

IN THE DESERT REGION.

Special Correspondence of the Globe.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 14.—The rigorous winters of the North are rapidly populating the vast desert regions of America, since the desert has proved its virtues so indisputably as a natural sanitarium for consumptives. The best physicians in the land are now sending their patients here instead of risking the dangers of a change to the great altitudes of the Rockies. Some of the leading business men in this progressive Western city were consumptives not many years ago, and a short residence here has brought health and vigor, together with a strong attachment and gratitude for the health-inspiring climate, which has grown up in their breasts to banish all thoughts of returning to their old homes to live. Prosperity has smiled on most of them, and with the development of the vast resources of this valley their incomes increase year by year.

The Salt River valley has its "oldest inhabitant," like all other places where folks talk about the weather. He lives at Phoenix, and his age is variously estimated, according to the prevalent proclivities of your informant, from 100 to 200. Some of the more polished prevaricators say he is the only survivor of a pre-historic race that made footprints in the sands of this valley ages ago. It is not known that

winter here. I have met many from Minnesota who came here threatened with consumption who have regained health completely. One young man from St. Paul had seven hemorrhages from the lungs there and the doctor sent him here as a last hope for his life. He adopted a method of exercise in the hot, summer sun, walking an increased distance each week as his strength returned. He has gained forty pounds, and is as well as ever. And "there are others" with similar stories to encourage the newcomer. A leading politician of Kentucky came here a month ago in bad condition, and went out on a ranch to rough it. He drinks goat's milk copiously and stays outside all the time in the open air. When I met him a few days ago he had improved a great deal. He won't listen to a doctor, and believes implicitly in the goat milk cure for consumption.

A recent issue of the Hahemannian contains an article by W. Lawrence Woodruff, M. D., a climatologist of recognized ability, on the climate of this Salt River valley region, with the following excerpts from which will be interesting: "This valley has everything that goes to make up a perfect winter home. It has the minimum of rainfall—seven inches per annum; second, the minimum of atmospheric moisture—30 per cent humidity; third, it has the

respiratory organs. Tuberculosis, by the dry, hot air of summer, is checked in its development; and if the patient is not in the last stages, a continuous residence under these favorable conditions will greatly prolong life and often eventually bring about a cure." Phoenix lies in the heart of the valley and is the largest city in the territory. It is the territorial capital, and will make a lively fight for state capital honors. Under the present administration beautiful capitol grounds have been laid out in a fashionable part of the city, and are carefully cared for by the territory. Tropical trees and plants have been set out in the spacious grounds, and the capitol building will be placed in the center. The present population of Phoenix is about 12,000, and its winter visitors this year are expected to swell these figures to nearly 14,000. It has increased each year in winter population, as the great benefits of the dry air of the valley have become known to health-seekers. The city has improved steadily. A large hotel building, and a number of handsome blocks are now in the course of construction, and new homes are constantly being made. The city is lighted by electricity when the moon does not shine. Arizona is admitted to the union without the usual restrictions, and well cleaned and sprinkled in the business portion, and several miles of the residence streets every day throughout the year. The sun-dried adobe soil forms a durable macadam, and the streets are kept in good condition with little expense to the city. Sidewalks, made to resemble the square tile stone walk, are popular here, and are found on the business streets exclusively. In the residence part of the city no sidewalks are built.

The hard adobe makes a good walk in this dry climate, and after the sun soon dries it. The broad branches of the umbrella trees shade the walks throughout the city. They have good schools and a volunteer fire department with several good companies. Three shots fired is the signal of a fire, and a large bell in the city hall calls the firemen to duty. The city water is good, with a briny taste to the newcomer, but which soon disappears. They have a number of ice factories, the ice being manufactured from pure distilled well water. The merchants of Phoenix supply the hundreds of mining camps in the mountains out here with blankets and food, and besides this have a large trade and extends throughout the valley. The valley has a Mexican population of about 5,000, and the Mariposa Indians are an industrious class and are numerous in the valley. It is an orderly place, and lawlessness is an infrequent occurrence. They have no police force such as an Eastern city of 12,000 has. A city marshal and an assistant seem to be all that is required to keep the peace of the city. People sleep out of doors and leave their houses open without fear. The bare desert stretches out for miles about this little oasis, and starvation waits for the criminal if he plied his craft here and attempted to get away. One feels a delightful sensation sleeping out in the open air, under a sky filled with brilliant stars shining with added lustre from an absence of clouds in the heavens and humidity in the air. The nights are decidedly balmy, and the soft breezes bring to you the sweet fragrance of the flower gardens and the ripe fruit. A half hour after the sun disappears behind the mountain peaks darkness shrouds the valley, and the grand twilight of the North is unknown here. People go to bed early during the heat period, and the first rays of the morning sun is a signal for rising universally obeyed. Flowers bloom here all winter under the protection of the foot hills, and strawberries and water-melons comprise part of the New Year's feast. The winter days are warm every day, the winter days are warm and the air is bracing. It gets cold during the nights in winter, when a wind blows from the frozen mountain peaks, and frosts are recorded away from the foot hills frequently. It is warm here in summer, but life is not as unlivable as many suppose. It is the same dry, bracing air that holds the record of the hottest place in the world. Phoenix is a few hundred feet above Yuma. Thermometers registered as 129 here during June this year, but the sensible heat was not more than 73, controlled by the percentage of humidity, which ran from 7 to 13 per cent. Collars do not wilt and shrivel up like they do where the percentage of humidity is greater. Perspiration is absorbed by the dry air before it has time to take the fine finish off a collar. The popular dress during the hot weather does not include starched collars, however, and the tenderfoot is

as light as during the day time. One must see the moonlight of Arizona, to appreciate it. —George H. Smalley.

