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THE CASA GRANDE VALLEY.

Information for Those Seeking Homes In the Garden Spot of the West.

Pinal county was organized in 1875 from portions of Pima, Maricopa and Yavapai counties, and contains an area of 5,368 square miles, or 3,435,520 acres, one-third of which could be made productive by a systematic storage of the surplus water now running to waste. Next to Maricopa it is the most important agricultural county in the Territory. It is traversed from east to west by the Southern Pacific railroad, and a branch of the great Santa Fe system is now approaching from the north. The objective point of this road is a connection with the Sonora road, of the same system. The Southern Pacific is also building in this direction from Tempe, and it is confidently believed that work will not cease until the Deer Creek coal fields are reached and connection is made with another branch of that road running from Bowie to Globe and now completed to Fort Thomas.

Thus it will be seen that Pinal county is the theater of railroad building at the present time, and inside of a year Florence, the county seat, will be

A RAILROAD CENTER.

At present it contains a population of about 1500, but with the completion of these two railroads and the Butte reservoir no city in Arizona can approach it for natural advantages, and a large increase in population will follow. Florence is at an elevation of 1553 feet above sea level, situated near the Gila river, twenty-six miles northwest of the railroad station of Casa Grande, with which it is connected by an elegantly equipped daily stage line. Going and coming stages run by the old Casa Grande ruins, and passengers are allowed a short time to inspect them. There are many handsome private residences in Florence, several brick stores, good hotel, an excellent graded school employing four teachers, churches, secret societies, a Commercial Club, a newspaper (the only one in the county), and the handsomest court house in the Territory. Here is held the United States Court for the district composed of Gila, Graham and Pinal counties. The streets are lined with shade trees, which impart an air of comfort on the warmest days.

PRODUCTS OF THE VALLEY.

Unlike the Salt river, the waters of the Gila are fresh and pure; the soil contains no alkali, is a deep, rich gray ash, especially adapted to the growth of the prune, olive, almond, peach, fig, pear, apricot and fruits of all kinds, which pay largely on the investment. It is also the natural home of alfalfa, which grows in the most prolific manner. The grape does exceptionally well in this valley, and wine and raisin culture is destined to become a prominent industry. Citrus fruits have been cultivated to a limited extent; there are a number of orange trees in the neighborhood of Florence which bear their golden fruit each year without protection, and a few date palm trees are also in full bearing. The season is from six weeks to two months earlier than Southern California, which gives fruit growers an appreciated advantage in

THE EARLY MARKETS.

The absence of fogs and nightly dews is a formidable obstacle to the destructive and unsightly scale-bug, and the fruits of the valley are all bright and clean. All the agricultural products of temperate and semi-tropic zones are easily grown here, the long seasons giving a succession of crops that double or treble the productive value of the land.

PRICES OF LAND.

Improved lands, with government title and water right, can be bought for from $20 to $50 per acre, according to location and improvements. In the immediate neighborhood and to the south of the Casa Grande ruins there are thousands of acres covered with a heavy growth of mesquite timber yet open to settlement. These are among the choicest in the valley. Water in inexhaustible quantity is found at a depth of from twenty to thirty feet; in fact, a river seems to be flowing underneath. Here is a splendid opportunity to take up and improve land with a pumping system of irrigation, which is said to be successful on small tracts. However, with the completion of the Butte reservoir, pumping will be a thing of the past, and it is only mentioned here for the purpose of showing what can be done, and to magnify the further fact that what was once considered

AN UNINHABITABLE DESERT

is in truth the most productive land on the globe, and that there is water in abundance to bring every foot of it under cultivation, only waiting for the magic wand of capital to develop it. There is no water-storage scheme on the Pacific coast that has one-half the natural advantages and so few engineering difficulties as the Butte reservoir. Here nature has built the abutments in ever-living rock, and all that is left for man to do is to put in the headgate, the bluffs which form the gorge being only separated by a paltry 220 feet. A country is drained through this narrow canyon 200 miles square, representing 40,000 square miles, or larger than Maine and Massachusetts combined. The rainfall is sufficient to fill the reservoir twice a year, and the land to be brought under cultivation is practically limitless. This may read like a fairy tale, but it is every word true, and has been verified time and again.

