myself up as a judge, but merely express the oft repeated opinion of the practical and experienced miner.

Men with experience and capital, have come into this country seeking chances for investment, and have seen enough to warrant them to make purchases at good figures, and have spent a good deal of money in developing their property since purchasing, and are at present very well pleased with their prospects and investments. Property around

Lake City is eagerly sought for at good figures every day. One mine the owner refused \$500,000 for a half interest in it last summer, and two other mines were recently sold for \$125,000, and a great many others have changed hands at figures ranging from one to forty thousand dollars each, and judging from the amount of new mills being erected, here must certainly be some silver in the country, or all the fools are rushing here to get rid of what money they have in erecting mills, etc., in such a mining camp as Lake City.

As for Mr. C. prospecting and finding nothing himself, this I cannot dispute, but when he says there are no silver mines in the country, I deemed it my duty to answer his communication, so you could see two sides of the question. Prospecting here is very hard work. Sitting in camp and singing "Jesus, refuge have I none," is so much easier work, I presume Mr. C. preferred the easier work of the two. Perhaps he may have been practicing in anticipation of a coming camp meeting. He certainly did not go around the mines much or he could have informed himself more about mines and mining about Lake City, and would certainly have written you a very different letter from the one which he wrote you. As for plums, plants and green corn, I presume Mr. C. has been more raised in and around Mexico. But at Lake City they raise most all kinds of vegetables, and it is as fine a stock range as you have anywhere in your country. The folks at Lake City do not profess to be a farming community. But they propose to mine silver and then send it to Mexico and elsewhere and buy such articles with it as they need. When they want to raise plums, etc., they will probably migrate to Mexico or somewhere else, and with their silver, purchase more suitable land. As for fish I beg to state that all the streams near Lake City abound with beautiful trout, even up to the present time I wish you were a little nearer here, I would convince you of the fact by taking you to the Rio Grand river to-morrow, and show you what nice trout we could catch, and as I presume Mr. C. must be a very poor fisherman, we would not extend the invitation to him. In conclusion I beg to state that I have devoted my time for the last four years entirely to mining in the San Juan mines, some twenty miles from Lake City, and I think I am safe in asserting, that San Juan is the largest and richest mining camp in the world. This is a bold assertion, but the opinion of all experienced and practical miners is, that it only needs a short time to prove it true. We are situated on the top of the Rocky Mountains, and consequently have a good deal of rain and snow and a pretty hard country to make roads in and develop. But it is merely a matter of time to prove my assertion, that San Juan is the largest

and richest mining camp in the world.

Mr. Lakemen will return in a few days to Mexico, he will take a few samples of ore from here with him, which will speak for themselves, and Mr. L. will be pleased to give you any information in his power, on the country. Yours truly,
JOHN T. BARBER.

MODOC ITEMS.

MARRIED.—John Robinson to Miss Ida McCord, by Dr. Lacy, on last Wednesday eve at four o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father in the vicinity of Modoc, the same being a reception of W. McCord and Miss Maggie Moore. A very pleasant time, excellent supper. Long life and prosperity to both couple.

We would like to call the attention of the people to the fact that John Vance, merchant of Modoc, is doing an immense business, as we saw one horse hitched in front of his establishment last Saturday. Look out merchants of Mexico if we don't get all your trade from this portion of the country.

Geese 60 cents a piece, at least they were Wednesday night.

A. N. U. S.

BIRTH DAY PARTY.

Mr. E. Rinea gave a party on last Tuesday night, to the little folks, at the Ringo House, in honor of his daughter Mamie's 12th birthday. There were about 25 couple present. They say they had a "glorious good time." Mrs. Dunbar chaperoned and furnished them with music.

The St. Louis Republican notices Audrain editorially as being in a prosperous condition, and sound financially. Its debt being merely nominal.

Dr. Potts, formerly of this city now of San Jose, California, is in this town visiting, friends and relatives. The doctor looks as if the climate and diet of that country agreed with him. He has our thank for late San Francisco papers.

The young folks had a social party at the residence of Mr. Hord on Tuesday night. It was a very agreeable affair for all present.

Mr. B. B. Turmon was honored on Monday night with a serenade by some of his friends. Their instruments were combs, and to the tune of "Old Folks at Home."

The editor will present his annual address New Years day, and will be glad to be rewarded with anything from a "thank you" up to \$10,000 in gold. Give the Devil his due and the Lord will reward you.

M. F. Simmons, former editor of Mexico Messenger, was in this city Christmas and favored the LEDGER. He is looking hale and hearty.

Johnny Clark, who is now in the grocery business at Louisiana, was in Mexico Christmas.

Mr. F. DeBeise, editor of Wells ville Bazoo, paid his respects to the LEDGER last Friday. Frank is a good one.

Several of our lady friends are going to favor the young gentlemen of Mexico, New Years day, by keeping open house, but we have authority to announce only the following: The Misses silver at their residence near the depot, Miss Brooks, Mrs. Miss Hafford and Mrs. Dunbar, at the Ringo House. Miss A. Gill and Miss Lou Wardwell, at the residence of the former. We bespeak a jolly time to the callers.

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DIED.—Mrs. Sarah Blythe, aged 66 years, wife of Squire Milton Blythe nine miles west of Mexico.

Mr. John Goalty, 81 years of age; about six miles northwest of this city.

Two little children, age about 15 months one the child of Mr. E. Beaty, and the other the child of Mr. J. Beaty, both near Mexico.

Mr. Coron B. Crews to Miss Mary B. Mooner, at the residence of the bride's mother, three miles west of Mexico, Nov. 24th instant officiating.

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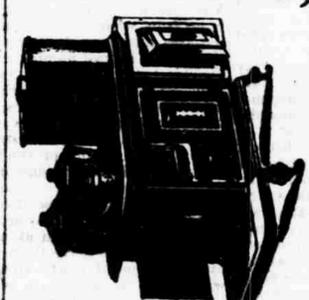
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Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1876, offer said lands for sale at the court house door in Audrain county, Missouri, between the hours of one o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock

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