# The Salida Mail. TYVIOER A पVBHET 

SALLDAS'S PRISPERITY.
The Progress and Develop ment of "The Gem City of the Rockies."


Solida's Climate and Surrounding
and the Influences that are Bringing it to the Fron
A Brief Summary of the Railroa
Improvements Made During the Year.
The Poncha Springs Develo
and their Influence and their Influe.
on Salida.
The year just closed marks one of the
most important epochs in the history of Salida. The year 1890 has witnossed any year preceding in the history of this provements are not the least importan portant era in the rapid progress o
Salida toward industrial and commercia preminence.
This year marks the turning point in
is history; the period of doubt and uncertainty as to its fature has now bee
passed. Salida is no longer considere as a little mountain town wowth very
limited possibilities; it is now looked upon as the most important and promsising
city in central Colorado. Every one who has seen Saliia and become cognizant on
its resources, favorable location its resources, favorable location and gen
eral attractions, admits that it is des
tised to be, and in fact is now, one of the first towns in the state. This transition from a town with a
donbttul future to a city with metropopi
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theren, and the members of the syndi-
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dences for themselves. | As soon as the new hotels are com- |
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| pleted and the improvements are put in, | Poncha will rapidly come into prominence as a resort for health seekerr, and

as soou as its superior attractions be as soou as its superior attractions be-
come known, will rival, and in time perhaps surpass the famous hot springs of
Arkansas. Arkansas.
The surro The surroundnges and climate of Pon-
cha are far superior to that of the Hot Springs of Arkanisas, tand as os oon as suit-
able accommodat able accommodations are provided, hun-
dreds of people will come here in pres dreds of people will come here in profer-
ence to going to the hot springs of Ar ence to going to the hot springs of Ar-
kansas, with its unpleasant surround-
ings and disagreaable olimate. The members of the Electric Light company of this place have organized a
street railway company and have granted a twenty-five years franchise
by the city council. The ordinance granting them the franchise ortipulatees
that within two years that
street railway muars twelve blocks ot the
operation street railway must be completed and in
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street car line up to street car line up to Poncha if they can
obtain a favorable franchise from that town.
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will nected with a rapid transit line, which
will bring the towns into close com-
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The gra with a great developments at Poncha with a great
deal of interest. The rowth and im-
provement of Poncha will benefit Salida
and greatly and greatly acceclerate its growth. Salida
will be to Poncha Springs what Colorado
Springs is to Maniton.
Traveling ment and tounsts note the
extensive improvements being made, and


## the most agreeable at this season of farmer's crops. In this climat


 bination of several causes. The first of these to which we wish to call attention
is its peerless Travel east or west, north or south,
and no place can be found with a more and no place can be found with a more
plesant and agreabbe all-yan-round
climate than has Salida. There are many places which have a perfect elimate dury
ing certain seasons of the year, while perhaps during the remainder of the year it will be almost unendurable. In
Salida daring the mild weather of the
Sin summer months, one thought is echoed
trom every mind: "This is the finest summer is gone and winter is upon us, without oun being able hardlly to note
the transition from summer to autumn and winter, then one sentiment finds a ready response on every side; "This is

Salida is peculiarly free from that exunbearable, unhealthy climate marks the wintor it is exempt from the and in ses favored lork the winters of many nights in Salida are ellways cool, and during the day a cool refreosing and breeze
comes down from the mountaing. ing the months of July and August verdure on the mountains and in the these showers less irrigation is required
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In this climate there is hardly a day in
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| The months of November and Decem- |  |
| r will probably show even a greater crease of business over the correspond- | of Alamosa over Veta Pass has been |
| months of last year. The month of |  |
| October was taken as an example simply because at the time we secured these |  |
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| statistics the report for that month had just been completed. These |  |
| show better than words can tell, the amount of business done at this point |  |
| When we talk of Salida as being a town |  |
| of considerable importance as a railroad center we have some which to base our talk. <br> the transfrer yards. |  |
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| done at this point. The third rail east |  |
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| of here will soon be taken up and Salida will necessarily become a great distributing point. |  |
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| The transfer yards are located at |  |
| Cleora, two milee below town, the upper |  |
| limit of the yard being just a mile below the road house. The grading has been |  |
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| completed and the work of laying the |  |
| track will be begun very soon. They are |  |
| waiting for a force of men to do this work that have been working over be yond Leadville. |  |
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| The tranafer yards will be one mile |  |
| long, extending from mile post 214 to |  |
| 215. The main line will be the upper one, i. e., the one nearest the foothills, |  |
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| will be at least sixteen parallel tracks. |  |
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| Five turn tables will be put in. There will be sufficient trackage for 4,000 cars or over. |  |
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## COLORADO FLOWERS

 Paradoxical as it may seem in the higheraltitudes. Think of sitting down in a bed of stately columbines aan altitude of 9,000 feet picking on al sides of you, fairly holding your breath
for very joy of gathering these queenly columbines bloom in July and before
this month of flowers is ushered in a
whole army of loses in review and been
out of the service. Early in March, while envious winter
still scatters showers of snow in the lap of spring, timidy, as it but reconnoiter
top, up peeps the pretty anemone, calle
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royally it flower about two-thirds the size and
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to have no plant, the buds bsimply ing, covered with their blanket of dull
green and a fuzzy stem, it grows in
bunches, at an altitude of not less than place to a profusion of yellow flowers of
varying degrees o beant, perhaps the
prettiest being the wall-flower or thermopsis, which appears in he form of a
bunch of yellow flowers on one stem and
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delicate thread-stemmed flax puts forth beauty that the flowers often drop their
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April and May, but June and July bear higher altitudes, that is above 8,000 feet,
appear in white, pink, deep red and
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they are mostly deep red.





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