

Drive Down the Pecos.

(Continued.)

So much ground has been passed over and by this time we are so far from the Pecos river, that the above heading is hardly suitable, but as the whole trip is connected it will make no difference.

White Oaks is about 6,100 feet above the level of the sea, and is so splendidly sheltered by mountains and forests that the climate is excellent. A good school has been arranged for the winter and a good attendance is anticipated. While we are on this subject we can honestly say, that a more beautiful school site cannot be found than is afforded at White Oaks. Any eastern man who desires a pleasant place to live and remunerative employment for his surplus capital cannot do better than to go to this young and flourishing district.

Compare for example the positions of Leadville and White Oaks. The former is nearly eleven thousand feet above the level of the sea with a rigorous climate, unhealthy, long weary winters with almost perpetual snow, while the latter is at least 4,000 feet lower, with beautiful forests, magnificent plains and mountains. Scenery that cannot be surpassed in Alpine regions or smiling Italy. Flowers bloom almost the year round, in summer the rose, in winter the fern. Winter is one continued round of sunny days and as President Hayes said in his address at the depot "The people never think of robust health, for that is a matter of course."

Desiring to see the freight route from White Oaks to Las Vegas, arrangements were made with a gentleman by the name of Ellis who was coming through, and early Tuesday morning, October 17th the party consisting of five gentlemen in all, pulled out of White Oaks. The route taken runs nearly east until the old Fort Stanton freight road was reached, which is about ten miles out from the junction of the two roads the course of the traveler is almost north and passes almost directly through the center of the group of mountains known as the Jicarillas. These mountains are known to be full of gold. They were prospected and many rich finds made long before the Homestake was thought of. The only drawback in this district is the lack of water, but for which diligent search is now being made. Doctor Suttin having spent considerable time there, during several months past trying to obtain water by boring. J. Hoeradic lives on the north slope of these mountains and has secured sufficient water for all ordinary purposes by making artificial lakelets by means of a succession of dams across a large cañon. From Hoeradic's to Alkali wells it is a distance of 43 miles. During this entire distance there is not a dwelling to be seen. Nothing but one wild waste of plains covered with a heavy growth of gamma grass, piñon and cedar timber.

The first days travel brought us to a small lake just east of the Manzana mountains where camp was struck for the night. The next morning our line of march was resumed, with nothing more to relieve the monotony than had occurred the previous day. Just at sun down Alkali wells were reached. There is a little plaza here and considerable stock is kept. Quite a large lake lies to the east, which at present is full. The borders of the lake are covered with a deposit of alkali which gives the shore a white appearance and which sends up a cloud like smoke with every gust of wind. This little camp is one of the principal stopping places on the road to or from the White Oaks. The well at this place always affords an abundance of water, which is very good though a little brackish to the taste. For about three miles north of this place, the road is quite sandy. Between alkali wells and the Pedernals, several large herds of antelope were seen. They however, sniffed danger afar off and lit out at a lively rate across the rolling prairies. Pedernal is a cluster of three or four barren peaks composed entirely of flint rock, as the name indicates. Water was found here but it partook of the sheep, sheepy and was not relished by either man or beast. It was a pool of water caught by a solid basin of rock.

A large flock of several thousand sheep were using it for their head drinking quarters.

The fourth day's travel lay between Pedernals and the Pecos river. One of the heaviest bodies of piñon timber covers this expanse of country. The face of the country is quite rolling and is quite frequently intersected by deep cañons.

This is one of the finest portions of New Mexico and a better sheep country could not be had. About 18 miles before reaching the Pecos river we came to Lewellings ranch. Here a well has been dug and an abundance of water obtained.

Mr. Lewelling, of east Las Vegas, is stocking this ranch and ere long will have one of the most desirable pieces of property in the country, as the well was dug during the terrible drouth and will therefore always afford an abundance of water for a large amount of stock. Here we also came across one of the many Buckeye mowers sold by O. L. Houghton during the past season.

From Lewelling's ranch to Las Vegas there is nothing special to attract attention with the exception of the Pecos river, where a toll gate is kept.

This road is good throughout its entire length and is much nearer than any other, being only about 165 miles by it from this city to the White Oaks. It is a long ways between neighbors on this road, the ranches being from 30 to 40 miles apart.

