

# THE NEEDLES

(THE METROPOLIS OF THE COLORADO)

## A Railroad and Mining Center and a Health Resort.

### THE FUTURE GREAT CITY,

The Needles Bound to Become a Thriving Metropolis.

Industries Being Developed on the Mojave Desert.

Colorado Syndicate Expending Large Sums on Mineral Properties.

The Needles Considered as a Resort for Invalids Afflicted With Pulmonary Troubles—Handsome Public School Building.

On the California side of the Colorado river, just 12 hours' ride from Los Angeles, and on the eastern edge of the Mojave desert, is located the thriving, prosperous and promising city of The Needles. Here some 2500 happy and contented people are residing engaged in various pursuits, and if the signs of the times are to be read aright, in two years the population will be increased to 10,000.

The Needles has existed as a city for 10 years, but it has only been within the last two years that it has attained any prominence to speak of. When the Atlantic and Pacific road was completed as far as the Colorado river, across the territory of Arizona, it was met at The Needles by a branch of the Southern Pacific, which had been built out from Mojave across the desert of that name. It was then that the town of The Needles sprang into existence, it being the junction point of the two great roads. Later the Atlantic and Pacific company purchased from the Southern Pacific the branch that had been built out of Mojave, and ever since that corporation has been in control and managing the road.

In many ways The Needles is essentially a railroad town, although it is the supply center for a mining region unexcelled in the world for its wonderful richness. Here is the end of a division of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad machine and repair shops are located here, a large round house and other auxiliary branches of the great corporation. Thirty-five conductors run in and out of The Needles daily, and the railroad company dispenses monthly here the sum of \$50,000 in salaries to its employees and wages paid to labor.

The general superintendent of the Atlantic and Pacific road is Mr. T. R. Gabel, who has his headquarters at Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Gabel is a young man, but he is old in experience as a railroad manager. Under his wise and sagacious supervision the road, although operating through a very rough country, difficult of access and still more difficult to maintain a road bed in, has been kept up to a high standard. Mr. Gabel is a courteous gentleman, and he has surrounded himself by an efficient corps of assistants in the management. The other officers are: J. Denair, superintendent of transportation; J. Robins, train master, New Mexico division; C. R. Perry, train master, Arizona division; H. P. Aldrich, train master, California division; C. N. Steery, general attorney; W. A. Bissell, general freight and passenger agent; H. C. Busb, assistant general freight and passenger agent; W. W. Pope, auditor; C. E. Cray, cashier; H. S. Van Slyck, general agent; Bruce Tyler, claim agent.

### COLORADO CAPITAL.

Capitalists from the Centennial State Invest Largely.

The mineral resources of the country in and around The Needles, as has been before stated, are simply unbounded. The development of these rich mines, which has already been commenced, is bound to make a city, and all that is required is capital, push and energy—all of which are at hand.

Within the past year a Denver syndicate of capitalists, headed by Isaac E. Blake, W. F. Crosby and other prominent Colorado millionaires, have invested heavily in mining enterprises in and around The Needles. These gentlemen have all made immense fortunes in developing mineral properties. They are experienced and have the financial aid to assist them in the important work which they are undertaking in the Mojave desert country and at The Needles.

The Colorado syndicate have taken hold of affairs in earnest. On or about the 1st day of February The Needles National bank will be open for business in an elegant new building adjoining Monaghan & Murphy's store. The bank has a capital stock of \$50,000, all of which has been paid in. Mr. Crosby is president of the bank, and Frank W. Gove, a well-known young business man of Denver and Pueblo, is the cashier. Mr. Gove brings to his important position a business experience of some years. He is already on the ground, superintending the construction of the bank building.

The same syndicate controls the mines in the New York district, in the Vanderbilt district, in the Ivanhoe district and in the Good Springs district.

Mr. Crosby is at the head of The Needles water works, and in a short time an ice and electric light plant is to be put in.

The company owns the reduction works now in operation at The Needles. The works are at present running on ore from the Gold Bug mine, which is located 60 miles to the north of Kingman, Arizona.

The intention is to put in a smelter at The Needles at an early day—just as soon as the purchase of the plant can be effected. The completion of the Nevada Southern railway, which is now being built out of Goff's station, 30 miles to the west of The Needles on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, will mark the erection of the smelting plant, which is also to be put in by this Colorado capital.

