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Past and

A TRUE PICTURE OF THE  
FUTURE OF THE TOWN.

A Good Showing for the  
Youngest Town in  
the State.

The Trade of our Wholesale  
and Retail Merchants.

PROBABLE RESULT OF  
PROSPECTIVE MINING  
DEVELOPMENTS.

With Remarks on Climate,  
Scenery, etc., etc.

There is probably no town in the  
State of Colorado that has been so  
remarkably successful in so short a  
time without making any fuss about  
it as Salida. There has been nothing  
of a sensational character about the  
town to advertise it widely, like the  
rich mineral finds about Leadville  
and Silver Cliff, and to this is due  
the fact that Salida is not more widely  
known than it is. Before the close  
of the year we are just entering upon,  
however, such improvements will be  
made as to render the town a place of  
more than ordinary importance to the  
traveling, the manufacturing and the  
purchasing parties of central and  
western Colorado.

The valley in which our little town  
is located has been partially settled  
for twenty years. During the days of  
the first gold excitement in Califor-  
nia gulch in 1859 and 1860 many  
persons passing to and from that  
point passed through this valley and  
some of them located to remain. A  
few located ranches in Adobe park  
and on the South Arkansas river and  
engaged in agricultural pursuits, but  
in most instances they made the cattle  
business their principal business. The  
time was when there was a great many  
more thousand head of cattle running  
over the valley and foothills than can  
possibly be wintered on the same  
range at the present time, and the  
number of fat cattle that were yearly  
driven to market far exceeded the  
product of the same branch the year  
past. In conversation with old set-  
tlers we find that it has been a com-  
mon saying among their number that  
when a railroad was built up the Ar-  
kansas river lines would branch out  
from this point and a town built here.  
This has been thought of and dis-  
cussed for twenty years, for years be-  
fore the iron horse made his way  
across the plains to the foot of the  
Rocky Mountains. Each succeeding  
year, as they say the time was draw-  
ing nearer, the matter was discussed  
merely as that of something that was  
sure to be in time, probably so far in  
the future that they would be forgot-  
ten by the time the road reached them.  
Three years ago Capt. Blake and  
others visited the valley and so well  
pleased were they with the locality  
and so sure were they that a town  
would be built here sometime that  
they located several quarter sections  
of land, and Capt. Blake retained  
possession of his claim and proved up  
on it. A part of the town is on that  
tract of land. When the rich carbon-  
ate discoveries at Leadville were  
made and advertised to the world it  
became evident that a railroad would  
at once be constructed through the  
Grand Canon of the Arkansas and on  
to Leadville by way of this valley.  
The present year has witnessed the  
completion of that railroad, the Den-  
ver and Rio Grande, to Leadville and  
beyond to other new and rich camps  
on the Pacific side of the Continental  
divide. The builders of the Denver  
and Rio Grande recognized in this  
valley a suitable place for the junction  
of the Gunnison branch of their road  
with the main line, and knowing that  
it was a good point to build a town  
they secured ground for that purpose  
before their rails had reached to within  
fifty miles of the place. The ground  
had been broken for the Leadville  
line and surveys had been made from  
the main line at this point through  
all the passes in the neighborhood to  
the Gunnison and San Juan countries.  
"Here," said Governor Hunt, who is  
the head of the Denver and Rio  
Grande Construction company, "we  
will build a city."

Early in May of the present year a  
corps of engineers surveyed the town

and in a few days thereafter the track  
of the Denver and Rio Grande rail-  
road reached here. Governor Hunt  
at once announced that they proposed  
to build a good town here, that the  
Gunnison branch would certainly be  
constructed from this point, that lots  
were now for sale to all who desired  
to purchase. On the twenty-fifth  
day of May, the date of our arrival,  
there was little to show for a town  
but there was any amount of energy,  
determination and good sense. At  
that time the frame of the New York  
House was up, Brown's tent was  
raised, the office at Thomas' lumber  
yard was completed, the English  
Kitchen building was nearly done, a  
half of the present Ayres House was  
enclosed, the lumber was on the  
ground for a portion of the livery  
stable now owned by J. N. Garlile &  
Co., and a part of the platforms had  
been put up by the forwarders on the  
other side of the river. Two days of  
rain and snow followed during which  
time building was at a stand still.  
When fair weather came again build-  
ing began in earnest and for days and  
weeks there were not carpenters  
enough to do the work as rapidly as  
it was wanted. Every man who  
could hit a nail once out of three  
times trying announced himself as a  
contractor and builder and done a  
lively business. The old town of  
Cleora, two miles south-east, moved  
up in a body, and the greater number  
of our leading business men to-day  
are composed of former residents of  
that town. At the time of taking the  
census the first of June the enumer-  
ator found three hundred and three  
persons, but by the first of July there  
were more than double that number  
of actual residents. Since that date  
the number of bona fide residents has  
not been largely increased. The  
actual population of Salida to-day is  
probably about seven hundred and  
fifty.

So much for Salida's birth and  
growth to the present time. Now  
let us see what has made it prosper-  
ous to the present time and upon  
what it bases future prospects. No  
town can grow unless there is a reason  
for it, and it will not live unless it  
has something to live upon. In the  
first place this has been the shipping  
point all the season for most of the  
freight bound for the Monarch district  
camps and the Gunnison and a good  
portion of the San Juan countries.  
This has brought a great number of  
teamsters to Salida who purchase  
their supplies of feed for animals and  
clothes and provisions for themselves  
at this end of the route. This has  
given our grain and retail dealers a  
trade that amounts to considerable  
proportions in a few months. Through  
the same channels and for the same  
reasons our wholesale grocers have  
worked up a trade with merchants to  
the west that has grown with each  
succeeding week until it may now be  
said to be enormous for so small a  
town. The three grocery houses of  
Webb & Corbin, Meyer & Dale and  
W. E. Wilson have wholesaled an  
average of ten thousand dollars be-  
tween the three every week from the  
first day of July to date. This is at  
the rate of half a million dollars per  
year and is not considered a small  
business by any means. For the  
purpose of showing the large propor-  
tions to which freighting from this  
point has grown we here attach a  
table of freight receipts and shipments  
as furnished by Frank Crozer, the  
accommodating local agent of the  
Denver and Rio Grande road:

Pounds of freight forwarded,

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| June,      | 923,645   |
| July,      | 783,952   |
| August,    | 859,990   |
| September, | 1,647,243 |
| October,   | 2,250,414 |
| November,  | 915,708   |
| December,  | 2,000,000 |
| Total,     | 9,385,952 |

Pounds of freight received,

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| May,       | 1,933,650  |
| June,      | 5,141,958  |
| July,      | 3,512,594  |
| August,    | 4,565,107  |
| September, | 6,302,313  |
| October,   | 5,751,462  |
| November,  | 6,557,070  |
| December,  | 5,000,000  |
| Total,     | 38,761,223 |

It will be observed that the exact  
figures are given above for each  
month except December. That month  
is estimated for the reason that this  
is written before the books for the

month's business are closed. We  
hardly expect there is another town in  
the State, Alamosa probably excepted,  
that will show so large a business in  
proportion to the size of the town.  
The forwarding business being done  
at this point has contributed more  
largely than any other one thing per-  
haps to the prosperity of the town  
during the year just closed. As that  
branch of business will be closed out  
here as soon as the Gunnison branch  
of the road is opened to a point near  
to or beyond the summit of the range,  
which will surely be by the first of  
March and perhaps sooner, the town  
will receive benefits therefrom but a  
short time longer. It is therefore  
necessary to know what will contribute  
in future to the town's growth and  
trade. Salida is advantageously situ-  
ated for a wholesaling business. The  
trade that has been worked up by our  
merchants is continually increasing.  
At first they only received small orders  
from merchants who wanted a small  
amount of a certain kind of goods to  
run them until they could ship from  
Denver, Kansas City or Chicago.  
But they find that they get their  
goods so much sooner, avoid all  
trouble with freight overcharges, and  
get goods just as cheap and often  
cheaper than they do when they send  
to Denver and elsewhere, hence they  
are transferring their large orders to  
Salida houses. The extension of the  
railroad will be an advantage rather  
than a disadvantage to those of our  
business men who desire to do an ex-  
clusive wholesale business. There is  
a large scope of country peopled by  
ranchmen and cattle men that is  
directly tributary to Salida. Many  
of the people working in the mining  
camps about and above Maysville  
come to Salida for their supplies.  
The town is steadily increasing in the  
number of its permanent inhabitants.  
All of these things combined assure  
to the retail dealers a continuance of  
the trade they have had since the  
foundation of the town. That the  
town will continue to receive accessions  
to the number of its permanent  
citizens is certain. As soon as the  
Denver and Rio Grande roundhouse  
is completed, which will be at an early  
day, this will be made the end of  
three divisions centering at this point,  
necessitating the transfer of a number  
of crews of railroad hands and their  
families to Salida. This will add at  
least one hundred to the number of  
people who will purchase their wares  
of Salida business men. The erec-  
tion of repair shops by the railroad  
company, not yet begun but contem-  
plated for an early day, will add still  
others to the number of railroad em-  
ployes to be supplied from this point.