Water can undoubtedly be found in many places along it. Several new wells in addition to the old ones already established greatly tend to concentrate the entire trade of White Oaks at Las Vegas. This trade is important and is worth looking after. It is growing and other cities will strive to turn it in other directions. It is ours now and will always remain so, if a little effort is put forth.

The lower Pecos and the White Oaks are rich and growing countries. It will be but a few months or a few years at least until the freight carried to that country will be simply immense and the first railroad that runs into it will reap a rich reward.

It is a magnificent field, and the citizens of Las Vegas should make an unanimous effort to have the A. T. & S. F. road or the narrow gauge to build a line of road into that country. A line could easily be constructed as the grades are easy and the timber is plenty. There would be large amounts of freight both ways, as it would be much cheaper for the people of Las Vegas to ship the grain and hay produced by the fertile agricultural lands of the lower Pecos, from that country instead of from the States. Then, too, the money produced by the mines would be kept in the country and not shipped away as at present. This is a matter that the business men of Las Vegas and northern New Mexico should take in hand at once and push with energy. Every influence possible should be brought to bear, to secure this desirable end, for no other enterprise would so effectually settle the future status of this city.

We have thus attempted to give a description of the country passed over during a three week's trip down the Pecos and return. It has necessarily been very much condensed, as there was so much seen and so much worthy of note, that had it been given in full, several articles the length of the present would not have sufficed to give the facts in the case.

We have simply this to say in closing, that the lower Pecos, Spring Rivers and Hondo valley and the White Oaks countries, in fact, the whole of the northern portion of Lincoln county and southern San Miguel is the richest, finest and fairest portion of New Mexico.

The American Independent Association.

This organization extends an invitation to all men who wish to become members to attend any of their meetings and inform themselves thoroughly whether or not to become members of the Association. No distinction is made by the Association in regard to nationality. All meetings are held at their hall in West Las Vegas, at the rear end of the Catholic church, the two-story building west of Odd Fellows' hall.

M. ESTES, J. K. RAWLINGS, President, Secretary.

Mr. T. W. Garrard and his son James Garrard came up on Thursday evening from their sheep ranch at Los Chupines. They have finished shearing and their this fall's clip amounts to 23,000 pounds of first-class quality of wool. This amount figured at 20 cents per pound makes a sum total of \$4,600. Now when it is remembered that another clip equally as good as this one will be made again in the spring, some idea of the profit of wool growing in this country can be formed. Besides the two crops of wool annually obtained, Mr. Garrard reared about 4,000 lambs, which at weaning time are worth \$1.50 per head. The expenses are also much less than in any other business considering the large returns.

Local Items.

The night operator has a good time waiting for a wire.

Mr. Talbott returned from Albuquerque yesterday.

There will not be much of the old Wagner house left by night.

Messrs. Clements & Fleitz are in town from the Half-Way saw mill.

The ladies of the M. E. church are making arrangements for a thanksgiving entertainment.

Some rich discoveries have been made at the Holy Cross mine in the Manzana mountains.

E. B. Hampton, Baugh's Siding; Geo. H. Laub, Tie Camp, are registered at the Summer House.

The Gazette job office is now kept running night and day, the same as the rest of the establishment.

Don Francisco Gonzales of La Cienega, Santa Fe county, is in the city, and called on the GAZETTE yesterday.

The agency of the Hamburg, Magdeburg Insurance Co. has been transferred to C. R. Browning of East Vegas.

E. Gallegos, San Hilario; V. Parker, Avery; A. LaRue, wife and two children are registered at the St. Nicholas hotel.

When General Sherman made his appearance to address the assembled people yesterday, some fellow familiarly called out: "Halloa, Tom."

Mr. Verge Parker came up yesterday from White Oaks. Mr. Parker is engaged in mining at that point and owns some very valuable interests.

It would be well for parties living along Main street to employ somebody to direct the unloading of the dirt which is now being hauled, and smothering it down.

No telegraph report last night. The old rotten, good-for-nothing wire was down again. This thing of paying a big price for a report and not receiving a word of it is becoming an intolerable bore.

Notice. Anyone having an account against Las Vegas Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F. on account of the anniversary ball, will please present the same to-day, to J. D. Wolf or Theo. Rutenbeck.