### THE BUSINESS MEN.

A Brief Reference to the Solid, Substantial Citizens of The Needles.

Reference has heretofore been made to the enterprising business men and merchants who have established themselves at The Needles. Halsey Bros. have indicated their faith in the future city by erecting a handsome business block which would really be an ornament to a city of 10,000 people. This firm carries an enormous stock of general merchandise and have built up a large and a profitable business. W. W. Topp is the accommodating agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., and there is no more popular young man on the line of the Atlantic and Pacific than he. F. H. Thompson has a general merchandise store on Front street where he is doing a fine trade. Mr. Thompson has also established a branch store at the Vanderbilt mining camp, which he will undoubtedly make a success. Judge J. H. West is the local representative of The Needles Townsite company, and he will be only too glad to furnish information concerning real estate.

S. T. Holcombe, jr., is the local agent of the Herald, and also conducts a general grocery, fruit and provision business.

Henry Lambert is the manager of The Needles market, where fresh meats are always obtainable. Francis J. Kelly is the proprietor of the only drug store now in the city, but a new one is to be opened February 1st by Dr. D. W. Reece, a physician and surgeon of repute who has recently located at the metropolis of the Colorado. S. C. Winchester also has a general merchandise store on Front street, where almost anything in the line of general supplies can be obtained.

Among the other business firms at The Needles that should be mentioned are George S. Briggs & Co., Flynn & Potter, O'Brien & Henry, and A. S. McDonald & Co. The financial standing of all of them is A 1.

### JUSTLY POPULAR.

The Firm of Monaghan & Murphy Known Far and Near.

Extending from Los Angeles on the west to Denver on the east, and from the source of the Colorado river on the north to the point where it empties into the Gulf of California on the south, the firm of Monaghan & Murphy is known far and wide, and is favorably known, too—not only for the business sagacity of its members, but also for the broad-gauged, liberal policy which its members pursue.

The firm comprises Frank Monaghan and Daniel Murphy, two as whole-souled, courteous gentlemen as one will meet in a month's journey. Both partners were formerly railroad men, and are well and favorably known in Los Angeles, where they have hosts of friends.

Meetsers. Monaghan & Murphy embarked in business at The Needles 10 years ago, before the railroad had been constructed as far as the Colorado river. They had a small beginning, but with the completion of the railroad and the development of the mineral resources of the Mojave desert and surrounding country, their business increased until it has grown to enormous proportions. A good share of this increase is due to the popularity of the firm and to the well known reputation which they have established for square and honest dealing. The business of the firm reaches \$200,000 per annum.

Both Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Murphy have strong faith in the future growth and prosperity of The Needles and they always stand ready and prepared to assist financially and otherwise any enterprise which tends to the upbuilding of the place. With a few more such citizens as Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Murphy the future of The Needles is assured.

### CLUBS—SOCIAL AND OTHER.

The Social and Labor Organizations and Their Officers.

The employees of the Atlantic and Pacific road who make The Needles their place of residence are all members of the various organizations of railroad employes that exist throughout the country. The following is a directory of the orders and clubs that exist at The Needles:

Needles division, No. 383, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers—Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. F. W. Littlefield, C. E.; R. C. Brockie, F. A. E.; James Shankland, S. A. E.

Order Railway Conductors—Meets every Thursday at 3 p. m. A. M. Rice, C. C.; W. A. Mills, secretary and treasurer.

Louisa B. Gaffney lodge, No. 388, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen—Meets every Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. F. H. Gorman, master; F. M. O'Connor, secretary; F. H. Thompson, financier.

Silver Mountain lodge, No. 327, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen—Meets every Saturday, at 8 p. m. James A. Stout, master; James P. Forbes, secretary; W. H. Rogers, receiver; F. M. Griffith, collector.

International Association Machinists, lodge No. 132—Herman Enderle, master machinist; J. L. Robinson, secretary; James Murray, foreman.

Brotherhood of Railway Carmen—Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month at 10 a. m. Harry Black, chief carman; John Harrison, recording secretary; John Lewis, financial secretary.

Up High club, division No. 1—Meets every Sunday at 8:30 p. m. James P. Forbes, G. H. P.; P. H. Gorman, secretary; William Cernone, treasurer.

Needles Musical association—F. H. Crane, leader; James Lawler, secretary; Daniel Murphy, manager.

