GOLD IN SUGAR BEETS.

Cogent Reasons Advanced Why the Industry Should be Introduced Throughout New Mexico—Special Advantages of Santa Fe.

From the New Mexican.

Captain S. H. Day, the enterprising and energetic superintendent of the Santa Fe Water & Improvement company, and an active member of the Santa Fe board of trade, returned home yesterday from an extended trip through California, whither he went as the duly accredited representative of the local board of trade to carefully investigate the beet sugar industry in the great state named, with a view to the general introduction of the same important industry, not only in the region directly tributary to this city, but throughout New Mexico.

Of course a *New Mexican* scribe promptly called upon the genial gentleman, and, in spite of the fact that he was immersed in disposing of accumulated business, he talked freely and lucidly concerning the results of his trip, remarking in general terms that his mission had been unexpectedly fruitful in the way of gaining useful information, shedding light on the beet sugar industry, and that he returned more than ever persuaded that the development of the industry is destined to become a most substantial and important factor in promoting the future prosperity of New Mexico.

"While away I made the rounds of all the places in California where the beet sugar industry has attained prominence," said Captain Day, "visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chino, Los Alamitos, Salinas, Ventura, and San Diego, and I confess that I was amazed at the evidences I witnessed of the great growth of the beet sugar industry in California during the past few years. I found that everyone engaged in this business on the coast, from the farmer to the factory, was prospering in an uncommon degree, and all seemed satisfied that the culture of sugar beets and the manufacture of the product into sugar were likely to prove a source of as much wealth to the state as its world-renowned gold mines. Indeed, some sanguine ones placed the beet sugar industry ahead of gold mining in wealth producing possibilities.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Claus Spreckles, the famous sugar king, at San Francisco; the Oxnards, at Chino, and Mr. Clark, at Los Alamitos. These gentlemen are at present the principal promoters of the sugar industry in California. They treated me with much courtesy and cheerfully placed me in possession of such information as I sought. I learned that Mr. Spreckles, in addition to his other large factories in the state, is putting up at Salinas the largest sugar manufacturing plant in the world, depending exclusively upon sugar beets for his raw material. I also found that all the other manufacturers of sugar from beets in the state were arranging to multiply the capacity of the plants as fast as possible and that several new and extensive plants were projected," continued Captain Day.

"As I have already hinted, I am now more than ever convinced of the wisdom and practicability of the immediate introduction of the beet sugar industry in the land of sunshine known to the world as New Mexico," added the thoughtful and well informed gentlemen. "The soil and climatic conditions here are unquestionably more favorable to the production of high grade sugar beets than those of California. We can raise more and higher grade sugar beets to the acre than they can in California. This is clearly proved by the experimentally demonstrated facts that the average yield of sugar beets per acre in New Mexico is 12½ tons, while the yield in California is reported at ten tons; that the average percentage of sacharine matter in the beets produced in New Mexico is 18, while the sugar beets grown in California only average 14½ per cent in sacharine matter.

"Such facts speak louder than any words I could command in favor of this territory as a sugar producing region. I am more than persuaded," continued the captain, "that New Mexico is ideally adapted to the culture and manufacture of sugar beets. I believe that enough beets can be produced in this territory to support at least twelve sugar factories, and, in addition to the other considerations I have presented, the fact that we have plenty of cheap labor would assure profitable returns from all of them. Santa Fe is peculiarly well situated for one of these factories. We are so located that we would command the crops of two seasons, one from the valleys south and the other from this valley and the Espanola and other valleys to the north of us. Then we have two railroads, connecting us directly with the north and the south, and a plentiful supply of pure soft water. We should exert our utmost endeavors to induce capital to utilize these splendid and exceptional opportunities as soon as possible.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

ROSWELL.

F. E. Downes, a cousin of D. M. Downes, who had been spending the past year or so in Oklahoma and Connecticut, spent several days here and made a trip down the valley as far as McMillan. He will probably remain and locate permanently.

C. C. Medlin, who lives on the plains some twenty or thirty miles east of the Littlefield cattle company's Four Lakes ranch, had the misfortune to lose his son, "Lev" Medlin, a short time since. He died at Stanton, Texas, where the family are living in order to have the children in school.

A. J. Knollin, of the live stock commission house of Knollin & Booth, of Kansas City, came in with Fritz Brinck, from a trip across the country northeast of here, and has been informing himself as to the resources of this part of New Mexico by actual observation.

