

LAS VEGAS.

Las Vegas (the meadows), the largest city in New Mexico, is the county seat of San Miguel county, the most populous and wealthy county of the Territory. It is situated in latitude 32 degrees 30 minutes north, on the Gila river, at the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, at an altitude of about 5,500 feet above sea level. A few miles to the west are the mountains, to the east and southeast a vast plain stretches away and affords a fine stock and agricultural country. It has an enterprising population of between seven and eight thousand people and is growing steadily.

It is situated on a grant of 500,000 acres, of which only a few thousand had a good title, but the legislature has just passed a law which settles the title and will throw the balance of the tract open to settlement.

The town is lit by electric light, has water works, gas, street-car line, telephone exchange, a daily paper, churches, academies, public and private schools, a number of saloons, banks and financial institutions and mercantile houses, some of which carry stocks of \$250,000, and whose trade extends throughout New Mexico and Arizona. It is the chief commercial town of a vast tributary country, rich in resources, the development of which has just been commenced. West and north of Las Vegas, reaching to the Colorado line is a mountain and mineral region, covered with forests of pine timber, affording an excellent quality of lumber. Just west of town, one to two miles, is an unlimited supply of the finest red and white sandstone, procured by Prof. Hayden the finest in the United States.

The valleys of the mountain streams are very rich and fertile, producing wheat, oats, corn, grass, etc., in abundance. East and south of the town and likewise tributary to it, are the vast and well grassed plains and valleys of the Canadian and Pecos rivers and their tributaries, constituting the finest stock region for sheep and cattle in all the west. This great country is already well occupied with prosperous cattle raisers and wool growers, who make Las Vegas their business town and supply point. Building material is excellent, convenient and cheap, and the business houses and residences are handsome, well built and permanent. Las Vegas is, without question, the best built town in New Mexico.

The headquarters of the division of the T. & S. P. Railroad, extending from Las Vegas to Albuquerque are located here as well as their telegraphic works.

Besides its railroad connections it has regular stages to Santa Fe, Fort Huachuca and Silver City, and the Texas Panhandle; southeast to Anton Chico, Fort Sumner and Roswell; north to Mora, Sapulpa and Lordsburg; northeast with Los Alamos, Gadsden and Fort Union. Telephone lines extend to Los Alamos, 12 miles distant, and to Mora, 25 miles via Sapulpa and Lordsburg.

Water is supplied by a gravity system of water works, the water being taken from the river seven miles above the city, and has a pressure of 140 lbs. While so far there are no producing mines very near Las Vegas, the prospecting done has developed the fact that there are some very good prospects here that with proper working, soon pay well. Machinery has lately been purchased by some of these, and, undoubtedly, they will soon be making a regular output.

Five miles northwest of Las Vegas, where the Gila river breaks out of the mountains, are situated the famous Hot Springs. The river here runs from west to east, and the springs are on the south bank, almost central in a natural park, surrounded by pine clad and picturesque mountains. The water of the springs is as clear as crystal, of a high temperature and the natural constituents are so subtly dissolved and blended as to render it wonderfully beneficial to the human system. In addition and supplementary to the advantages possessed by the mineral water, the climate is one of the finest in the world. The Montezuma hotel there is very commodious, splendidly furnished and the management and tables are all that can be desired, and the accommodation for guests is unsurpassed anywhere. The bath house is large and very complete in all its appointments.

A branch line of the Santa Fe railroad runs from Las Vegas to the Hot Springs, connecting with all trains. At present round trip tickets are sold from Kansas City and eastern points to the Hot Springs good for ninety days at greatly reduced rates.

About 15 miles above the Hot Springs at Hermit's Peak, generally called Old Baldy, a detached spur of the Rocky Mountains is seen: of the finest scenery in New Mexico. The peak is broken abruptly off on its face, rising almost straight up 200 feet, while on the south side of the mountains the river cuts through, coming from the top of the range, in a narrow canyon over 200 feet deep, rising in some places with out a break the entire distance. Good fishing and hunting can be had in the mountains anywhere from 30 to 90 miles of Las Vegas.

The average temperature for the year 1887 taken at the Montezuma Hotel each day was as follows: January, 49 degrees; February, 51; March, 55; April, 60; May, 65; June, 70; July, 75; August, 77; September, 70; October, 62; November, 52; December, 50.

