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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF SALIDA, LOOKING SOUTHWEST

Salida, "The Queen of the West"

NESTLED in the little valley of the Arkansas river, at the foot of Ouray, Aetna, Shavano, Princeton, Yale and Harvard mountains, seven thousand and fifty feet above sea level, is the thriving little city of Salida. Surrounded by the grandest and loftiest snow capped peaks of the great Continental Divide, which stand as a mighty wall against the cold blasts of winter and the death-dealing cyclone and tornado of summer, Salida, with her pure mountain air enriched by the odors of the pinion, spruce, cedar and pine, and laden with the perfume of the wild rose and columbine, needs only the perfecting touch of Nature's most delicate brush to make it a perfect paradise.



The valley around supplied with abundance of pure mountain water, is dotted with rich, thrifty farms, which yield grains and fruits of the rarest quality. The *Agriculture* wheat, oat and alfalfa fields northward along the Arkansas river, and westward along the South Arkansas, and on the mesa land between the two rivers yield abundantly every year.

The adjacent mining districts, whose hidden treasures have scarcely been touched, have already yielded millions to the miner and mine investor. The Monarch district, west of Salida, with its rich deposits of zinc, lead and silver, its mountains of lime rock and forests of timber; the Turret and Whitehorn districts on the north with their rich veins of gold and silver and abundance of solid gray granite, and the Cleora district, east, with its number of copper producing mines, have made Salida known throughout the country as one of the principal mining centers of the Rocky Mountain regions.



Seven years ago the unlimited mineral resources of these hills and mountains were recognized and one of the largest smelters in the west was located here. This smelter has continued in operation since the day it was installed. It has a capacity of one thousand tons of ore per day, and regularly employs a force of three hundred and fifty men. The smelter has aided in increasing the mineral production of the Salida districts more than a hundred per cent. Mines and prospects which had been closed down and forgotten on account of their low grade ore, have been reopened and made to pay owing to the smelter being so close at hand. Twice has the company had to enlarge the capacity of the works in order to handle the growing business.



THE HARVARD---SALIDA'S MODERN AND COMMODIOUS HOTEL
R. M. TURNER, Manager

Another of Salida's most important resources is the railroad. Not only does it penetrate into the most remote mining camps, and thus supply ample transportation for the product of the hills, but its pay roll to Salida people alone amounts to over ninety thousand dollars a month. The first, second and third divisions of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad running from Salida necessitate the permanent location of the splendid machine shops and roundhouses which now grace the banks of the Arkansas. Within a few hours ride on this scenic line of America one can go from the green lawns and flower beds of Salida to the snowdrifts and icy glades of Marshall Pass over the narrow gauge, thence thru the Black canon to the Gunnison valley; or over the broad gauge to Tennessee Pass on thru Eagle canon to the valley of the Grand river. An eight-hour ride from Denver, five from Colorado Springs, and four from Pueblo will take one thru the Royal Gorge, one of the wonders of the world—

Marshall and Tennessee Passes to Salida. By changing to the narrow Gauge at Salida one may pass the Poncha Hot Springs and climb to the summit of Marshall Pass, after twenty miles of winding in and out among picturesque mountains the tourist can look down from an elevation of thousands of feet and obtain glimpses of the winding track, sparkling streams, deep ravines and rocky cliffs below. At the top of the Pass it seems only a stone's throw to the summit of Mount Ouray, which stands as a mighty sentinel piercing the very dome of the heavens. Here, one is on the backbone of the North American Continent, where the waters flowing westward reach the Gulf of California, and flowing eastward reach the Gulf of Mexico. * * * Continuing on the

broad gauge road from Salida, the scenery is no less wonderful. At the summit of Tennessee Pass the traveler has reached the highest point of the Denver & Rio Grande system. Passing on to the descent of the western slope, one can only gaze in wonder and profound admiration at the matchless scenery of Eagle Canon, and in the distance, the Mount of the Holy Cross.



In spite of the great resources already mentioned and which has been adding to Salida's wealth for a number of years, still a new one has been added within the past year. *The Salida Granite Works* The Salida Granite company has demonstrated that the quality and quantity of the Salida granite cannot be surpassed. It takes a most beautiful polish; it can be secured in huge blocks weighing tons, and it will admit of being worked and carved into the most perfect artistic forms without chipping.