CASA GRANDE RESERVOIR.

The reservoir of the Casa Grande Valley Canal company is the largest in the territory. It covers a surface of 1800 acres, with an average depth of 12 feet, and contains about eight thousand million gallons of water. It is situated fifteen miles southwest of Florence. A levee of earth has been thrown up across a depression in the plain 14,000 feet in length, 125 feet in width at the bottom and 25 feet in width at top, 2 to 1 slope on each side, and an average height of 25 feet. The waste is regulated by 3 cast iron pipes 3 feet in diameter, set in solid masonry, regulated by gates and tower. This reservoir cost $150,000, and supplies water for 6,000 acres.

Meteorological Statistics.

The signal service of the general government maintained a station at Florence from 1874 to 1882. The reports covering the period from July, 1880, to April, 1882, gives the following statistics, which may be taken as a safe guide to the prevailing temperature given during the series of six years:

1880.	Mean.	Max.	Min.
July	86.5	111	61
August	86.5	112	60
September	81.5	107	45
October	58.0	98	32
November	52.1	80	25
December	50.9	77	27
1881.			
January	45.7	78	21
February	54.7	85	21
March	54.7	93	29
April	69.1	100	48
May	74.7	104	45
June	83.7	113	44
July	87.9	112	64
August	84.5	110	62
September	77.5	103	50
October	67.4	98	36
November	52.4	80	26
December	52.2	81	28
1882.			
January	46.4	79	28
February	49.5	72	27
March	57.3	92	35
April	62.1	100	32

The heat as represented in the above table during the months of June, July and August is nothing like as unbearable as in the Eastern States, and death from

SUNSTROKE IS UNKNOWN

In fact, in a residence of sixteen years in Arizona the writer has only known two persons to be overcome by the heat, and they recovered. Their condition, however, was more the result of whisky than heat. The air is so dry here that a registered temperature of 119 degrees is not as oppressive as 80 degrees in St. Louis or New York. The Signal Service bureau has recognized this fact, and reports the difference between the apparent and sensible temperature to be fully 30 degrees. At nearly all times there is a pleasant breeze; the nights are invariably cool in the summer, and out-door labor is performed without serious discomfort to either man or beast on the warmest days. Very seldom does the thermometer get below the freezing point in winter, and in the gardens of Florence to-day are castor bean plants two years or more old.

UNTOUCHED BY FROST.

Orange and lemon trees require slight protection during the winter for a year or two, until the wood is sufficiently hardened.

While it is a popular thing for one to say that he is "not here for his health," it is an undisputed fact that for all pulmonary ailments no climate on earth is equal to Southern Arizona, and there are numbers of active, industrious citizens, with but one lung, who came here years ago, expecting to live but a few weeks. But for all that, the wonderful Casa Grande valley is something better than a health resort.

That portion of the great Casa Grande valley lying along the line of the Southern Pacific railway in the vicinity of Casa Grande and Arizola is at present, and with good reason considered one of the most desirable portions of this magnificent Southern Arizona. Great changes have been made in the appearance of this part of the valley during the last four years. It was about that long ago that the Florence canal was completed and the work of actual improvement begun. It is useless to deny that under our present water system there is nothing like a sufficient water to irrigate this vast body of land

THE CASA GRANDE VALLEY CANAL

is forty-three miles in length and covers 60,000 acres of land, about 7,000 of which are under cultivation. It is so constructed that it can be easily enlarged and its capacity increased. A reservoir covering 1,800 acres, having storage capacity of eight billion gallons, in the southeast corner of township 6, range 8, gives ample supply of water the year round to all farmers located below it, but those above suffer by a shortage of water during a few weeks in summer.