While in the past the benefits de-  
rived by this town from the mines  
has been in the shape of trade from  
mining camps at distances ranging  
from twelve to one hundred miles, it  
is not only apparent but certain that  
the opening of mines of different  
kinds in our immediate locality will  
give employment to a large number  
of men and give an extraordinary im-  
petus to local trade before another  
twelve months shall have passed. It  
is only three miles to what is latterly  
known as the Gypsy Queen camp.  
This camp is literally ribbed with  
true fissure veins, many of them it is  
true of low grade, but the fact that  
the ores can be treated under stamps  
render them just as valuable as some  
of the big grade refractory ores. But  
little is being done in the camp at  
present outside of prospecting, prop-  
erty owners preferring to await the  
results of the completion of the tun-  
nel being run by the Bellefontaine  
company. It has already been  
demonstrated that there is sufficient  
mineral, including gold, silver and  
copper, in nearly every vein opened  
to have a surplus after paying for  
mining and treatment. This has  
been shown by surface developments.  
In every instance the grade of ore  
has improved with depth, and it is  
confidently expected that the striking  
of the vein by the Bellefontaine com-  
pany's tunnel will be the signal for a  
rush of work on many of the claims  
in the immediate neighborhoods that  
are now only waiting.

The Ute trail camp, lying to the  
north of Salida eight miles, is attract-  
ing the attention of capitalists and  
iron workers. Nearly all of the veins  
opened up in this camp show a large  
amount of iron, in some cases as high

as seventy per cent. Silver has been  
found in many of the veins and in  
some instances gold. None of the  
veins have been sufficiently developed  
to show what they carry at great  
depth, but work has been begun for  
the purpose of settling that point.  
We are informed that the Willard  
group, located about eight miles from  
Salida, twelve locations in one body,  
has a good showing for rich ore.  
The analysis of this ore, made by  
Prof. Nason, of the Polytechnic Insti-  
tute at Troy, N. Y. shows a very  
pure character of red hematite.  
In all probability a very valuable  
bed of carbonates underlies this iron  
deposit. A company has been formed  
in New York for the purpose of  
thoroughly developing these mines.  
A small force has already begun  
operations, and more will be put on  
as work progresses. A blast furnace  
will be erected on these works at an  
early day. Geo. O. Willard, the dis-  
coverer and locator of these mines,  
and one of the principal owners, will  
have charge of the works. Should  
silver predominate as depth is gained,  
the company will also erect a smelter.  
This company mean business. C. H.  
Davis is at the head of the company  
in New York.

Two miles south of Salida are situ-  
ated the extensive beds of fireclay,  
the property of C. A. Hawkins and  
R. B. Hallock. Some weeks ago we  
mentioned the fact that a company  
had been incorporated for the pur-  
pose of preparing this clay for the  
use of smelters and for the manufac-  
ture of brick. It has been proven by  
analysis that the clay is of a superior  
quality. It is the only deposit in the  
State, except that at Golden, that is  
rated good. It is situated so that  
wagons can be driven to it and the  
veins are so large as to appear that  
they are really inexhaustible. The  
company spoken of is headed by J.  
W. Craig, C. A. Hawkins and R. B.  
Hallock, all of them citizens of Salida.  
They have assurances from the Lead-  
ville smelters that they can find a  
market at that point for the brick as  
soon as they begin to manufacture  
them. The Gunnison and San Juan  
countries will also furnish a large  
market. It appears that the owners  
of this bank have struck a bonanza  
second to none in the State, and it is  
not at all improbable that the day  
will soon come when hundreds of men  
will be employed in the mines and  
mills of this company.

By reading the above it will be  
seen that Salida's future is assured.  
The town has not been started as an  
experiment. It has a foundation to  
build upon. As the resources of the  
country are developed the town will  
grow in size and importance. In ad-  
dition to its natural advantages as a  
commercial center, it is surrounded  
by some of the grandest scenery in  
the world. Looking south across the  
South Arkansas river we see the  
peaks of the Sangre de Cristo range  
rising thousands of feet above timber-  
line and into the regions where snow  
is as common in July and August as  
it is in December and January. This  
range is without doubt one of the  
prettiest, when seen from any direc-  
tion, that is to be found in Colo-  
rado, the Switzerland of America.  
Looking south-west and north-west  
we see the peaks of the main range of  
the Rocky Mountains, from Mount  
Ouray to Mount Elbert, standing un-  
til recently as barriers to the further  
march of civilization into the un-  
known region beyond. Swinging  
over the river to the east we find the  
long line of foothills that separate this  
valley from the black, cold plains of  
South Park. These hills are covered  
with evergreens, interspersed with  
small patches of open grassy slopes,  
and is a perfect paradise at certain  
seasons of the year for the miners of  
the valley. Black tailed deer are  
captured by the scores, and now and  
then a cinnamon bear is taken in by  
way of variety.

The climate is one of the things of  
which the valley may boast. During  
the summer months the mercury nev-  
er gets above ninety in the shade, and  
generally stands at about eighty dur-  
ing the warm part of the day and  
from fifty to sixty at night. The  
cool breezes that are wafted down  
from the mountains are always refresh-  
ing, giving fresh life to those who  
come from a lower altitude and more  
oppressive atmosphere. It must not  
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be taken for granted that because this place is surrounded by mountains and is always cool in summer time that the winters are severe, for such is not the case. While it is true that storms on the mountains are to be seen almost any day during the winter the valley is comparatively free from stormy weather. The prairies of Kansas, always considered a mild and temperate climate, are visited oftener by storms than is this valley. There is no more pleasant place to live on the face of the earth, being free from severe heat and cold weather and having a pure atmosphere.

Five miles from Salida are the celebrated Poncha Springs. The water of these springs, like all of the best mineral springs of the mountains are celebrated for their curative properties for certain diseases. They are a sure cure for rheumatism, always give relief to scrofulous and blood diseases, and are beneficial to consumptives. This is not an opinion based upon what medical students have decided from an analysis of the water, but is a fact gathered from an observation of the benefits received by those who have used the waters. The springs are high up on the mountain side and it is expected that before a great while arrangements will be perfected for carrying the water through pipes to the town of Poncha and this town. A company has been organized with that object in view.

Salida will soon have a church building completed that will be sufficient for the town at present. This church, while under the supervision of the board of trustees of the local Presbyterian church, is built by subscriptions of all citizens and will be open to service by all church denominations and for all public meetings of a respectable character. It is due to the ladies of the town to say that the building of the church is entirely owing to their exertions. They first proposed it, they secured the subscriptions, and they raised money by means of their socials and festivals to further the project. We say all honor to the ladies of Salida.

It is confidently expected that during the coming season some way will be devised whereby the fine gold in the placer grounds along the Arkansas river above and below Salida can be profitably worked. The ground has been worked in a small way for years in spots, with barely satisfactory results. It is believed by those interested in the ground that with improved facilities for washing and saving that the dirt will yield a large profit.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad company has spent a large amount of money in improvements at this point. When the road reached here last May the offices of the company were kept in box cars, then a temporary building was erected and used until the present substantial stone building was finished in October. It is a very substantial building 24x60 feet. Mr. Frank Crozier is the gentlemanly agent, and furnished the statistics of business done here by the company since the road arrived at this place. Average receipts \$30,000 per month; sale of tickets for July, August and September was \$10,000 per month. The company has a water tank and section house of the most substantial character, and is building a stone round-house of ten stalls. Mr. P. Wilson has this work in charge and will soon complete it, when work on repair shops will be commenced and pushed to completion.

Salida was incorporated as a town last October. The following are the city officers at present: J. E. McIntire, Mayor, R. B. Hallock, Clerk, O. V. Wilson, Trustee, It. Wyman, " R. Deveraux, " W. F. Galbraith, " James Meadows, Marshal, J. O. Vought, Policeman.