The Needles Dramatic club meets last Sunday in each month; P. H. Gorman, president; James Lawler, secretary and treasurer; James P. Forbes, general manager.

The Needles Athletic association—Professor Brinkworth, manager athletic department; Professor Tyson, manager basketball; Martin Kelley, manager.

All of these associations render life at The Needles very pleasant for the members. Nearly all of the citizens are fraternal brothers, and the social clubs give numerous entertainments which are always successful in every sense of the term.

ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 1st

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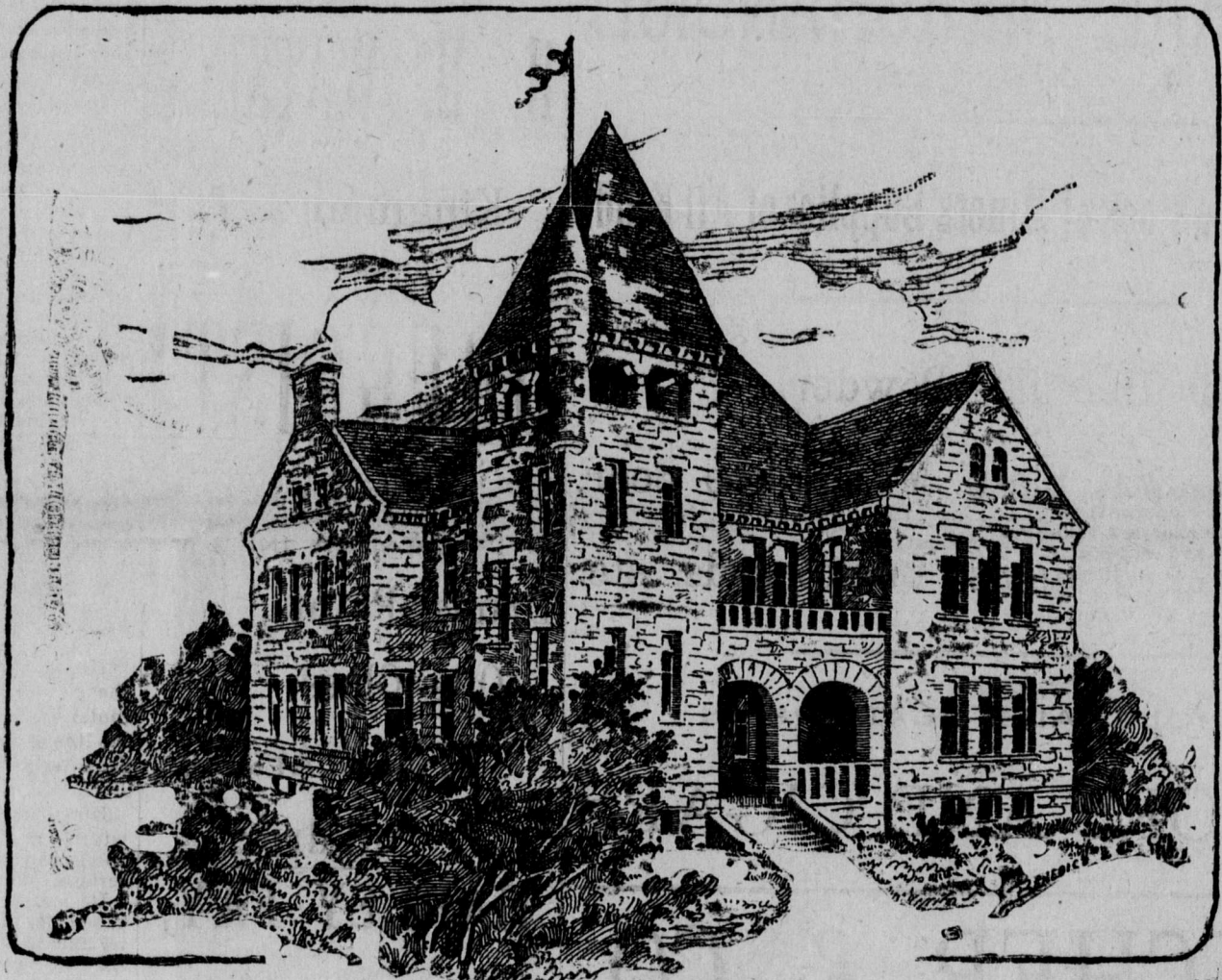
## NEEDLES NATIONAL BANK

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THE LARGEST STORE