A large assortment of flannels and waterproofs at J. ROSENWALD & Co's.

Ladies suits, silk, morino and flannel, perfect beauties, at J. ROSENWALD & Co's.

Corsets of all descriptions at J. ROSENWALD & Co's.

Blankets, a full stock at J. ROSENWALD & Co's.

The first instalment of our fall and winter goods have arrived. Daily heavy additions will make it the most perfect stock in ladies' and gents' goods in this market both for wholesale and retail trade.

J. ROSENWALD & Co.

High ball at Chapman's Hall every night. 91 St.

High ball at Harry Bramm's to-night with free lunch.

The party who borrowed my Orendorf's grammar and key will please return the same without further notice or else his name will be published in full. HY HYSINGER.

A. J. Crawford has a large number of live turkeys for sale. 21.

Two hundred boxes of boots and shoes just opened at the store of C. E. WESCHE.

Come and inspect that beautiful cloth for ladies' riding habits at C. E. WESCHE'S.

A full stock of knitted jackets, hoods, rubias, scarfs and other winter wear for ladies and children just received at the store of C. E. WESCHE.

The following dispatch just received by Mr. Hysin er, from the East, dated Oct. 25, 1880: "Please advertise our whole stock at cost to make room for the enormous stock of goods I have bought. ISIDOR STERN."

According to the above advice I have the pleasure of informing the citizens of Las Vegas that in compliance with above advice all goods will be sold at eastern prices with freight added for the next ten days. HY HYSINGER, with ISIDOR STERN.

Those ladies hats and bonnets received yesterday are beauties indeed. They are perfectly lovely. On exhibition at J. ROSENWALD & Co.

Quail, prairie chickens and turkeys fresh from the plains of Kansas, at A. J. Crawford's.

Another car load of flour, the best in town, received by J. GRAFF & Co.

One hundred dozen ran-h eggs just received at A. J. Crawford's.

Pickled pigs feet at A. J. Crawford's

Buckwheat Flour at n83if J. GRAFF & Co's.

L. L. Howison of the Model Store, east side, has a full assortment of boots and shoes which he sells at the lowest cash figures. 83if

For heavy shawls, jackets, cloaks, scarfs, rubias, corsets, flannels, plaids, repellents, waterproofs, merinos, velvets, tickings, drillings, canton flannels, jeans, rufing, white and colored wadding, go to C. E. WESCHE, on the plaza.

A fresh lot of fancy groceries just received at C. E. WESCHE's store on the plaza.

Gents, boys and childrens ready made clothing at J. ROSENWALD & Co. 41-4f.

Two good carpenters wanted immediately by FRANK OGDEN. 41-4f

O. L. Houghton has ordered an entire outfit of tinners tools and machinery and will open a tin shop in connection with his store on the plaza. He will be prepared to do all kind of tin work, repairing, etc. ts

Something new! new! new! Self-raising Buckwheat flour at n83if J. GRAFF & Co's.

Fresh Oysters, Fresh Oysters, at n83if J. GRAFF & Co's.

If you want something good and cheap in the boot and shoe line, go to C. E. WESCHE's store on the plaza.

Flannels of all colors at 81if JAFFA BROS.

All kinds of fall and winter goods just received at JAFFA BROS.

Reopened.

Mr. Philip Holzman has reopened his store on the east side in the corner building formerly occupied by Fraley's meat market where he will be happy to see all his friends and customers. 1f.

A car load of bar iron will be received in a few days by O. L. Houghton. 3

WANTED.—A woman to do general housework. Apply for information to this office.

New boots and shoes, a large stock, just received at JAFFA BROS.

Frank Ogden has received a car-load of sash, doors and blinds, which he will sell cheaper than anybody. 4f

A car load of glass at RUPE & CASTLE'S.

A car load of nails at RUPE & CASTLE'S.

A car load of pickets at RUPE & CASTLE'S.

S. H. Lucas Manufacturer of Mexican Filigree Jewelry.

The manufacture of Filigree Jewelry by native workmen being a specialty in my business, and many persons having expressed a desire to witness the process, I hereby extend a cordial invitation to all who may visit this city to call (presenting this card) and give me the pleasure of conducting them through my Factory Santa Fe N. M.