The town owes its good order to the efficiency of the marshal and policeman.

From a perusal of the following it will be seen that every kind of business is represented and that the persons conducting the trade of the town are active and wide awake, viz. The dry goods trade of the town is carried on by three firms, Craig & Sanders, J. P. & Geo. A. Smith and John T. Blake & Co. They all carry large stocks, larger than is often found in towns five times the size of Salida.

CRAIG & SANDERS are wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, underwear and rubber goods. They came here about the first of September, bought a lot and substantial business house, finished it in good style and commenced selling goods, have been doing a rushing bus-

ness ever since. Mr. L. W. Craig is an old St. Louis dry goods man who has had years of experience in the business and is now connected with a wholesale house in that city which enables this firm to buy goods at more advantageous figures than if not so connected. He has spent eight summers traveling through the western country and is thoroughly posted as to the class of goods required for this market. Mr. H. W. Sanders had been connected with the wholesale grocery house of Humphreys & Co. at Canon City for seven years previous to his coming here, was the junior member of the firm. They attend closely to business, which is a great measure accounts for the large business they have done since they located in Salida. Their business is on the increase and they have extended their jobbing trade to the neighboring mountain towns as far west and south as Gunnison City, Bonanza, Saguache and other towns of the San Luis valley. They buy only for cash and the best quality of goods which accounts for the low prices at which they sell goods. They sell to all alike; if a customer once buys of them he can always depend upon getting the same quality of goods by calling for them. They have recently opened a branch house at Poncha Springs and put Mr. James A. Coffman in charge of it. He has been with them here ever since they first opened their store and is a good sales man. They believe in the permanency of Salida and have made their arrangements to become permanent citizens of this place. It would be hard to find a firm of business men with whom it is a greater pleasure to trade than this; there can be no doubt of their ultimate success.

J. P. & GEO. A. SMITH first opened a store at Cleora, the first stock of dry goods in that town, and upon the demise of that burg they came to Salida about June 1, located on First street and have recently removed to more commodious quarters on F street opposite the post office. They carry a large, complete and well assorted stock of dry goods, clothing, boots shoes, hats, caps, carpets of all patterns, gents' furnishing goods and the usual variety of innumerable articles usually to be found in a first class dry goods house; have had a good trade since they have been in this valley and anticipate a better one in the future. They are both excellent business men and have had large experience in the dry goods business in the east. Mr. Geo. A. Smith sold goods for seventeen years at Alton, Ills. and Mr. J. P. Smith was engaged in a similar business at Moro, Madison county, Ills. for twenty-five years previous to his coming to Colorado. Every person who has purchased goods of them speak well of this house. Few houses enjoy a better reputation than this.

JOHN T. BLAKE & CO. deal in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, furnishing goods, stationery and queensware. Mr. Blake opened the first business house in this part of the Arkansas valley more than two years ago at Cleora, from whence he removed to this town when it was first laid out. He had located about 600 acres of agricultural land in the valley and Salida is built upon a portion of this land. Their business house is located on the corner of first and F streets in the heart of the town and was one of the first houses erected. They carried a stock of groceries until lately, when they went out of that line of trade. They buy goods at Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City and have done some jobbing trade with towns and camps in the immediate mountain districts. They have had a good trade since they opened here and it has increased right along from the first. They carry a stock of about eighteen to twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Blake is a Kansas City man but has been interested in trade in this State and New Mexico for the past twenty years and has had an extensive experience. He is just the kind of man who builds up western towns and makes cities of them. He was postmaster at Cleora but resigned and is now occupying the same position here, to the general satisfaction of the people. John T. Lawler, of St. Louis, Mo., is the general clerk of this establishment and will always be found ready to wait on customers with neatness and dispatch.

WEBB & CORBIN are wholesale and retail dealers in groceries on F street. At an early date in the history of Salida this firm opened a forwarding and commission house here and continued to sell groceries at Cleora, but about the first of July they came up here with all their stock and opened a very large establishment. They have done an excellent business here since they opened, and trade is increasing with them all the time. They carry a very large wholesale stock of groceries and have an extensive jobbing trade with the mountain towns and camps, prod-

ably no firm in town does a larger business than this firm. All the towns and camps of this section of country attest the prosperity of Webb & Corbin. Mr. Henry W. Cody, a young man from Mason City, Mo., is the gentlemanly clerk of this house.

PETER MULVANY came up from Trinidad during the summer, bought some lots on the corner of Grand avenue and First street, put up a large two story building and filled the first floor with a large stock of groceries, provisions, tobacco and cigars, dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and hardware. He sells groceries and provisions in jobbing lots, but does a retail trade in all articles above mentioned. He has done a very fair business since he opened his place of business here. He is a contractor on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and is now at work in New Mexico. The fact that Mr. Mulvany has bought a number of lots and built houses on them indicates that he thinks Salida will continue to be a good point to do business in and to invest money in permanent improvements. Mr. J. A. Israel has charge of this house at this time; he is a clever gentleman, who knows how to treat a man in a fair, square business manner. Those who trade with him will find that he knows how to sell goods in a square manner.

RATHVON & CO. wholesale and retail dealers in hay, grain, groceries and produce, commenced business at this point about June 1, and have done an excellent business from then to the present time, and are well satisfied both as to the past and future. They built a business house and platform at the railroad where their business is carried on, have sold 20,000 pounds of butter in six months and eggs innumerable. Mr. H. S. Magraw, an eastern man and one of the firm is the resident manager of the business, while the other two partners, Messrs. S. F. & W. R. Rathvon reside at Sterling, Kansas, and manage a branch of the firm at that place, they ship their hay, grain, produce, eggs, butter and poultry directly from there to this place.

W. E. WILSON is dealing in groceries, liquors, cigars, tobacco, flour and feed. He moved up from Cleora about June 1, bringing his house and stock with him, located on Front street, and has been doing an increasing business ever since. He mostly does a wholesale business and carries a large and well assorted stock. Came from Louisville, Kentucky, about two years ago and has been engaged in the same business ever since. He is agent for the Anheuser beer, manufactured at St. Louis, only two points in the State sold more of this brand of beer than he, the Denver and Pueblo agencies. His business has kept up well and he is making preparations to have a very large stock on hand as soon as the spring trade opens up. At this time of the year a majority of the mountain camps and towns are inaccessible on account of the snow, and this state of affairs makes the wholesale trade very slack until the roads and trails are freed from snow and ice by the spring sun shine. Then trade is booming again until the fall snow storms stop it again.

BEN WHITE & CO. were also among the early pioneers of Salida, and keep a stock of wholesale groceries, hardware, etc. Are agents for White Rose Flour, and keep the finest teas of all kinds, O. G. and Mexican green, roasted and ground Rio coffee, navy beans, cracked wheat, oat meal, hominy grits, macaroni, vermicelli, tapioca, sago, pickles, syrup, coal oil, mining candles, manilla rope, mining picks, drilling steel, etc. Mr. White is east laying in a full and complete stock of hardware and tinware. They will go out of the grocery trade the beginning of the year and only carry on the hardware business in the future.

J. J. HARRIS had the first house under roof in the town on ground belonging to the railroad company and adjoining the platform at the depot. He carries a large stock of flour, hay and grain, has been dealing in groceries but will go out of that line of trade the first of the new year. He has had a good trade ever since he opened up and sees no diminution of it since the Poncha Springs road was built. He does an exclusive wholesale business and most all of his trade comes from the mountain towns and camps, has had orders from a number of towns fifty and sixty miles south and west of here. He commenced May 1, and will stay. He was formerly superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company at Denver, but resigned that position to engage in his present occupation, came directly here and has had no occasion to regret the change.

MEYER, DAVE & CO. wholesale and retail dealers in groceries, provisions, hay, grain, etc. Located here in one of the first houses built in the place, on Front street in the north part of town. Have had an excellent trade both wholesale and retail; their jobbing trade has extended to all the mining towns west of the range in the Gunnison country, in the San Luis valley and even to Ouray. They also own a large warehouse at the north end of the platform at the railroad, which is kept full of goods. They have a large corral and feed stable on the north side of the river, where they have hay and grain for sale and take care of freighters' teams. They are agents for the celebrated Champagne Bottle Beer, manufactured by the Eliel Brewing company at La Salle, Illinois. They are also opening a branch store at Poncha Springs where they will keep a stock similar to the one here. Geo. A. Meyer, the senior member of the firm was in the grocery business in St. Louis and for six years in Pueblo before coming here. Mr. E. Dale was formerly in business in Iowa and Mr. F. M. Stewart was in business in Greeley, this State, then in the Black Hills before coming here. Mr. L. Stewart is a brother of one of the firm and is one of the clerks whose smiling visage may be seen behind the counter. Mr. J. D. Wilkins also assists in the house. He at one time ran a restaurant called the English Kitchen on North First street but sold his house and business some time ago.

