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## ON THE OUTSIDE.

**A Thriving American Town and Its Surroundings—Prescott and What It Looks Like—Ancient Ruins—Mineral Resources—Etc.**

[Correspondence to the San Francisco Post.]  
Prescott, Arizona May 28th.—Recently a traveler who arrived here by stage was overheard to say, as he alighted in the attractive place of this pretty town, an exclamation of surprise: "Well, do you know I shall like Prescott now I've got here, for I don't want to go back over the roads I came." I could have almost declared that "my sentiments" the morning I arrived in the

**CAPITAL OF ARIZONA.**  
And looking around, I did approve. This feeling of pleasure was doubly enhanced by the appearance on the sidewalk of a friend's pleasant face, lighted by a greeting smile. It was made more pleasant still by the announcement that nice quarters, a warm bath, and other *et cetera* so agreeable to the tired and way-worn traveler, were all ready for me. So I quickly made myself presentable and then went with friends to refresh the inner man. I assure you it needed refreshing, very sadly. The ride from Wickenburg, though only 65 miles in length, I found to be as exhausting as the entire 300 miles I had previously done. Thanks to the many kind references made in the press of Southern Arizona to the Post as well as to my own, and the flattering kindness of personal friends at this point, I found a warm welcome and was at once made to feel at home. Prescott is really

**A BOMELIKE PLACE.**  
It would be considered so anywhere, and coming from the barren uncomeliness of arid wastes and the wild and untamed waste of arid wastes and mountains, the change to this fair American town, which constantly recalls some New England or Northern New York village awaking into a larger activity than usual, is quite refreshing. I am led by the aspect of the place to moralize a little on climatic influences as applied to some of our Arizona surroundings. Whatsoever else I may have said, or shall hereafter say about Southern Arizona, I can hardly say with truthfulness that I saw a score of houses or places that looked like home living or that led up to its refining influences. Climate requires one either to live in or out of doors. Here in Prescott with high altitude, cool, even raw, chill evenings, its sub-alpine flora, and the other indications of a decidedly temperate region, one must really live in doors. In Tucson the reverse is almost true. There are no adobe here. I have seen a few low dwellings—reminders of earlier days, but the large majority of buildings are frame and of some business places being of brick, with a few residences also. Really, and without flattery of any kind, Prescott is a very attractive town. It is situated in a small valley or basin, surrounded on all sides by more or less elevated mountain ranges. It is a decidedly picturesque location, but that I shall not further say. The center of the town is a large plaza, now bare, but which is to be occupied at no distant day by county buildings, for which \$60,000 has already been voted.

**YAVAPAI COUNTY.**  
Of which Prescott is the county seat, it must be remembered, not only the largest in area, but the best populated of the five into which the Territory is now divided. It claims, I believe, about 15,000 inhabitants, though in the recent Capital dispute, this was asserted to be greatly exaggerated. The county runs clear across the Territory from the Rio Colorado to the western line of New Mexico. Within its borders are some of the best of Arizona settlements as well as some of the most notable prehistoric life. It takes in some of the most notable topographical features of this remarkable Territory. After leaving Wickenburg, which is on the northern line of Maricopa county, the traveler begins to ascend the mountain range and pass through the elevated valleys which form the westerly trend of the

**GREAT COLORADO PLATEAU.**  
In nearly every locality in this county where ever diligent search has been made, both in veins and in bars and gulches. It is noticed that the lodes when first opened carry a good percentage of gold, but at a greater depth run into carrying silver per cent of silver. This is the common statement among our miners. The Hassayampa and Lynx creek mines have produced richly in gold, and of a very fine quality. They are now being worked with variable success, depending upon the supply of water. Gold is found with it in the granite, felspathic, quartzose, hornblende, slate and talcose rocks, free and intimately mixed with various sulphides, often in beautiful crystals of the octohedral form, especially from the Vulcan mine; wire gold from the Victoria, Hercules and others; also, in scales and nuggets of respectable size.