San Miguel is the empire county of New Mexico. It is on the average, one hundred and eighty miles long by ninety-five miles wide, and containing about 8,400 square miles within its boundaries rugged and wooded mountains, extensive plains and fertile valleys. Its elevation on the east is about 4000 feet and on the west 12,000. The thirty-fifth parallel of latitude runs centrally through it. It is bounded on the north by Mora County, on the south by Bernalillo and Chaves Counties and extends from the summit of the main range of mountains on the west to the Texas Panhandle on the east. It is well watered by the Canadian, Pecos, Gila, Sapulpa and Teodoro rivers and their tributaries. Between the Gila and the Canadian is the great divide which separates the waters flowing into the Mississippi from those flowing into the Rio Grande. The western portion of the county is mountainous, rising from the plains to the highest range in the Territory, capped with eternal snows. The culmination of the mountains at such a great altitude, twelve thousand feet, causes a great accumulation of snow, which constantly feeds the mountain streams with pure water, that passes off into and through the valleys below. The Mora, Sapulpa, Gila, Teodoro and Pecos streams all have their sources in the same mountain and nearly in the same locality. The precipitation of moisture on the eastern slopes of the mountains by rain and snow is greater than in any other portion of the Territory.

New Mexico is as large as all the New England states together, with New York and New Jersey thrown in. It is about equally divided in grazing, agriculture and mining lands. Millions of acres, rich in resources, are waiting to be occupied. It has the precious metals, coal, iron, stock ranges, agricultural, horticultural and grape lands, splendid scenery, more sunshine, more even temperature, more exhilarating atmosphere, than any other country on this continent, low taxes and an active home market for all agricultural products.

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A BIG CATTLE DEAL.

A dispatch from Kansas City to the Globe-Democrat has the following of interest to Las Vegas people:

The largest cattle transaction made in this city since the boom times of 1882 and 1883 took place today. Messrs. L. A. Allen & Co., live stock commission merchants, sold for the Waddingham Bell Ranch cattle company, of New Mexico, 4,000 two-year-old steers at \$15 per head and 3,000 three-year-old steers at \$19 per head, the purchasers being Messrs. Ryan Bros., of Montana. These cattle are to be delivered to the Ryans on the northern border of New Mexico, and by them shipped to their ranch in Montana. The total consideration is \$117,000.

The Waddingham Bell Ranch cattle company owns 700,000 acres of land in New Mexico on which is the largest and finest herd of cattle in the United States, if not in the world. Mr. Wilson Waddingham, of this city, is president of the company. Messrs. Ryan Bros., the purchasers of the cattle have an extensive cattle ranch in Montana, on which they will graze the animals for two years before sending them to market.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

Territory of New Mexico,
Executive Office,
January 11, 1892.

Pursuant to a generally expressed desire, and in order to carry forward the work so successfully inaugurated at the irrigation congress held at Salt Lake City in September last, I hereby call a territorial convention, to be held at Las Vegas, on March 16, 1892, and the subsequent days, to consider the subject of irrigation and the improvement of arid lands in New Mexico and the surrounding region.

To this convention delegates are invited to be sent as follows from New Mexico:

From each county, to be appointed by the county commissioners, ten delegates.

From each city or incorporated town, to be appointed by the municipal authorities, five delegates.

From each board of trade or commercial club, five delegates.

From each incorporated irrigation company, three delegates.

From each newspaper, one delegate.

From the territorial bureau of immigration, to be appointed by its president, five delegates.

From the agricultural college, to be appointed by the regents, five delegates.

All persons interested in the general subject of irrigation, living outside of New Mexico, will be welcome and will be received on such terms, as to representation and membership, as the convention may decide.

L. BRADFORD PRINCE,
Governor of New Mexico.

One of the interesting exhibits from Montana will be a relief map of Butte, the greatest mining camp in the world. It is reported that Montana's appropriation of \$50,000 will be doubled at the next session of the legislature.

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ARRIVE.	
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No. 1. Mexico & Pacific Express.....	7:15 p. m.
No. 3. Southern California Express.....	5:30 p. m.
No. 2. Atlantic Express.....	7:45 a. m.
DEPART.	
No. 4. New York Express.....	10:10 a. m.
No. 1. Mexico & Pacific Express.....	7:30 p. m.
No. 3. Southern California Express.....	5:55 p. m.
No. 2. Atlantic Express.....	8:10 a. m.
HOT SPRINGS BRANCH.	
ARRIVE.	
No. 704. Express.....	10:30 a. m.
No. 706. Mixed.....	5:30 p. m.
No. 702. Express.....	7:50 a. m.
No. 705. Mixed.....	7:15 p. m.
No. 703. Mixed.....	11:25 p. m.
DEPART.	
No. 705. Mixed.....	5:10 a. m.
No. 701. Express.....	7:30 p. m.
No. 703. Mixed.....	5:35 p. m.
No. 702. Mixed.....	10:10 a. m.
No. 704. Mixed.....	1:00 p. m.
PULLMAN CAR SERVICE.	
Trains 1 and 2 have through sleepers between Chicago and San Francisco, also between St. Louis and the City of Mexico. Trains 3 and 4 have through sleepers between Chicago and San Diego via Los Angeles. All trains daily.	
D. J. MACDONALD, Agent.	

EAST LAS VEGAS POST OFFICE.

WEEK-DAYS.

Mail for the East closes at 9:15 a. m. for the South at 5:30 p. m.

General delivery is open from 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. Outside door open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

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