MACK & CO. dealers in Chicago lumber, doors and sash, hardware, tinware and stoves, have two places of business on First street. They do a jobbing trade of considerable extent; came up here from Cleora about May 1, and have had a good trade since. They own their places of business and will soon put up a shop and manufacture their tinware at home. Mr. A. B. Mack is the resident manager of the business of the firm.

MOINTIRE & BEAN are forwarding and commission merchants and dealers in hay, grain and flour and do a transfer business. Their place of business is at the railroad depot, where they have a warehouse and platform built by themselves. Came here May 1, and have done well since. They receive and ship large amounts of freight to all parts of the southwestern country. Mr. A. J. Bean runs a ranch at Gunnison City, where they carry about the same kind of a stock as at this place.

N. J. CLUTE keeps on hand a large stock and good assortment of harness, saddles, whips, horse blankets, bridles, curry combs, brushes, nose bags and harness oil. He does some jobbing trade. He came to this town last June and has been doing a good business since he came, occupies a house on First street where he does his manufacturing with the assistance of one man. He always keeps on hand a number of sets of light and heavy harness, men and women's saddles and other things usually kept in like establishments. He is well pleased with what he has done and his prospects for the future. Persons who may want anything in his line would do well to call and examine his stock, ascertain his prices and they will find him a fair man to deal with.

F. D. HOWELL, at Hallock's drug store, is a watch maker and jeweler, and carries a full line of watches, clocks and jewelry, has been in business ever since the town commenced to build. He has had a good trade which is gradually increasing.

DR. R. S. HALLOCK is located on First street where he has a stock of drugs, medicines and fancy articles.

M. M. FRENCH has a number one drug store on First street. He came up from Cleora to this place about June 1, bought a lot and built a house which he now occupies. He carries a complete stock of drugs, medicines, patent medicines and all other articles usually kept in a house of this character. He has done a good business since he set his Jacob staff in Salida and thinks that it will do to stay by. He is a druggist of fifteen years standing, came from Lexington, Mo. to this State and proposes to make Colorado his home in the future. He is a genial gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to do business and the unfortunate who may wish to buy drugs or medicines could not have them sugar coated better than to buy them at this house.

A. T. BLACHLY & CO. dealers in drugs, medicines, etc. are located on First street, north side, commenced business last August and have been doing a steadily increasing trade since. There was need for a jobbing house of this kind to supply many of the small towns and camps of the mountain districts, and this house hit the nail on the head by locating here at the time they did and opening the stock which they carry. Their jobbing trade extends to Kirker Creek, the upper South Arkansas

country, Tumitchee district and other out lying camps. Their stock consists of drugs, medicines, assayers' supplies, tobacco, cigars, stationery, notions and the other innumerable articles usually kept in a first class drug store in an eastern city as well as in the west. They do business on strictly fair and honest principles and have thereby increased their trade to its present proportions. Mr. A. T. Blachly is the resident manager of this house. He has been in Colorado for a long time and in the drug business for twelve years and thoroughly understands all departments of the trade. He at one time edited a newspaper for two years at Monument in this State.

Dr. F. C. Blachly has his office at A. T. Blachly & Co's. drug store; he is a physician and surgeon; a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, of St. Louis, Mo. and has been practicing in this State for nine years past. He thoroughly understands the peculiarity and complications of mountain diseases. He has also had considerable experience as a surgeon and is considered a skillful one.

ROLLER & TWITCHELL are wholesale and retail dealers in furniture and undertakers goods, ready made burial caskets, wooden and metallic, do repairing and custom work. They have a large two story house 25x90 feet on First street with the first floor filled with a large stock of everything in their line. They supply all points south and west of here as far as Gunnison City, Saguache and Lake City. They were among the first to come, buy lots, build thereon and open business; have built several houses in different parts of the town since. Business is steadily increasing with them and they are well satisfied with the prospects in the future. They will soon put up additional building and increase their manufacturing capacity so as to be able to meet the increasing demand of their trade. Mr. Roller has been in the furniture business for fifteen years and thoroughly understands all departments of it. This firm is thoroughly identified with the interests of the town and have no doubt but that the future will see the realization of their fondest hopes.

CHAFFER COUNTY BANK. This institution is owned by R. A. Bain who is president, W. E. Robertson who is cashier and L. S. Bailey who is book keeper. This bank was opened when the town was first started and has met with as much success up to the present time as the proprietors anticipated, the amount and character of business being in every way satisfactory. Having treated all patrons in a gentlemanly and business like manner they may reasonably expect a continuance of the patronage they have received. Both Mr. Bain and Mr. Robertson are well known throughout the central and southern part of the State as substantial business men. They will remain in Salida, believing that the town is destined to be an important point. They have a substantial brick building with iron roof, the only brick business house in the county. They make collections on all points in the Gunnison country at moderate charges and have a number of mining transactions on hand. The Exchange Bank at Canon City, managed by Mr. Bain, is owned by Robertson & Bain.

BANK OF SOUTH ARKANSAS was opened about June 10. The proprietors are F. W. Dewalt and F. L. Hartzel, of Silver Cliff, Colorado, and F. A. Reynolds, of Canon City, who is probably connected with more banks than any other man in the State, and any bank with which his name is connected may be considered safe to do business with. Mr. C. T. Hulbrook, first ran this bank, when he was relieved by Geo. B. Garstaphen, now at Poncha Springs in a banking house for the same parties, who was in his turn relieved by Capt. J. S. Mackey, who at present manages the affairs of the bank here. He is assisted by his son Clarence. This bank does a general business with all parts of this country and Europe. Pays interest on time deposits. This bank has a financial standing second to none in the State. Capt. Mackey is an old Mississippi river steamboat Captain, and was engaged in the banking business at Louisiana, Missouri, previous to coming here.

HAWKINS HOTEL, on Front street was opened September 22, is a new house, has 30 bed rooms, a large dining room and good office. The building is owned by W. A. Hawkins and Gov. Hunt. The house is newly furnished throughout. Mr. Hawkins is an old hotel man, having been engaged in the business for fifteen years in Milwaukee, Wis., where he ran the Lake House. He kept the Hawkins House at Cleora, from whence he came here.

The Hawkins Billiard Hall is connected with the hotel, is a large hall containing a good billiard table and a bar that furnishes as good liquors, wines and cigars as can be had any-

where. The house and billiard hall have been doing as good a business as any in town since they were opened up.

There is also connected with the house the livery stable of Ryan & Piper, which is located on First street, where a general stock of livery may be found, good horses, buggies and carriages.

NEW YORK HOUSE, is kept by Mrs. J. J. Gray on First street and is the most centrally located of any hotel in town. It was among the first houses erected after the town was laid out. The main building is 24x30 with an addition 18x24, two stories, commodious office and dining room and well furnished chambers. The proprietress commenced giving meals before the roof was on the house and has been doing a good business ever since the house was opened. Mr. and Mrs. Gray know how to run a good hotel and those who patronize them are made to feel at home while guests of the house. Mrs. Gray was the first woman who came to Salida for the purpose of making it her permanent home. Their rates are 7 to 98 per week; give board by the week, day or single meal. The table is always supplied with the best the market affords.

GRAY'S HOTEL, is located north of the railroad and is the largest hotel in the town. The building was commenced May 1, and the hotel opened May 25; it is 100 feet front, 75 feet deep and has 17 sleeping rooms and 30 rooms altogether; the dining room will seat 100 guests. The house is furnished throughout in elegant style, the best ingrained carpets on the floor, spring beds, marble topped stands, the parlors are large, well lighted and pleasant. The kitchen is large and commodious and furnished with the modern culinary apparatus. An air tight meat house is connected with the hotel and the meats come direct from Denver every morning by express. There is a water pipe from the railroad water tank to the house which forces water into all apartments of the house, there is a good well with a force pump and hose for extinguishing fire. Wm. Gray and J. N. Carlisle are the proprietors; Wm. Gray is in charge and is a most affable gentleman. Passenger trains Nos. 1 and 4 stop for supper and the house feeds an average of about 75 passengers per day. It is considered headquarters for the railroad men who stop off from the divisions at this point. The house has in its employ Mr. J. E. Van Buskirk, who has the reputation of being the best cook in the west. Mr. C. T. Lemley is the clerk and G. H. Ritner presides at the bar and refreshes the inner man with the best of wines and liquors and will give you as good a cigar as you could ask to smoke. This hotel is kept in first class style and is a credit to the town.