**GOLD HAS BEEN FOUND.**  
Silver occurs, native, in various lodes, in tangled wires; arborescent filaments and in nuggets; also, as horn silver, chloride, lead, iron, antimony, zinc, etc. The celebrated Black Warrior has produced beautiful specimens of wire silver; also, the Peck, Silver Prince, Tip-Top, Silver Flake, Kit Carson, Lone Star, Little Tiger and others. The Summer lode produces a new combination of ore. The principal vein matter is micaceous iron, iodide of silver, gold, sulphurates of iron and antimony. The name Arizona has been given to it by Mr. H. G. Hanks of San Francisco. I have discovered horn silver in the Peck lode in crystals, assuming the form of the cube, and, with corners truncated, tetrahedral, dodecahedral and hexagonal, and in masses weighing several pounds, and ruby silver from the Little Tiger, Black Canyon district, of beautiful color. Many valuable

**LODES OF COPPER ARE FOUND.**  
Some of the red oxides assaying as high as eighty per cent, some producing metallic copper in nuggets and in the detritic form; also, malachite, blue and green carbonates and azurite as a carbonate, as silicates, also as sulphides and oxides. Gray copper is found in Black Warrior and many other lodes.

**OTHER METALS.**  
Lead is found in abundance as a sulphide and carbonate—rare as a sulphate; found in crystals in the Peck lode. Chromate and phosphate in beautiful crystals from the Lone Tree lode, as molybdate and wolfeite, from the Accidental lode Lynx Creek district, and chloride of lead abundant in many lodes, and usually carrying silver, and some times gold. Zinc, as a sulphide, reddish, brownish red, white and black. It is not very abundant as an ore. Antimony is found as a sulphide disseminated through most of the galena bearing veins. No zinc or quick-silver ores have as yet been discovered. Iron is abundant as sulphide, carbonate, hematite, and usually carrying silver, and some times gold. Manganese, as an oxide, is abundant, and also as manganite. Rock salt can be found in immense deposits, massing near Verdi, and excellent for milling purposes. No complete analysis has been made, but I judge it fully eighty per cent chloride of sodium. Other alkaline soil deposits are found in various localities, by utilizing which sufficient can be obtained to supply our necessities. Gypsum is quite plenty in several localities. About two miles

from Prescott there is a good deposit; also beds in other localities. Kaolin gypsum and alabaster are plenty near Walnut Grove. Limestone is plenty in various localities. Of fluor spar there is a deposit near Hardyville—purple, white and pink. Fire clay is abundant, and of good quality.

Since the great Arizona diamond excitement of four years ago, but little or no interest has been taken, and no prospecting has been done in regard to

**THE DISCOVERY OF PRECIOUS STONES.**  
Yet I cannot believe from the geological formations, but that very valuable stones will yet be brought to notice, perhaps by accident, because the formations here in certain sections present the same characteristics, and are almost identical with those near Bahai and Rio Petanga in Brazil. Near the Peck mine, zirconia, in crystals, very minute, of the cube form and in masses, have been found. Sufficient vein matter has not been found to determine any rich deposit of fine crystals. Black and green tourmalines, peridot, beautiful garnets of every tint, bloodstone, jaspers and agate of every character, fire and white opals are found in certain localities.

**THE PECK MINE.**  
Located in the Peck district, at the present time is the most prominent and the best developed of any mine in this county, and is one of extraordinary interest, both from its richness in silver and in the curious character of its ores. The vein is a true fissure, very wide, partaking of the character of a crater, stained with ferric-oxides, carbonates and chlorides of lead and copper, richly impregnated with chloride and horn silver, presenting a great variety of tints and forms, deeply interesting and puzzling to miners and others. From other sources I learn much additional to the data I have given from Mr. Howard's pen. This region was the first, and is, so far, with the exception of the Pioneer and Globe districts and the McCrackin mine, the only mining locality under California influences and mining skill. Prescott was really the first town laid out by Americans, and dates to the organization of the Territory in 1856. In this section there is at the present time more mining activity, except as to the