It is proposed to remedy this by the construction of a huge reservoir at the Buttes, fifteen miles northeast of Florence. Competent engineers have examined and reported upon the scheme and pronounce it feasible.

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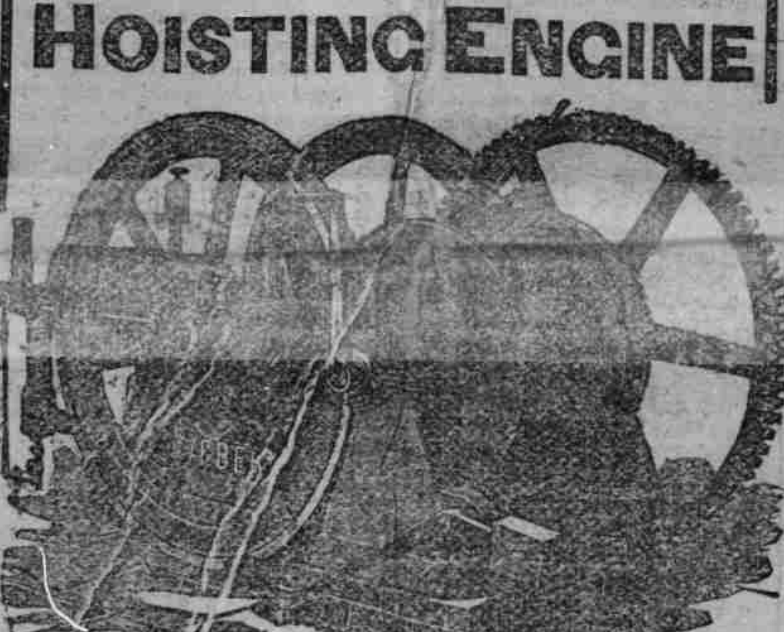

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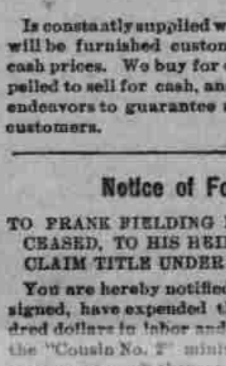
Dated June 12th, 1897. jel9-3mo

My address is Goldfield, Arizona.



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Days.		Through Time Card.		Days
Mond	4.30pm	lv....San Francisco....ar	6.45p	Tuesy
Tuesy	10.00a	lv......Mohave......ar	4.15p	Tuesy
Tuesy	7.00a	lv....San Diego....ar	1.15p	Tuesy
Tuesy	9.50a	lv...Los Angeles...ar	8.30a	Tuesy
Tuesy	4.10p	lv.....Barstow.....ar	1.00a	Tuesy
Tuesy	11.25p	lv...The Needles...ar	6.05p	Mond
Wed	2.40a	lv.....Kingman.....ar	4.22p	Mond
Wed	7.40a	ar....Ash Fork....lv	12.25p	Mond
Mond	10.00p	lv.....Chicago.....ar	9.00p	Wedn
Mond	10.30p	lv....St. Louis....ar	6.15p	Wedn
Tuesy	11.30a	lv...Kansas City...ar	7.05a	Wedn
Wedn	3.00a	lv......Denver......ar	5.00p	Tuesy
Wedn	8.40p	lv..Albuquerque..ar	10.35p	Mond
Thurs	5.33a	lv.....Holbrook.....ar	1.41p	Mond
Thurs	7.15a	lv.....Winslow.....ar	12.10p	Mond
Thurs	9.45a	lv....Flagstaff....ar	10.25a	Mond
Thurs	12.10p	ar....Ash Fork....lv	8.05a	Mond