MIX owns the Mix House on east First street. It was opened about July 1, was brought up from Cleora by the proprietor and set up here, filled with boarders in which condition it has been ever since. Mr. Mix was an old resident of Cleora but came to Salida with the rush upon the collapse of the latter town last summer. He and his lady have had experience in the hotel business and keep a good house. The building is new, well furnished and desirably located. There is a bar connected with the house where the usual beverages are dispensed. Is wholesale agent for the Golden bottled beer.

AYRES HOUSE on west Front street is kept by D. D. Ayres, was the first house opened in town, was for a long time the headquarters for the Gunnison country stage line. This house has done an excellent business in the past.

C. L. ANSELL keeps a boarding house on west First street, where a good meal can be gotten at any time; boarding by the day or week.

J. G. STEWARD architect and builder, will furnish plans and specifications upon short notice. Mr. Steward is one of the first carpenters who came to town and has had his hands full since.

JOE ROSSA keeps a boot and shoe shop on Grand avenue, where he does cobbling and manufacturing of order. [Continued on Fourth page.]

PONCHA SPRINGS.

WHERE AND WHAT IT IS.

WHO DO BUSINESS THERE AND WHAT THEY DO.

Mines, Smelter, Buildings, Personals and Numerous Other Things that May be Learned by Reading the Following.

The town of Poncha Springs takes its name from the celebrated hot springs on the mountain side a mile away from it. It is pleasantly located at the foot of the range on the South Arkansas river about five miles from Salida, and the general description given on the first page of this paper of this valley, climate, scenery, health, etc., applies to Poncha as well as to Salida, and need not be repeated here. Poncha is but a few hundred feet higher than Salida. It is overshadowed by Mounts Ouray and Shavano, among the highest mountain peaks in the State. The Gunnison branch of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad is just finished to Poncha and the place is enjoying a veritable boom at present. The road is being pushed on over Poncha Pass as fast as the work can be done by more than a dozen gangs of workmen. The springs have been spoken of in the first descriptive article and need no additional mention. They are the property of Mr. Budlong and Dr. Carter, of Carthage, Mo. who have a patent to 160 acres including all the springs and own the hotel at this place. It is probably four or five hundred. It is rapidly improving, new houses going up on True avenue and Main street. There is a number of good dwellings in town and more will be put up soon. The society is good and they will soon have churches and schools. More hotels would pay and cottages for summer use could be rented at good profit. With the springs to bring invalids, the mines in the vicinity and the energy and push of her citizens, Poncha has a bright future before her. The town enjoys the rare luxury of a well selected free library. The building and books were a present from J. P. Tapp, an old citizen who owns much property here and is one of the town company. The streets of the town will be lined with trees in the spring and water caused to flow on each side of them. There is some good agricultural land above and below town as the South Arkansas river and persons who live here can enjoy the rare luxury of fresh vegetables. Every indication points to Poncha's becoming a permanent town that will be a credit to this valley. It has recently been incorporated and a city government established which will keep out those objectionable characters who usually infest new towns.

The following firms are doing business in Poncha Springs at the present time:

CHEERY, HUSTON & CO. commenced business August 1. They carry a large stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, clothing and groceries. They are agents for Luffin and Rand powder company. This house has done an extensive business since it was opened. All of the firm reside in the town. The place is pleasantly and centrally located at the corner of Main street and True avenue.

SMELTER. The Newley Mining and Smelter company have put up a smelter out of Poncha a short distance. It is 40x48 feet with a boiler room 20x40 feet, platform 40x60 feet. There is a scale house and office near by 16x24 feet, and an assay office of four rooms, two stories high 24x24 feet. The engine is a forty horse power. There is but one furnace at present. It is called the Maud S and is of thirty tons capacity. It is a water jacket furnace. The blower is a No. 6. It has a spacious feed floor, use a Blake crusher of forty tons capacity. The officers in charge are J. T. Micky, manager; M. D. Bott, metallurgist; Geo. Bethune, assayer. The works have just been started up; the principal part of the ore comes from the Black Tiger mine, on Haden pass, and from Tumitchee. They get iron from Kirker creek and Ute pass, and lime rock for flux from Collette, and coke from El Moro. A. W. Morgan has the contract to furnish 25,000 bushels of char coal, and has already 15,000 bushels at the works. They have two car loads of firebrick on hand and have roasters ready for use. The assaying department of the works are very complete. It is furnished with a brick furnace and pot furnace and lattercase furnace, a complete laboratory of chemicals to do any kind of assaying that may be required in this country. They will connect the assay office, mill and office by telephone. The company own six acres of land on which the smelter is situated. The Newley Mining and Smelting company is organized under the laws of Nebraska at present, but will soon be organized under the laws of this State. The officers of the company are: J. E. Barbak, president, J. T. Micky, vice president,

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT LEADVILLE, COLO. November 27, 1880. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler John Volk, has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: Saturday, January 8, 1881 at this land office. His claim is made by a s. w. 1/4 of section 6, tp. 49, N. R. 8 E, and he names the following as his witnesses, viz: Richard Radcliff, Jim Mandlin, Geo. H. Henderson and Joseph Hutchinson all of Chaffee county Colorado. All persons making counter claims to any part of the above described land will appear at the day fixed for entry and contest the right of John Volk to enter or ever after hold their peace. 27-50 J. J. HARRIS, Register.



Charles Allen, secretary and Paul Marshall, treasurer. Their term of office expired at the beginning of this year, and there will probably be some changes at the next election. This company will treat ore on the following terms: For all ores under \$100 per ton, for \$20; ores over \$100, for \$20 per ton and ten per cent. for over the \$100. Will give thirty cents per unit for lead. Five cents less than New York quotations for silver. \$20 per ounce for gold. They will put in another furnace soon. This company has some prospects which they propose to develop soon. Some of these run as high as seven and eight hundred ounces per ton. Mr. Schindler, an old Australian miner will have charge of the mining department.

F. WEICHMAN & CO. are proprietors of a hardware and tinware store on True avenue. They are agents for the celebrated Charter Oak stoves and ranges. They opened here last June and have had a good trade since. Anything in their line can be bought as cheap here as in any other similar store in the country.

J. C. KNIGHT is the station agent for the Denver and Rio Grande railroad at this point. He says that the sale of tickets amounts to about \$80 per day and that the company handle some eight-hundred cars of freight per day, that thirty to forty carpenters will remain for several months longer at work on improvements for the road, and that the engine house and tank are the best on the road. The ware house is large and well built. The railroad extension company have three large store houses north of the track and have them full of material and tools to be used in the construction of the road over the range.

SPRAGUE & REDCLIFF runs a general meat market on Main street. They recently bought lots and put up a shop and a corral and have been doing well in each branch.

YOUNG & HODGE own the Main street free corral. They keep grain, hay and feed for sale and have a good yard 50x125 and good stalls for stock. Trade has been brisk with them since they started.

EMMA THOMPSON'S restaurant on Main street is one of the best in town, is well fitted up and is a nice cozy place. It was but recently opened and has done well.

WOODRUFF & SHERMAN proprietors of the book and news stand on Main street, have a large stock of notions, toys, candies and all kinds of trinkets. This paper can always be found at their stand.

H. H. FULTON, the newly appointed post master has a stock of books, stationery, papers, periodicals, notions, tobacco and cigars in the post office building. He has been doing an excellent business since he commenced six months ago. He has been a resident of Poncha for 18 months and likes it very much. Mr. E. J. Hills is the acting post master since the death of the previous one some time ago; but Mr. Fulton has filed his bond and will soon take charge of the office.

COTTAGE HOME HOTEL. This property consists of six cottages near the river fronting Main street, and is the property of the Poncha Springs Town Company. It is leased to Mrs. Moore, who is at present keeping a boarding house, but has been letting furnished rooms to parties who come to this place for their health. Some of the cottages are new and elegant buildings.

G. W. STERLE keeps a general store, such as groceries, provisions, and shoes, hats and caps, duckwear and supplies for miners' camps, on True avenue. He brought his family to Poncha about one month ago and at once commenced business and has done well.