S. H. LUCAS.

Notice. All persons indebted to me either by note or account are hereby notified that D. P. Shields Esq., is my only authorized agent and attorney for collection of the same. C. E. WESCHE.—4f.

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Dat meat of de bear at de Centre St. Bakery am de boss.

Remember we keep on hand a full supply of bread, buns, pies, cakes, also the very choicest meats for the lunch counter.

Miss L. R. Moore, late of Chicago has recently brought from Eastern cities a full stock of fashionable millinery and has opened a store two doors west of St. Nicholas Hotel, in Las Vegas, where she is prepared to suit all customers who desire latest styles in either goods or work. All ladies who desire anything in her line are cordially invited to give her a call before purchasing elsewhere. 66-e-o-d.3c.

O. L. Houghton has a regular arsenal of fire-arms, the largest stock in all the west. It is not only for a retail, but for a wholesale trade that he is prepared. His advantages for buying enables him to sell this class of goods as low as they can be got anywhere.

Green Backs. Now is your time to go to Isidor Stern's. He must mark goods down to make room for the immense stock of goods now in transit. Everything will be sold at cost until the new stock arrives. Call early and late.

Lockhart & Co. have received a large stock of oils and paints, also "Holdens enamel paint" which is water proof and ready for use, is constantly kept by them. 50-4f.

A large and new stock of the very latest designs in wall paper just received at JAFFA BROS.

Boiled cider, a good article, at Bell & Cartan's.

YOUR LIFE Should be Insured in a Reliable Company! The expense is so small that you will not feel the tax. We can accommodate you with any of the most approved plans. You should insure against ACCIDENTS. In the Travelers Insurance Company, Pledging you any sum from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in case of death and from \$5 to \$50 a week in case of bodily injuries. WE REPRESENT THE BEST FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES. \$30,000 PAID IN LATE FIRE. \$13,000 IN HOT SPRINGS FIRE. Combined Capital over \$30,000,000. Losses Paid over \$100,000,000. MILLS & HADLEY, GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS, LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO.

WHAT! Fall and Winter Stock ALREADY AT THE New York Clothing Store! OF COURSE, AND AT THE LOWEST PRICES! DONT FAIL TO CALL. Also Agents for Devlin & Co., For Suits Made to Order

Cottages to Rent. Two new cottages to rent at the Hot Springs. Apply to the New York Clothing Store, East Las Vegas. 314-4f. Indian Pottery. The largest stock, in the United States, of Indian pottery, both ancient and modern, at M. A. Gold's Indian department, Santa Fe, N. M. 41-4f.

Reliable Insurance LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE. HOME, of New York. SPRINGFIELD, Fire and Marine, Mass. C. R. BROWNING, Ag't. Office in the new town. Coffins, Caskets and Undertaking Goods of all kinds kept constantly on hand by FRANK OGDEN, Las Vegas, N. M. Orders promptly filled.

Clean towels and sharp razors at Judd's Barber Shop, Exchange Hotel. Brick for sale in large or small quantities, at LOCKHART & Co's. A fresh assortment of gent's furnishing goods just received at the store of C. E. WESCHE. All kinds of wolen goods just received and for sale at low figures, at J. ROSENWALD & Co. 41-4f

Ribbons for the millions at J. ROSENWALD & Co. Ladies suits, silk, satin, cashmere the most beautiful goods you can wish for at J. ROSENWALD & Co. Gents, ready made clothing, a large stock at J. ROSENWALD & Co. Boots and shoes a complete stock at J. ROSENWALD & Co. —Go to M. Heise, on the south side of the plaza for fine wines, liquors and gars. 253-4f

Go to Judd's Barber Shop and get scraped, Exchange Hotel. 1f. Pickets for sale at Lockhart & Co's planing mill. 29-4f. NOTICE—is hereby given that I have at present no agent or agents whatsoever and that all my business affairs will be managed by myself PHILIP HOLZMAN, Las Vegas, Sept. 22, 1880. 49-4f. Ladies cloth, Merinos, Cashmeres, in every variety at JAFFA BROS. A full assortment of Homeopathic remedies constantly kept on hand at the Central Drug Store. 318-4f.