JESSE, JAMES, MODEL SON. Steady and Industrious He Has Won the Esteem of All. Kansas City World. Every morning except Sunday tall, well-built, sturdy-looking man, with a smooth face and clear, sparkling eyes, mounting a bicycle in front of a modest little frame cottage at 8402 Tracy avenue and riding away to his work, and he is the model son of the late Jesse James. He is a hundred pounds heavier than his father, and is a more industrious and steady worker. His name also is Jesse James, but his first name is Timothy. He is a "Tim," because, probably, Timothy James, when spoken, is not so liable to excite the curiosity of strangers as the name of his noted father.

Jesse T. James is now twenty years old. He is regarded by his neighbors and friends as a highly intelligent, honest, sober, industrious and energetic young man. He is a member of the Armour Packing company's plant, where for five years he has been employed. His employers regard him highly and delight in extolling his merits. Jesse or Tim supports his mother and sister. He has a modest home, a fine automobile and a half frame building, with a porch running along one side. Miss Marie James, his sister, is a very attractive young woman. She is a third-year student in the high school, and is expected to graduate. Her brother, James, is a motherly-looking young man, with rather sorrowful eyes, is very proud of both her children. "I don't know what you mean, Jesse," said an employe at the packing-house, repeating the question of a reporter for the World. "Well, I should say I know what you mean. Jesse is a bad boy, either. He's one of the best young men I ever knew; steady, honest, accommodating—why, you never met a better fellow."

All of his fellow employes have a kindly word to say for Tim. Besides being an expert bicyclist, Tim is a first-class horse rider, and a first-class in-fighter in the Schmelzer Blues, at one time the strongest amateur base ball team in this part of the state.

PROPHECIES CAME TO NAUGHT.

Sages of Old Were Somewhat Reckless in Their Predictions. St. James Gazette.

In these times of cheap vaticination and short-dated prophecies, it may not be amiss to cast a retrospective glance on a few of the most monumental mistakes ever achieved in this line. Here are a few of the most famous contributions to the history of human error:

1. Aristotle said that slavery would last forever, or would exist only when the shuttle would weave of its own accord. A double mistake this; for slavery is all but abolished, and, thanks to invention, the shuttle may be said to work of its own accord.

2. "Before fifty years are over all Europe will be republican by Cossack," prophesied the sage of St. Helena in the first decade of this century. We are nearing now its age end, but "old Yurpuk" is less republican than ever, and in no way less a Cossack.

3. "Italy is but a geographical expression and will never be anything more," prophesied the sage of St. Helena just before his death. He saw what he considered Utopia on the point of becoming a reality.

4. "The railways will never be of any use for the transport of goods," sang out M. Thiers, leading a chorus of sentimental economists.

5. "There is no narrower of universal suffrage," exclaimed M. Guizot, on the eve of the great revolution which sent the Napoleon empire into the air, and universal suffrage as sovereign law.

6. "Never" was M. Rouher's answer to those asking, after Mentana, when Rome would become the capital of Italy. A very short time after the trick was done.

7. "The United States of Europe," prophesied the sage of St. Helena, and it is still a prophecy, and the democrats from Victor Hugo to Carlo Cattaneo, and its fulfillment was to take place immediately after the downfall of the Napoleon empire. It is two or five years now since that eventful moment, but the states of Europe are, if anything, more disunited and more aggressive than ever.

Perhaps the ancients, who knew a thing or two, were right in saying that the future is on the lap of the gods.

Uses of the X-Ray.

One of the newest uses to which the Roentgen photography has been applied is the detection of glass splinters in the human body in the eye. The difficulty of photographing the eye is very great, because it is practically enclosed in a bony case, and cannot be got at. Dr. H. Lewkowitzsch, however, invented a contrivance which enables his operation to be successfully performed. The plate is so made that it can be inserted (under anaesthetic, of course) into the orbital cavity, and the eye, and the eyeball, and in this way shows the position of objects quite beyond the reach of the microscope.

THE FIRST VIEW.

But greater scenes are beyond. The short, but uphill ride by the bank of the foaming river suddenly ends upon a smooth slope, and there before us, mountain-walled, smooth as glass and blue as the sky, lies the lake. Its first view is not disappointing, though one little comprehends the magnitudes of the chasm is exciting, and the cowboy rarely fails to drop the noose about the head of the runaway. The roads throughout the valley are ideal bicycle roads when the dust is not too deep. The sprinkled streets make wheeling a pleasure in the city. The soil is springy, and the wheel runs perfectly. If there is a recurrence it is during the rainy season, and is usually but slight, to disappear again as soon as the usually dry atmospheric conditions prevail. This is equally so of asthma, bronchitis and laryngitis; and, in fact, of all diseases of the



A YOUNG ORANGE TREE. (Photographed for the Globe by Hartwell.)

he came here for his health, but the doctors hold him up as an example of longevity due wholly to this climate. I have seen so much good it has done, that I don't hesitate to nod my approval and belief in everything I hear of its phenomenal virtues. In the country, perhaps, can be found the largest number who came here to recuperate health shattered in Northern climates, and have met many who have been entirely cured. This class comprises some of the best ranchers in the valley. They irrigated the bare desert land, converting it into a garden in a few short years, and built homes which now bring handsome incomes to them. It is surprising how young some of these homes are. One is tempted to doubt the accuracy of a man's memory when he shows you a tree whose branches extend over twenty feet from tip to tip, with a measurement at the base of its trunk of six or eight inches and this tree is three years old! 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