G. W. CRUZEN, house and sign painter, on True avenue, is a young man but an old settler. He painted the first house in town, and now has a big business, keeps three and four men employed.

DOYLE & HUNTER keep a livery and sale stable and a corral on lower Main street. They have been in the business here about a year and have had a very good trade all the time. They have the largest corral in town, and stabling for 55 head of stock; they are proprietors of the transfer line and city express. They will bring on a fresh stock of livery in the spring and put up new buildings.

JAMES WILSON is proprietor of a blacksmith, wagon making and repair shop. He opened his shop but one month ago and has had all the work that four men and himself could do. He keeps only the best of workmen and guarantees his work to be as good as the best. He has worked at his trade for 25 years and thoroughly understands it.

G. F. HALE opened a restaurant a few weeks ago, has had all the business he could attend to.

C. E. WALKER, Deputy U. S. mineral surveyor, practical assayer and Notary Public has an office on True avenue. He has been in town some time and is doing a good business.

MRS. DERR have recently opened a milliner store on True avenue.

RUSSELL & McCALDY run a blacksmith and wagon shop on upper Main street. They are both good workmen and do a good business. They do the work for J. L. Sanderson & Co's stage line.

W. D. ANSELIE, forwarder, and wholesale dealer in flour, grain, hay and feed, has a very large ware house at the railroad, and has it full. He has done a good business the past season.

R. E. FLETCHER keeps a bakery and restaurant and deals in fancy groceries, confectionery

and cigars. He located here a year ago; has a good two story house and a fair stock of goods. Keeps boarders by the week or day. Has done a good business since he opened up his house.

M. MIX recently bought a lot and built a house on Main street, where he has a boarding house and restaurant, etc. He is proprietor of the Mix House at Salida.

JAMES CHISHOLM recently opened a blacksmith and wagon shop near Jackson & Hill's stable on Main street.

MRS. C. HURDLE Mrs. Hurdle has very recently opened a good restaurant on Main street. She keeps a good place and gives as square a meal as any person needs.

JOSEPH FERST is proprietor of the City Bakery. He owns the property and has a good stand and trade.

BOB NICHOLS keeps a saloon and billiard hall on Main street. He built a substantial house recently and has a good stock of wines, liquors and cigars.

McLAUGHLIN & TURNER opened a grocery store August 13, and have had a good trade since. They have a good stock of groceries, provisions, confectionery, tobacco, cigars and vegetables, and is a good place to trade.

CHAS. W. HIGLEY keeps a restaurant and boarding house on True avenue. He has been here but a few weeks, but is doing a good business he keeps a good house.

LINDSAY & PHILEY have very recently opened a general furniture house. They bought a lot put up a house and propose to put up machinery to manufacture all kinds of furniture at an early day. Mr. A. Lindsay is an old furniture manufacturer of 20 years standing, and is confident that his line of goods can be made cheaper here than they can be freighted in. They now manufacture mattresses.

J. L. SANDERSON & CO. are the proprietors of the stage line across the range to Gunnison City, Dol Norte and all points south-west. They have a large corral and wagon yard to the north east part of town.

W. J. STUART is agent and superintendent for J. L. Sanderson & Co here, and express agent for the D. & R. G. express company. He says that the travel and expressage for the country south has been very large.

FLORIDA, FORBES & CO. forwarding and commission merchants, dealers in railway and contractors' supplies and agents for the celebrated Fish wagons, have recently opened a house here at 4 are doing a good business. They occupied a wall tent at the railroad track for some time, but now have a substantial frame structure completed and are prepared to accommodate the public as well as any other house in the valley.

MAYERS & ALDRICH dealers in general merchandise, have a new stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, and a stock of groceries. They are in a bran new house on Main street. They bought a lot and built a house to suit their business and have an attractive store.

BAXTER STINGLEY recently opened a new saloon on Main street where can be had the finest of wines, liquors and cigars.

BAILEY & VERNON own a general meat market on Main street. They put up a house and employed Matt Heizer to run the place.

C. WHITSON is proprietor of the Eclipse saloon and billiard hall; keeps a good stock of the best wines, liquors and cigars, has been in business three months, and does well. He is proprietor of a similar house in Granite.

A. F. BAILEY dealer in groceries and provisions, is on Main street in a large two story building. He does both a wholesale and retail business, and has a good trade in the Gunnison country and San Luis valley. He keeps a general supply of miners' goods, has been in business about a year.

QUAINANCE HOTEL and restaurant is kept by Mr. S. D. Quainance, who came here three months ago, bought a lot and built a two and a half story frame house and opened his house; he has been crowded with customers ever since. His house is pleasantly located and well furnished. The proprietor is to be congratulated on his excellent hospitality.

M. BRUNFIELD has a restaurant on Main street; good meals are served at all hours. He has a very comfortable looking place.

JACKSON & HILL are owners of a large livery, feed and sale stable on Main street. This was the first stable opened in the town. They have a large stock of horses, buggies and carriages. There is a large corral in connection with the stable. They are owners of the Monarch daily stage line that carries the mail. They keep hay and grain for sale. Mr. H. S. Hill has charge of the stable. He is an old livery man from Wichita, Kansas.

POUNCHA SPRINGS HOTEL is the largest hotel in the town, but it is not large enough to accommodate the custom; it was opened by the present proprietors in August. It is kept as a first class house by Capt. D. G. Ashby and Wm. Gray. It has 23 rooms, is well furnished throughout.

DRS. COLLIS & FOWLER, physicians and surgeons, have been in the practice of their professions at Poncha for about six months past; their practice is very lucrative.

ARKANSAS VALLEY BANK Dwell, Hirtzell & Co. are the proprietors of this bank. They opened here November 29, and have done an excellent business since; the deposits have increased \$10,000 in the last 15 days. Mr. G. B. Carstaphen is the gentlemanly cashier in charge.

BANK OF PONCHA SPRINGS does a general banking business. This bank has just been opened and is doing a good business; will soon build a large stone bank 25x60 feet. James P. True is cashier and H. C. Haden, teller.

J. J. DERR & CO. are dealers in drugs, medicines, chemicals, perfumery, toilet articles, cigars and tobacco; makes assays' supplies a specialty. Commenced in July and has a good trade already.

A. J. THOMAS is wholesale and retail dealer in eastern lumber, lath, shingles, doors, windows, mouldings, pickets, building paper, glass, putty, lime, hair, and cement, and carries a complete stock of builders' hardware. He is one of the pioneers of the town, having a yard here in August, 1879 and has run it up to the present time; trade has been excellent all the time and he has sold a large

amount of lumber. He has a branch yard at Maysville.

CARSTAPHEN & CO. are wholesale and retail dealers in lumber, sash, doors, nails, hay and grain, furniture, queensware and miners' supplies, on the corner of Main street and True avenue. This house has only been open a short time, but has already got a good trade, especially in lumber. Their jobbing trade has extended to Saugachee, the Gunnison country and Kirber creek. They are clever gentlemen with whom it is a pleasure to have business relations.

This office will not be responsible for any indebtedness contracted in the name of the MOUNTAIN MAIL, except upon the written order of the publishers thereof. MOORE & OLNEY.

Notice. All extra numbers of the New Year's edition of the MOUNTAIN MAIL will be delivered to subscribers in Salida and Poncha Springs by C. F. Gatlin and at other points by mail. Collections for the same will be made by Mr. Gatlin upon the order of the publishers. MOORE & OLNEY.

E. B. Jones is on the sick list. Items from Poncha Springs arrived too late for publication in this issue.

Miss Eda Rankin, of Topeka, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. E. Moore. The ladies church society will meet at Mrs. Mack's next Thursday afternoon.

A fine time was enjoyed by all at the Shavano dancing club last night at the Hawkins Hotel.

The Maysville and Monarch district items are crowded out of this issue. Sorry but it cannot be otherwise.

Orders for our New Year's edition came in faster than was expected. We issue fifteen hundred extra and every paper is spoken for as we go to press.

This valley was visited by a light fall of snow and a severe wind Tuesday evening, but by Thursday afternoon it was as clear and mild as if nothing had happened.

Mr. A. B. Mack received a fine large turkey last evening from friends in Canon City. It weighed twenty pounds, and it is a daisy. Of course we had an invite and never refuse such invitations.

J. T. Johnson has resigned his position as clerk of the Ayers House and has accepted a similar one with W. A. Hawkins of the Hawkins Hotel, where he will cater to the wants of the public.