**GLOBE AND FLORESER DISTRICTS.**  
Than exists elsewhere in the Territory. I am not thereby deprecating the wonderful mineral resources of the Arivaca and Cerro Colorado, the Patagonia region and especially the famous Solero and other mines of this

**SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS.**  
There are eight or ten miles, from a two-stamp one in the Walnut Grove district, to the large and well equipped one known as the Vulcan, near Wickenburg, now not used, but which, it is reported, is soon to be set in motion again. What is wanted, not only here but in all Arizona, is reduction works, mills and furnaces. There is an abundance of good prospects, but when the ore requires to be hauled east or west from 900 to 1,500 miles, it takes all the profit from the pioneer. I find myself unable to give, having occupied so much space, those details as to Prescott itself which are in justice demanded. To close, then, let me say that there are, without doubt, paying claims and mines being worked in the Peck, Lynx, Tiger, Bradshaw, east of west and Pine Grove districts, which are the best so far found in this section. There is a good deal of talk of the Zalida mine, specimens of ore from which have been assayed here and found to be very rich. Men have been set to work and the community generally is aglow with hope. More anon. R. J. H.

**LETTER FROM T. J. BUTLER.**  
I thought I realized the strength of sunshine with the thermometer above a hundred in years past, but the late heated term in this Valley has upset all my former estimates and given me enlarged views on the subject of white heat. At this place and at Reading, 36 miles north of here, I have endured several days with the mercury indicating from 104 to 106 under the scorching influence of a north wind. To-day the breeze is from the south, tempered with the influence of the sea, the thermometer goes down to 80°, and we are happy. Fortunately for the farmers the crops were too far advanced before the heated term began, to be injured by it, and the consequence is a fair yield of wheat and barley.

This town is probably the richest business place in the State in proportion to its population, which is owing to several causes. One is fair crops, and another, the fact that this is the headquarters of the great Sierra Plume and Lumber Co. Here are the mouths of their long flumes, one of which is more than forty miles in length, bringing millions of feet of sugar-pine lumber from the pineries in the mountains to their planing mills, saw factories, etc., here, from whence it is shipped by rail to all parts of the State. Here is the longest and best bridge in the State, which spans the Sacramento river, and is free for all, being built at county expense.

This is the great wool market of the State, where buyers congregate to secure northern wool, which is free from burrs and a better staple than that raised in the south; consequently, wool raisers usually secure better prices here than the same wool will bring in San Francisco. During my ten days' stay there has been a constant stream of wagons loaded with wool pouring into the depot, some of them coming all the way from Oregon.

Nearly all the school girls in short dresses that I knew here a few years ago are now married, and some of them are the mothers of children, which seems very queer when the length of time is considered in which such change has been wrought, but I suppose it is only the fulfillment of destiny. If such things must be, so mote it be. Red Bluff, Cal., June 15, 1877.

A correspondent of the San Francisco Post, writing from Pima county, says of an old Aztec mine recently found by Tom Roddie, for many years a resident of this county, and others:

**THE VERITABLE AZTECS.**  
In days long gone by sunk the shaft, and the only work done upon it so far has been the cleaning of it out, which work, I am assured, took less than two weeks. I tried some of the ore this morning and found it very high grade. This vein was discovered by old Tom Roddie and James Britton, and the owners are T. Roddie, Warner Back, James Britton and L. M. Jacobs & Co. There are two locations on this lode called the Josephine and Emma. Apropos of the latter name "Old Tom" wishes it distinctly understood that it is no relation whatever of the notorious "Emma" of Utah; that his is a well-behaved, virtuous mine, with which neither American nor any "blasted" English speculator has had improper dealings; that his price is not \$5,000,000, as one-fifth of that amount will satisfy him at present. There are said to be over thirty of these old mines near by the Emma. May they all prove as rich and profitable as she seems likely to do.