Traverse this great continent from North to South, East to West, search the balmy South and the icy North, test the boasted climate of the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, *Climate* and you will find none to surpass the climate of Salida, "Gem of the Rockies." The sun shines on an average of three hundred and fifty days in a year; the storm periods of all seasons of the year are short; the rain comes in showers of only a few moments duration, not days and weeks; every breath of air is pure and



THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL

invigorating, having been sifted thru virgin forests of spruce and pine; the summer nights are cool and refreshing, and the winter nights cold and invigorating, but not severe. In addition to her splendid climate Salida has sanitary conditions which are conducive to good health. Her streets and alleys are kept clean, the water supply is ample and of excellent quality, coming as it does from natural springs at the foot of a mountain. Her splendidly shaded streets and avenues, miles of cement sidewalks, the picturesque winding drives to Wellsville Springs, Poncha Springs and to Brown's Canon, are abundant resources for pleasure seekers. * * For the visitor, Salida has

For the Visitor parks to roam thru, hot and medicinal springs to bathe in, mountain fastnesses to stroll in, modern hotels and restaurants to board and room in, libraries to read in, and seven churches to worship in. * * For the sportsman,

The Sportsman she has within a few miles the dashing mountain streams well stocked with mountain trout, the gameist fish that swims, and mountain forests and parks, where roam the deer and bear.



Salida has for the homeseeker, agricultural, mechanical and minerological employment, well equipped graded schools and high school, good active lodges and social clubs, splendid churches and good substantial brick residences. *The Homeseeker*

In conclusion, why is not Salida well located and well fitted for a convention city, here in

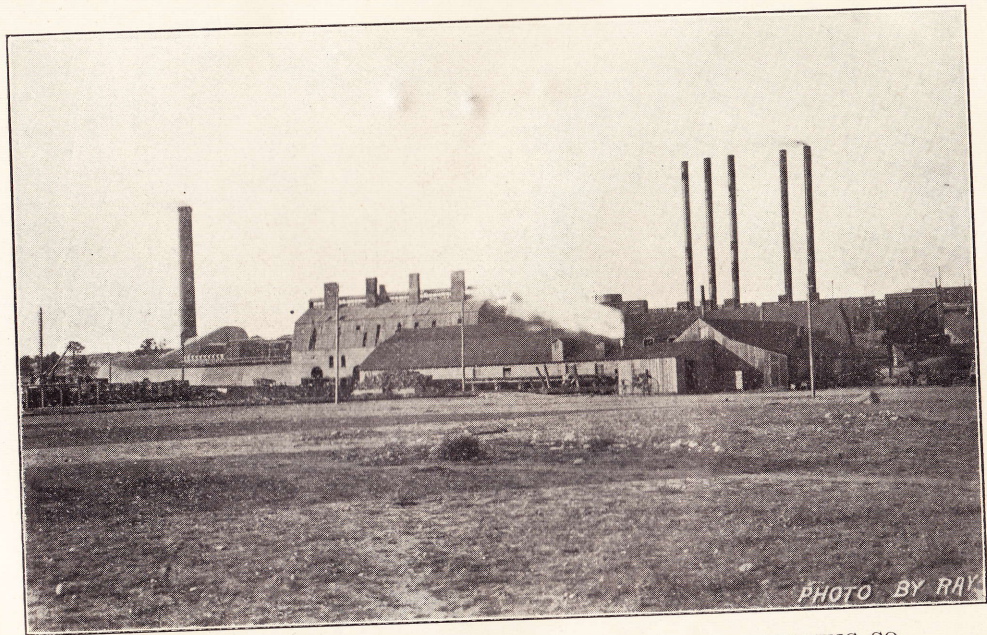
the midst of the Rockies with her external and internal advantages? Compare her to any other city in the state and she will surpass it. Her people are hospitable and her business men are public spirited.



Greeting

It is with more than passing pleasure that the editors of THE SALIDA TIMES present this little souvenir to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Colorado who are the guests this week of the city of Salida, and here's the hope expressed, that each and everyone of you will enjoy to the utmost your brief sojourn here, and that you will long remember the same with pleasure. All honor to the magnificent fraternal order of which you are privileged to be members.

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