Mr. Hummel, the clerk at the Poncha Springs Hotel, was accidentally shot on Christmas day. A dog was tied behind the counter in the office of the hotel, and the cord becoming entangled about a revolver under the counter, caused its discharge, the ball passing through the leg above the knee, causing a painful wound about four inches in length.

Last week we published a beautiful and pathetic piece of doggerel from the pen of Jane Somersfield of Buena Vista. We supposed that would be the end of it but it seems not to be the case for we are in receipt of another installment of rhymes from the same source. While we are an admirer of Jane's poetry (in a horn) she is hereby politely informed that we have no use for any more of it. Enough is enough of anything.

The members of the Ladies' Society hereby tender sincere and hearty thanks to Gov. Hunt and his agent for the use of the building for their festival; to Capt. Blake for the use of his dishes and his able service as auctioneer; to Messrs. Geo. A. Smith, Bower, Frame, Moll, Gaby and others for their valuable assistance; to all ladies who aided in furnishing and waiting on tables; to all who so generously contributed to the very abundant supply of provisions; and to the public in general for their kind and liberal patronage on the night of the festival.

For some weeks past the society people of Salida have been eagerly looking forward to the event of the season, the ball to take place at the Hawkins Hotel on Christmas eve. A large number of invitations had been issued and a general good time was expected. At an early hour on the eventful evening the guests began to arrive and at nine o'clock dancing commenced in the dining room which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. At twelve o'clock an elegant supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and continued until a late hour. Quite a large number were present and all enjoyed themselves hugely.

The fair and festival given by the Ladies' Society on Wednesday evening was a grand success. The attendance was quite large and each and every one pronounced the supper splendid. The supper room looked most decidedly attractive, the tables being handsomely arranged by the ladies who had them in charge, and the visitors received every attention from the waiters: Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Blachly, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Alden, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Frame, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Moore and Miss Lizzie Smith. One of the most attractive features of the evening was the "Pop Show" in charge of Mrs. Wyman and Miss Nonie Fisher. The picture of "Colorado Life" elicited shouts of laughter from old and young. The art gallery managed by Misses Mattie and Katie Smith; the fancy table by Mrs. Roller and Miss Jennie Smith; the candy table by Miss Minnie Mack and Henry Cody; the grab bag by Misses Allie Clark and Mary Mack and post-office all received liberal patronage. Last but not least the ladies netted the handsome sum of one hundred thirty-five dollars to be used in completing the new church.

The receipt of their Christmas pamphlet and a wallet set to the music of the rail reminds us that the Great Rock Island is still on deck. It is the most popular route between Lake Michigan

and the Missouri river, and its branches, reaching out in all directions, are so magnificently equipped that to travel on the Rock Island is a pleasure and not a task. Its line is laid with steel rails and its road-bed ballasted with rock, insuring a smooth track free from dust, while its cars, Dining, Day and Sleeping, are models of elegance and comfort, and pronounced to be in point of artistic decoration the finest in the world.

All through passenger trains carry the famous Dining Cars, used for eating purposes only, on which meals are served, that are in point of general excellence equal to those to be obtained at first-class hotels and for which only seventy-five cents each is charged. The sleeping accommodations are ample the world-known Pullman Cars being employed. The day cars have all the conveniences for personal comfort that modern ingenuity has devised; and all classes of passengers are carried upon Fast Express Trains, in coaches that permit the enjoyment of their journey.

Any notice of the Rock Island is incomplete without a reference to E. St. John, the General Ticket and Passenger agent. That this department of the road is in good hands is proven by the fact that his method of conducting business is always satisfactory and is highly commended by the press, east and west. We say, "All hail to the Rock Island route."

BUSINESS NOTICES. For dry goods and clothing, go to Smith's, opposite the post office. New carpets at Blake's. If this cold weather stops your clock take it to Howell and have it cleaned and oiled. Smoke G. W. Gail & Ax's Little Joker for sale by Woolman at ten cents per package. Leave orders for ash pans at Bateman's. If you want good boots, miners' suits, hats, caps, gloves, over shirts, or socks, go to Smith's, opposite the post office. Look for another large invoice of ladies and gents' gold and silver watches at Howell's January 10 1881. Mixed candies at Moll's 35 cents a pound. Go and get one of those fur caps at Blake & Co. If you want good goods at fair prices call at Smith's, opposite the post office. Chew G. W. Gail & Ax's Tempter for sale by Woolman at ten cents per package of two ounces. Rubber boots and over shoes at Smith's, opposite the post office. A large lot of briar pipes with amber mouthpieces and several other smokers' articles just received from a New York factory at G. D. Moll's. Howell the jeweler may always be found at his place of business—H. J. Lock's drug store. Five dozen cloaks at J. T. Blake & Co's cheaper than can be sold elsewhere in the valley. Furniture, an immense stock, a Roller & Twitchell's. Just received a full line. Cigars and tobacco, wholesale and retail, at Woolman's. Go to P. Mulvan's for your hats and caps. You will find the largest stock of stationery and notions in Salida at Woolman's for Denver prices. Ladies' fine shoes at P. Mulvan's. You have a selection from the largest and best stock of goods ever brought to Chaffee county by going to John T. Blake & Co's. Choice Christmas candies at Blachly's drug store. Fancy brackets, shelves, hat racks, etc., at Roller & Twitchell's furniture store. Go to Woolman's for a complete line of diaries. Easy chairs, rocking chairs, common chairs, all kinds of chairs at Roller & Twitchell's. New lot of crockery and glassware at Blake & Co. Mrs. Williams, West Main street makes cutting and fitting a specialty, and cuts patterns to order. We carry the largest stock, buy larger and can sell cheaper than any other house in Chaffee county. John T. Blake & Co. Eleven years old Peach Run at Hawkins' Billiard Hall. Call and wet your whistle. Go to P. Mulvan's for your clothing and gents' furnishing goods. Keep your feet warm by buying the new felt boots, at John T. Blake & Co's. A car load of Iowa potatoes received this week, and parties desiring to lay in a stock should consult us. Wahl & Corbin. Excelsior baling ties at Bateman's. The only Stetson hat in Chaffee county is to be found at John T. Blake & Co's. Hawkins' Billiard Hall is the place for a quiet game of billiards and pin pool. Balled linseed oil 35 cents a gallon at Hallock's. Everything in the grocery line at P. Mulvan's. County Warrants Bought and Sold at Chaffee County Bank. Dr. L. G. Bishop, dentist, has located in Salida and desires to inform all persons in need of his services that he

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LAWYERS.

Three attorneys have located in Salida. Mr. John T. Finnam, formerly of Trinidad, has rented an office on Front street and has his large library put up and has a good assortment of legal blanks on hand. He has resided in Colorado for a number of years and is well posted in Colorado practice.

Salida has two justices of the peace. Mr. W. A. Hawkins was elected at the November election, 1879, while a resident of Cleora. Mr. M. Mix is the other justice, and was elected at the November election, 1880. He holds court at this place and Poncha Springs.

Mr. Frank Garrison located in Salida with the first boom, and has stuck until the present. He is a good lawyer and meets with success.

Mr. Asa Jones is the youngest member of the legal fraternity who are making their residence here. He was the first City Attorney and is now the acting Police Judge for the town organization.

MR. E. WOOLMAN

keeps a book and news stand on the north side of First street. He came here among the first settlers and put up a house of his own and has been doing a very good business ever since. His stock consists of school and miscellaneous books, papers and periodicals, stationery, notions, candies, confectioneries, nuts, tobacco and cigars.

W. W. ROLLER & CO.

have a real estate and mining office at the furniture store of Roller & Twitchell on First street. They are the only persons in that business in town. Mr. Roller is a Notary Public and keeps constantly on hand a full supply of all kinds of legal blanks and is always ready to draw any kind of legal documents that may be needed. Mr. N. R. Twitchell, of this firm, is now in Boston disposing of some mining property of which they are possessed.

J. N. CARLILE & CO.

are proprietors of the large corral and barn north of the track of the Gunnison branch of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. The barn is 441 100 feet with a west extension of 60 feet, and will hold about 50 head of horses. They have a large number of livery horses, carriages and buggies. The corral is near 200 feet square with a high board fence about it and an excellent well of water, the first well dug in the town. They started in business here about June 1, and have had an excellent trade ever since. They do a general livery business, board, exchange and sell horses, etc. Mr. Geo. W. Allen, of Ottawa, Illinois, has charge of the stable and is the right man in the right place, he having been in the business all his life and understands more about the pedigree and standing of racers and blooded horses than any other man in the State. He has trained some of the fastest horses in the world. He has the office of the barn literally covered with engravings of all the noted horses from every quarter of the globe, and he appears to know all about them. This stable is one of the best in this part of the State and all who patronize it appear to be well satisfied with all concerned.

