

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, 1899.

THE WAY OF WOMEN.

The venerable Baroness Burdett-Coutts is still active in works of philanthropy.

Mme. Modjeska is now on her California ranch studying floriculture and dairying.

Mrs. James G. Blaine and child are at the Hotel Thorndike, in Jamestown, R. I.

Seven of the fifteen revolutionary widows in the United States live in one Tennessee pension district.

Mrs. T. B. T. Willets, of Roslyn, L. I., manages a farm of 600 acres stocked with pedigree Guernsey cattle.

The ode written by Miss Harriet Monroe, of Chicago, for the Columbian exposition has been translated into seven languages.

Miss Catharine Weed Barnes, prominent among amateur photographers, will collect about 2,000 photos during her present visit to Europe.

Two young ladies of old New England families have built a school house in the Black Belt of Alabama, and a cabin near by in which they will reside.

The property left by Dr. Amelia B. Edwards to found a professorship of Egyptology in University College London, will yield an income of about \$3,000 a year.

Miss Grace Lewes, oldest daughter of the late George Lewes, husband of George Eliot, is visiting the home of D. H. Harkins, at his country home, near Ophir farm, the residence of Whitelaw Reid.

In a recent book on "Woman Through a Man's Eyeglass" the author pays this tribute to his mother in the dedication: "When one has reached middle life and the wheels of existence need oiling with the encouragement of affection; when one is wounded and weary, he seeks again the steady starlight of a mother's love. * * * For a man who is growing old, with neither wife nor child to bring him greetings on his birthday, I can conceive nothing more awful than to have no mother who shall say, 'Bless you my son!' while in so doing she happily remembers, in a gentle autumn mood of love, all that full flowering summer love with which she greeted him on that first birthday."

RAILROAD ITEMS.

The Pennsylvania railroad has placed an order with the Pennsylvania Steel Co. for 2,000 tons of steel rails weighing 100 pounds to the yard, which will be laid on the mountain division of the main line as an experiment. The heaviest rails now in use on the road weigh 85 pounds to the yard.

The interstate commerce commissioners claim to have complaints from five business firms in Chicago against east bound freight lines for rate discrimination. These firms will probably be summoned as witnesses when the commissioners return to Chicago to continue their investigation in September.

During the past two months the Texas & Pacific cannon ball, which runs between Fort Worth and St. Louis, has not been late a single time. It makes nearly thirty miles an hour between the two cities, including stops, and is said to be the only train from Texas to St. Louis that is composed exclusively of sleepers and chair cars. Arrangements are now on foot by which the time made by this train will be shortened two hours.

The first tramway in this country was the Leiper road, which was built in Pennsylvania in 1809, and was used for hauling ore from a mine, but it was only 186 feet long. A similar road a mile long was built in Delaware county, Pa., a few years later to carry stone, and in 1827 the well known tramway, three miles in length, at Quincy, Mass., was built, also for carrying stone from a quarry.

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LAS VEGAS.

Las Vegas (the meadows), the largest city in New Mexico, is the county seat of San Miguel county, the most populous and wealthiest county of the Territory. It is situated in latitude 35 degrees 40 minutes north, on the Gila River, at the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, at an altitude of about 4,300 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 800,000 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 solid banking and financial institutions and mercantile houses, some of which carry stocks of \$200,000, 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, pronounced by Prof. Hayden the finest in the United States.

The valleys of the mountains are very rich and prolific, producing wheat, oats, corn, grass, etc., in abundance. East and south of the town and like 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 A. T. & S. F. Railroad extending from La Junta to Albuquerque are located here as well as their tie preserving works.

Besides its railroad connections it has regular stage east to Chama Springs, Fort Bascom and Liberty, and the Texas Pecos route, southeast to Anton Chico, Fort Sumner and Roswell; north to Mora via Sapello and Hecolada; northeast with Los Alamos, Goofadinas and Fort Union. Telephone lines extend to Los Alamos, 13 miles distant, and to Mora, 35 miles via Sapello and Hecolada.

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 will, 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 mineral 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 some of the finest scenery in New Mexico. The peak is broken abruptly off on its face, rising almost straight up 2,000 feet, while on the south side of the mountain the river cuts through coming from the top of the range, in a narrow canon over 200 feet deep, rising in some places without a break the entire distance. Good fishing and hunting can be had in the mountains anywhere from 20 to 30 miles of Las Vegas.

The average temperature for the year, 1888 taken at the Montezuma Hotel each day was as follows: January, 49 degrees; February, 55; March, 51; April, 60; May, 69; June, 76; July, 79; 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 slightly more than 100 miles wide, and containing about 8,400,000 acres, embraces within its boundaries rugged and wooded mountains, extensive plains and fertile valleys. Its elevation on the east is about 4,000 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, Sapello and Tecoilo rivers and their tributaries. Between the Sapello and the Gila 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, Sapello, Gila, Tecoilo and Pecos streams all have their sources in the same mountains and nearly all the same quality. 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.

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In New Mexico—the land of all lands where "it is always afternoon," such days are the rule, not the exception; and no other nook in New Mexico has so delightful a climate at all seasons of the year as Las Vegas Hot Springs. From November to April scarcely a day passes during which the sun does not shine brilliantly and continuously. During the summer months, when lower countries are sweltering in the heat, there is the same genial warmth and glow without the enervating effect of excessive humidity. The average mid day winter temperature is from 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. In summer the highest flight of the thermometer rarely exceeds 80 degrees at noon, and the average for that hour is only 75. The altitude (7,000 feet above the sea), the picturesque valley, the high, pine covered mountains, the even temperature, and warm, dry air, combine to make this a favorite resort for tourists and an ideal place for invalids.

Las Vegas Hot Springs is located on the southeastern slope of the Santa Fe range of the Rocky mountains, six miles from the thrifty city of Las Vegas. There are upward of forty hot and cold springs, the water from the best of them being conducted in pipes to a large and handsome bath house of modern construction. Almost all forms of chronic disease yield to the curative effects of these wonderful waters. It is not claimed nor expected that everybody will be made well. It is confidently asserted that where there is anything left to build upon good results almost always follow a thorough course of treatment at the Hot Springs, and some remarkable cures have occurred. Persons who have failed to receive relief elsewhere for rheumatism, catarrh, lung trouble and diseases of the blood are invited to try the great New Mexico sanitarium. Skilled physicians are always in attendance.

A branch line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad connects the city with the springs. Five daily passenger trains each way render it easy of access from Las Vegas. Telegraph and telephone lines give additional communication with the outside world.

But the chief feature of the place, aside from its pre-eminence as a resort for invalids, is the MONTZUMA HOTEL, a commodious and massive structure of stone, crowning a slight eminence near the station. It may be doubted by those who know nothing of western push and enterprise but here, in the very heart of old-Spanish-in-New-America, is the finest watering place hotel west of the Alleghenies. Perhaps there are a few others that are larger—they are not many. Certainly none are more satisfying to the eye or more restful to the tired, dusty, worn-out traveler. Large, handsome rooms, a fine cuisine, a commanding location and a careful catering to the wants of all guests make the Montezuma hotel peculiarly suitable as a stopping place for transcontinental tourists via the Santa Fe route and for all classes of rest, pleasure and health seekers the country over.

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