S. bound Passenger No. 1 Lve daily	STATIONS. MOUNTAIN TIME	N. bound Passenger No. 2 Lve daily
12.35p	Lv....Ash Fork....Ar	7.30a
1.20p	......Rock Butte......	6.25a
2.15p	........Del Rio........	5.58a
2.27p	....Jerome Junction....	5.21a
3.10p	Ar.....Prescott.....Lv	4.30a
3.15p	Lv.....Prescott.....Ar	.18a
3.45p	.......Summit.......	.48a
4.35p 4.55p	*.....Skull Valley.....	2.58a
5.15p	........Kirkland........	2.33a
5.32p	........Hillside........	1.52a
6.45p	..Congress Junction..	12.55a
7.20p	......Wickenburg......	12.17a
7.47p	....Hot Springs Jc....	11.47p
8.44p	........Peoria........	10.39p
8.55p	......Glendale......	10.27p
9.05p	......Alhambra......	10.15p
9.30p	Ar.....Phoenix.....Lv	10.00p

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5 50a	..........Deming..........	11 10
3 45	........Lordsburg........	1 10p
1 05p	..........Willcox..........	4 07
11 10	..........Benson..........	5 40
9 05	Lv ......Tucson...... Ar	7 30
8 45	Ar Lv	7 50
6 26	..........Arizola..........	9 26
6 22	......Casa Grande......	9 30
5 45	........Maricopa........	10 10
4 10	........Gila Bend........	11 40
11 55	..........Yuma..........	3 49a
2 30	Lv......Los Angeles......	2 05a
3 30	Lv......San Francisco......Ar	10 45a

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West.	STATIONS.	East.
6 00am	Lv........Benson........Ar	3 40pm
8 50am	........Fairbank........	1 00pm
1 00am	........Huachuca........	12 10pm
1 40am	........Crittenden........	10 20am
1 37pm	........Calabasas........	9 00am
1 15pm	........Nogales........	8 30am

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Maricopa and Phœnix and Salt River Valley Railroad.

Public Time Table No. 42.

In Effect Thursday, July 1, 1897.

Pacific Standard Time.

The Company reserves the right to change time of running all trains without notice.

Maricopa Division.

Phœnix to Maricopa: Frt. & Pass. Daily No. 1	Dist'nce from Phœnix.	STATIONS.	Dist'nce from Maricopa.	Maricopa to Phœnix: Daily No. 2 Frt. & Pass.
8 00p		Lv.....Phœnix.....Ar	34.28	7 40a
8 30p	7.77	........Tempe........	26.51	7 10a
f8 40p	10.77	......Petersen......	23.51	f7 00a
f8 55p	16.16	........Kyrene........	18.12	f6 45a
f9 20p	26.66	........Sacaton........	7.62	f6 20a
9 40p	34.28	Ar.....Maricopa.....Lv		6 00a

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7 20a	1 30p	Lv.......Mesa.......Ar	10 30a	6 00p
8 00a	2 00p	.........Tempe.........	10 00a	5 30p
8 30a	2 30p	Ar.......Phœnix.......Lv	9 30a	5 00p

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Proclamation of Reward.

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL come:

Whereas, Official information has been received by me from the District Attorney of the County of Graham, Territory of Arizona, that Augustine Chacon, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to be executed at the May term of the District Court, 1896, at Solomonville, in the County of Graham, the judgment of said court afterward being affirmed by the Supreme Court of the Territory, and the said Chacon being resentenced to be executed on the 18th day of June, 1897, and

Whereas, I am officially informed that said Augustine Chacon did, on the 9th day of June, 1897, escape from the jail at Solomonville, in the said County of Graham.

Now, therefore, I, B. J. Franklin, Governor of the Territory of Arizona, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby offer Five Hundred ($500) Dollars Reward for the apprehension of said fugitive from justice and his detention in any jail in the United States.

In testimony thereof I have this twelfth day of June set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed. [SEAL.]

Done at Phœnix, the Capital, this twelfth day of June, A. D. 1897.

By the Governor, B. J. FRANKLIN.

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