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

has a dress and cloak making establishment on west First street in the house formerly occupied by the English Kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were among the first to start in the restaurant business in this town.

FRY & VINTON

have lately opened a millinery and dressmaking shop on the north side of First street, where they keep all the most fashionable articles usually kept in such shops, and also do dress making.

G. B. MOLL

wholesale and retail dealer in tobaccos, cigars and smokers' articles generally. He is agent for G. W. Gail & Ax's popular brands. Mr. Moll is well adapted to the business, and Messrs. Gail & Ax could not have procured a better man to represent them here. Mr. Moll came here at the beginning of the town excitement and erected his own house, commenced business in a determined manner and has established a trade that does credit to his character as a business man and shows what this place is capable of being made by men of energy and enterprise. His trade has increased from the day that he opened his house. Upon his arrival in this country from Holland he was employed by Gail & Ax and left them to come west and go into business for himself. He has had a man and team traveling in the Gunnison and surrounding counties during the past season and will start them out again as soon as the season will permit in the spring. He has found trade good at neighboring points, and is confident that he can greatly extend his trade next year and upon a better acquaintance. He is well pleased with the prospective outlook of Salida. As

showing the esteem in which Mr. Moll's goods are held, it may be remarked that no retail dealer who has bought one order has ever found fault or failed to buy again.

BERNARD BRUEMME

is proprietor of the Cincinnati bakery on First street, and keeps a stock of candies, confectioneries, bread, pies and cakes, also gives meals at all hours.

T. M. ROBINSON

owns the tonsorial establishment on First street which is presided over by Chas. Roth. It is here that you can get your clean, smooth shave for only two bits, also a number one hair cut or shampoo just to suit your taste and at reasonable figures.

J. H. LINDSEY

Keeps a barber shop on F street and does shaving, haircutting and shampooing. He has been in town some time, has been afflicted with rheumatism at times, finds the Poncha Springs water beneficial.

EDWARD GARY

is a contractor and builder who has been in Salida for several months and has identified himself with the interests of the town by becoming a property holder and will soon open a shop on F street one block above the post office where he will do every kind of work in his line and make a specialty of scroll sawing. He is a young man of steady habits who can be depended upon.

BOWER & DAVIS

are the oldest firm of contractors and builders in this valley, having located at Cleora some two years ago and helped to build that town up and seen it go down again. They erected the first house in Salida and have been constantly employed ever since. Mr. Bower is at present employed in superintending the building of the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Davis is putting up buildings at Poncha Springs. They have done a great deal of prospecting in this immediate vicinity and have a number of good prospects which they will commence working as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

GEO. W. CHEDELL

is a practical assayer who has recently located in this town, has built an office and calculator to stay. He comes well recommended as an efficient assayer, has a furnace and all the instruments and chemicals necessary to do any kind of assaying that may be required in this part of the country. He is also a practical surveyor and is ready at all times to accommodate any who may need his services.

BUTLER & NILES

have a blacksmith and wagon shop on the north bank of the river near the railroad track. They came here about four months ago, built a shop and commenced work, found all they could do and are well satisfied to take their portion with the destinies of the town of Salida.

GEO. H. SMITH

is proprietor of the blacksmith, wagon making and repair shop in the western part of town beyond the railroad track. He came here from Edenburg, Penn. some two years ago, first located at Cleora from whence he removed to this town last June; bought lots and built a shop and dwelling thereon, and has been doing a very good business since, is well pleased with Salida, and is glad that he became a resident of it. He has had an experience of twenty-two years at his trade which is a guarantee that his work is all first class. Mr. Smith and his son have done some prospecting since they have been here and have some mining property that they propose to develop in the spring.

BAILEY & BURMUN

run the People's Meat Market on First street. Their stock of meats include everything usually kept in a number one meat market. Mr. Bailey is connected with seven different meat markets in this valley. This market was opened August 2, and has done well since. Mr. Simon Freese has charge of it.

G. F. BATEMAN

dealer in stoves, hardware and tinware and pays especial attention to tin roofing and heavy sheet iron work. He commenced business here June 1, and has been doing a good trade ever since; his business has increased rapidly. He employs but one man in his shop at this time, but he is a practical tinner himself, and has been engaged in this line of trade for twenty years. He warrants his work to be as good as any that can be had and does work as cheap as it can be done in any town in the mountains or even in Pueblo, and sell goods proportionately cheap. He carried on the same kind of business for fifteen years at Mattoon, Ill. previous to his coming to Colorado.

L. G. BISHOP

Dentist, is located on west First street beyond the railroad; he came here a short time ago and bought property here and opened an office. He has had seventeen years experience in the

practice of dentistry in Chicago before he came to Colorado some three years ago. Has been prospecting and mining in this part of the country for some time past.

G. S. HUGGINS

is located on west First street beyond the railroad, where he keeps a second hand store, buys and sells all kinds of second hand goods, but more especially furniture. He was engaged at one time in the furniture business here, but sold out to Roller & Twitchell some time ago. Thinks of engaging in the manufacturing of furniture and mattresses soon. He has been in business here since June 1. He is looking after the house of A. M. Irving, who has a stock of liquors, wines and cigars in the same building; does only a wholesale business.

J. B. DOWNE

is a dealer in second hand goods and sells cigars by the wholesale, is agent for Stout's tobacco manufactory of Independence, Iowa. He was among the first to come to Salida to open business and is glad he came; he bought a lot and put a house on it. He keeps a restaurant that pays well, as he has all the business that he wants; says that this is the most pleasant place to live in the Arkansas valley.

EMMA THOMPSON

is proprietress of the Palace Restaurant on First street. She came here when the town first took the boom and has been in business ever since to her own entire satisfaction; she gives meals at all hours and keeps on hand a supply of fresh oysters. There is a bar in connection with the restaurant where is dispensed the finest of wines, liquors and cigars. Emma Thompson's place on Main street in Poncha Springs is kept by the same personage.

S. C. FROST

left Cleora in the spring and removed two houses to this town in May, got four lots and, put his houses up and made a large corral 100x125 feet in size called the Elephant corral. He opened up a stock of groceries and a saloon in connection with his corral, also ran a music hall until lately and now is proprietor of the Delmonico music hall at Poncha Springs. He has done a good business while here. J. H. Pickens is managing the business at this place.

M. C. BROWN

came here last June, got a lot and put up a building and opened with a general stock of groceries, and had a bakery, restaurant and saloon in connection. He found his business here very good, and has had a big trade; is now only engaged in the saloon business. He has recently bought a lot and is building a house at Poncha Springs where he will soon engage in a business similar to that which he has had here.

J. J. BENDER'S

place is on First street. He keeps a restaurant, lodging house and saloon. Gives meals at all hours at 25 cents and his beds are 25 cents per night. Has been in business only about two months, has had a good patronage and done well since he came to town. He has a bar in connection with his other business, and sells cigars and tobacco, beer, wine and liquors of every kind and description.

R. DEVERAUX

is proprietor of the Railroad saloon located on First street. He has been in business here for the past six months and has done well, was one of lucky Cleora men who removed their houses from that transitory place to this substantial burg last June. He keeps a good stock of wines, liquors, beer and cigars, also has a billiard table in his house; his house is a general resort for a great many railroad men.

J. E. POWERS

came with the town and opened the pioneer music hall in the place. He is located on Grand avenue north of First street. His house is the favorite resort of the fan loving portion of the population; he treats everybody well who patronize his house; the bar is always supplied with the choicest wines, liquors and cigars, which is the principal cause of the large amount of business he does.

J. F. CLARK

is proprietor of the F street billiard and pool hall. His saloon was started some four months ago. He says he has done well. He keeps wines, liquors and cigars, and his pool and billiard table is as good as any and is kept busy by the numerous customers of the house.

ROUSE & LANE

came here and bought lots, put up a building and opened a saloon and billiard hall June 25. They keep the best of wines, liquors, cigars and tobacco, and have one of the best billiard tables in the town. Their place of business is located on Grand avenue near Second street.

There is only one Chinaman in the town, Sing Lee, who keeps a wash house in a small building on the back end of the lot where Judge Pittman's office is.

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