Wallace Holt returned to Holtwold from Denver, Kansas City and other points. He was just getting back from the Denver Stock Convention. He says people in the east are now much interested in the valley and there will be a big immigration during this spring and summer.

T. F. York, the champion marksman of the southwest, gave one of his unique exhibitions east of the P. V. Ry. track. Shooting at pecans tossed in the air by a man, ten feet in front of one, and hitting three or four out of five, with a Winchester, is pretty fine work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Church left for Hot Springs, Arks., to consult the specialist there who operated on his eye sometime since. The eye has been giving him a great deal of trouble lately, and his right eye has also become seriously involved, so that grave fears are entertained that he may lose it also.

Dr. R. E. Farris left for his home at Anna, Ills., after spending some ten days here in the society of old friends and acquaintances—the Illinois colony—and hunting quail. The only unpleasant experience he had while here was caused by running a cactus thorn into his foot. He will wear heavier shoes next time he goes hunting here.

Mrs. Fannie Dalton received a telegram from I. C. Sanchse, the general agent of the Equitable, stating that the policy of $1,000 on the life of her late husband had been paid. This was the policy that was supposed to contain the usual smallpox clause, but fortunately for Mrs. Dalton, the clerk who filed out the policy at the home office failed to insert it, and notwithstanding Mr Dalton died of smallpox, Mrs. Dalton got her money.

Henry Johnson, who has been a resident of Chaves county for about two years, succumbed to the Klondike fever and left for the gold fields Monday morning.

Liles & Smith are moving their livery business into the barn on First street opposite Whiteman's well. They expect to be all fixed in their new quarters by the first of the month.

Pete Cornett, manager of A. T. Gunter's sheep, came in to town this week and got a load of supplies, including a dipping vat. The sheep are now on the Felix headed for the Pecos.

S. A. Joyner returned last Saturday from Refugio, Texas, where he has spent the last four or five months. Mr. Joyner returns to enjoy Roswell prosperity and make this his home.

G. A. Friedenbloom, the Eddy barber, spent a couple of days here this week looking for a suitable location to open a shop. Not finding the place he wanted he left for Eddy Wednesday.

J. J. Howels, of Coal Creek, Colorado, who bought the J. S. Vickers place from H. G. Woodcock several years ago, is coming here by team, with a party of friends who also expect to locate.

SANTA FE.

The city marshal has a force of men hard at work grading Manderfield street and the thoroughfare will be open to traffic tomorrow.

Sheriff Kinsell and J. W. Akers, of this city, have bonded the Live Oak mining claim in the south Santa Fe county, an extension of the Benton, to R. M. Foree for $20,000.

Mr. Flavio Silva began a private school in the First ward, with an attendance of twenty-five boys. Mr. Purdy, Miss Himes and Miss Schnepple also opened schools in different parts of the city.

On Saturday noon, at Tres Piedras, Ed Hartman, a brakeman on the D. & R. G. road, while coupling cars got his right hand between the drawheads, and had the first and third fingers taken off. He is at his home in this city resting up while the wounds are healing.

The wagon road between Santa Fe and Bland is reported to be in excellent condition, with the exception of Cienega hill, and that is being rapidly repaired under the directions of the merchants of Santa Fe. Goodwin and Bennett are doing the work.

John Nagel, son of M. J. Nagel, of this city, is now engaged in freighting between Santa Fe and Bland with an excellent outfit and reports that he has all he can do. He left for the Cochiti metropolis this morning with 2,000 pounds of potatoes, one-half being loaded at Cartwright's and the other half at Beaty's.

The Santa Fe Electric Telephone company has just completed the work of transplanting its poles from the middle of the newly opened Manderfield street on the north side of the capitol grounds. While this work was in progress the system on the south side was necessarily somewhat deranged, but it is now working as smoothly as ever.

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Vaccination in England.

LONDON, March 1.—The opponents of vaccination throughout the country are satisfied on the whole with the government measure amending the vaccination acts that have been drafted by the Rt. Hon. Henry Chaplin, president of the local government board. Although they had hoped that the government would be forced by public opinion to abolish compulsory vaccination, yet they admit that half a loaf is better than no bread and that the movement they advocate will eventually be successful. Mr. Chaplin's bill proposes an extension of the age within which vaccination should be required to six months, the continuance of the system of gratuitous vaccination, permission to make a declaration upon oath of conscientious objection, while power is given to all parents to require the use of calf lymph. The duty of providing free vaccination is also transferred from the poor law to the sanitary authorities.

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