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EL PASO AND THE NEW SHORT LINE.

The City Should Drop the Gould Scheme and Join Hands Loyal with Other Cities and Towns on the Route to Push Through the Denver & El Paso Independent R. R.

We quote from the El Paso Tribune of August 25:

"As El Paso is about as much in the dark concerning the White Oaks road and Mr. Gould's intentions as she has ever been (nothing having been promised by Mr. Gould) the Tribune thinks it would be wise for our citizens to go in with the Las Vegas and Denver people and see that the El Paso & Denver road is built as soon as possible. We need that road badly, as everybody knows. If the Denver & El Paso road is built probably Gould will be forced into building the El Paso Northern. Any way, the present enterprise is something tangible, while the Gould matter is yet in the dim distance of obscurity. One represents immediate action, while the other is for future consideration."

Now, El Paso, you're talkin'. The above extract from the Tribune's article hits the nail squarely on the head and is the very essence of wisdom and business foresight on the part of the city of El Paso.

We are forcibly reminded of the somewhat ancient tale of the man who was asked to trade his old dog for a young pup, and who, after mature reflection, concluded not to make the trade because, as he said, he knew what the old dog was, while he didn't know how the pup would turn out. We all have ample assurance that the Denver & El Paso Independent road will be built in the near future, if we cities and towns along the proposed route join hands and assist the enterprise to the very reasonable extent asked of us. We know the men at the head of the enterprise. Their business reputation, their personal character, their financial connections and their loyalty to this country are all proven by long residence and daily walk among us.

El Paso can easily satisfy herself as to these facts, if indeed she does not know them already. On the other hand, what does El Paso know of Mr. Gould and his plans? The policy of Mr. Jay Gould and his methods have been so long subjects of public comment that we need not dilate upon the subject. There are very strong reasons for believing that Mr. Gould has no present intention of building the White Oaks road. He made no promises when he bought it. It belongs to him outright, and El Paso has no string to the road. Even if Mr. Gould should, in the future, decide to build the road, it seems to us that such a consummation is much more vague, intangible and uncertain than the Short Line enterprise, which at this very time is being pushed with all the energy and influence at the command of the promoters. Moreover, we cannot help thinking that a through line from El Paso to Denver will be of vastly more consequence to El Paso than a local railroad to White Oaks.

Many other important and weighty considerations are suggested to us on this subject, but we believe the arguments in favor of uniting in a combined, harmonious and enthusiastic effort to assist the Short Line project are so apparent and convince

ing that further reasoning on that score is almost superfluous.

El Paso and Las Vegas are each particularly interested in the building of the Short Line. The two cities are too far apart for any rivalry of interests, yet each will be benefited by the other's growth and progress, and we trust and believe El Paso will fully appreciate the importance to her of this enterprise as we of Las Vegas appreciate its importance to us, and that she will, with unanimous voice, influence and effort, join hands with us and with other points on the line, in the movement which is now under way to carry through the Denver-El Paso enterprise to a successful issue.

IMPRESSIONS OF CALIFORNIA.

Having had a pressing invitation to visit the above state in the interest of intending settlers, this, coupled with a desire specially to see for myself a state so often lauded to the skies, both for its glorious climate and prolific yield of fruit of all kinds, I availed myself of the first opportunity of doing so, with the following results:

First, as to the climate: You can get any you may desire in 10 hours, from the torrid, 120 degrees, to the frigid, where overcoats and ulsters are in demand in the month of August and a fire in the grate would be very comfortable.

Now, as to fruit: There is abundance and more to follow, this industry being yet in its infancy.

My visit being confined to a few days only, I cannot speak fully of the capabilities of the state as a whole, but the San Joaquin valley, embracing Tulare, Fresno and Kern counties, has possibilities greater than the most sanguine settlers can appreciate, some of which I have closely investigated, notably the Paige and Morton orchard at Tulare, Tulare county. Up to the middle of August their books show more than 3,000,000 pounds of green and dried fruit from less than 1,000 acres, most of the trees being about 5 years old, consisting of peaches, pears, nectarines, etc.

Hanford, in Tulare county, is coming well to the front, as also is Visalia and Fresno, and Bakerville is also well in the race, each city trying to outdo the other in their products in quantity and quality, the natural result of which is not far to reach.

Much dissatisfaction has been caused by inexperienced parties coming and settling on lands utterly unsuited to the purpose to which they were applied, added to which entire ignorance of the fruit business as it obtains in the state, to say nothing of unscrupulous land agents (whose greed blinds them to all sense of right,) palming off as they have done, and are now doing, lands utterly worthless and incapable of yielding \$1 to the acre. Good land there is, and plenty of it, but it requires a man well versed in this state and above reproach (they are here) and will guide intending purchasers and see that they get what they are paying for. Some of this rascality has been fully exposed by the press of the country, whose treatment of these fellows is quite refreshing, handling them as they do without gloves.

I need not dilate on the hospitality of the people here, which is proverbial, but would say come and see.

Yours truly, J. C.

MORA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

There was quite a large and harmonious gathering at Mora yesterday attending the Republican convention. Gov. Hadley was elected chairman and Severino Trujillo acted as secretary, and Cristoval Sanchez as interpreter. The following are the tickets nominated:

Legislative Ticket—Matias Mesas, for Mora county; Leon Pinard, for Mora and Colfax. Colfax county will nominate a councilman.

County Ticket—Juan Navarro, sheriff; Carl Wildenstein, county surveyor; Cristoval Sanchez, assessor; Pedro Ortega, treasurer; Palemon Ortiz, county clerk.

After the nominations, Gov. Hadley and Mr. Spies addressed the meeting in some good and encouraging speeches.

THE K. OF P. DANCE.

The K. of P. ball last night was a great social and financial success. About 150 couples whirled in the bewildering mazes of the waltz, polka and schottische, led on by the enlivening strains of Prof. Miller's orchestra, and directed by the distinguished caller, Louie Marcus. The supper was excellent, and was supplied by Studebaker & Munnich, who will be happy and willing to supply many more. This dance is all O. K., said a gentleman to us, "with one exception—the music is so lively and the caller is so diligent that when a bundle of jewels swing into the arms of a gentleman and makes him long to keep it there, suddenly he finds he is encountering another."

The boys look noble in their uniforms.

Red slippers are very fashionable; so are white.

Dancing is a serious matter, we know, but don't go to a ball with a Sunday school face.

Don't wear a long trained dress; it gives your partner so much trouble, you know.

The lads and lasses were strictly in it last night, and may their happiness continue.

LINCOLN-LUCKY COMPANY.

G. W. Middleton, of Denver, one of the owners of the Lincoln-Lucky Mining company, was in the city from San Pedro yesterday. Mr. Middleton is now temporarily in charge of the management of this corporation. R. Y. Anderson, the former manager, has retired from the company, his interests having been bought out by Messrs. S. A. Josephi, Henry Lee, Al. Townsend and other well known Denver capitalists whose past success in working this property has given them unbounded faith in its merits as a money producer. The mines will be operated soon under the management of Robert Clark, late of Aspen. Mr. Clark is now sick at Denver and Mr. Middleton will have control until his recovery. Other changes of local interest consist in the election of E. T. Webber as a member of the directory in place of Anderson, and the appointment of John H. Knaebel as associate council for the company.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Ben Harrison asked one question which the free traders have never been able to answer. Why do the gates of Castle Garden swing inward and never outward?

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