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THE BLACK RANGE.

Published Every Friday at Chloride, Sierra County, New Mexico.

Friday, June 4, 1897.

A., T. & S. F. Time Table.

ENGLE.
No. 1 going south due.....7:35 a. m.
No. 2 going east due.....2:45 p. m.
E. J. WESTERVELT, Agt.

Chloride Post-Office.

Mail arrives 6:15, p. M. Departs, 5:15 A. M.
MARK O. THOMPSON, P. M.

METAL MARKET.

New York, June 2.—Copper, brokers' price, 11 1/2; exchange price, \$10.80@11.20. Lead, brokers' price, 3 1/2; exchange price, \$2.25@3.30. Silver, 60.

LOCAL NEWS.

Keep your eye on the gun.
Memorial day was appropriately observed.

The prospects for immense crops of wild grapes, pions and walnuts are excellent.

E. Payne has finished assessment work on his claims at Roundvillie for this year.

W. E. Taylor passed through here Wednesday on his way to Hermosa from Grafton.

Hugh McTavish has completed assessment work on his claims in this district for 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Ragsegger returned yesterday from their outing at the Gila hot springs.

There was a sad case of lynching in this burg the other day. The particulars of which are too distressing to relate.

Messrs. Blinn, Oliver and White went to Magdalena on Tuesday. Dr. Blinn expects to remain in Magdalena for a time, at least.

The one and only J. H. Drake, formerly of Hermosa, has been heard from in Arizona where he was traveling for a California grocery house.

Bears are becoming numerous, and some of them have almost invaded the town limits. One of the brutes visited Lew Kruse's cabin at the Good-enough mine.

The owners of the Ashville have purchased a whim from Tom Scales which they will put up on that property. Messrs. Taylor and Petrie are pushing work on the Ashville.

Ed. Dayisson came in from the Link ranch on Tuesday. The Links will commence gathering cattle as soon as the grass crop improves. The spring rains have not been as prolific on the west side of the range as the east side.

Hill Brothers, of the Upper Gila, have sold their ranches and range rights to the G. O. S. cattle company. They will remove their goat herd from the range. Hill Brothers still retain their famous Gila Hot Springs property and will make many improvements on the place, which will render it one of the most popular resorts in the southwest.—Silver City Enterprise.

FAIRVIEW.

Jas. Taylor and family returned to Grafton from Hillsboro, Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Leaf (nee Miss Lucy Laughlin) who is visiting her mother.

Wm. Baucus and J. P. Olney, of Hermosa, were here last Saturday and Sunday. Before leaving for home they examined some mining property in this vicinity.

A. J. Maxfield was up from Hermosa last Sunday.

Wm. Taylor, of Lower Camp, Hermosa, passed through here this week.

Mrs. Bert Hearn, formerly of this place, is rusticated at her brother's ranch below the Post.

Supt. Mayer returned to Hillsboro last Friday.

June 1st found a party of sportsmen from this place and Hermosa at Diamond creek hauling in the delicious trout with a clear conscience.

Hank Hotchkiss, a cowboy employed by the G. O. S. cattle company, had a narrow escape from assassination at an early hour on Sunday morning. Hotchkiss had come to Silver City several days before helping to drive a herd of cattle which the company shipped. On Saturday he went to Pinos Altos and remained till late at night, leaving the town about midnight to go to the home ranch. When out about 10 miles from Pinos Altos, he was suddenly surprised by a voice from out of the darkness commanding him to halt; he re-

fused to halt and was increasing the speed of his horse when a bullet from a rifle was fired through the pommel of his saddle. A second shot was fired the bullet passing through Hotchkiss' coat and pants. The third shot struck the horse between the eyes, killing the animal instantly. The three shots were fired in less time than it takes to read it and Hotchkiss found himself afoot, with a deadly enemy shooting at him from ambush. It behooved him to take active measures for self defence, so pulling his pistol he commenced shooting in the direction from which the flash of the last shot had come. His cowardly assailant could be plainly heard running away as soon as Hotchkiss commenced firing. Hotchkiss went to the home ranch on the Sapello, reaching there after daylight. He procured another mount and returned to the scene of the encounter to recover his saddle, from the dead horse which he had ridden the night before. While examining the tracks made by his assailant he found some of the cartridge shells fired by his assailant, which may lead to the identification of the would-be assassin.—Silver City Enterprise.

An amusing story is told of two young ladies from the east, who are stopping in Silver City, and who had never had any dealings with the wily Chinese laundryman before their advent to the "wild and woolly west." The first of their stay here was spent at a well known hotel, and they were started at an early hour one morning by a light tapping at the bed-room door. Upon opening the same they were confronted by a polite Mongolian, who in tones corresponding to the taps on the door, unblushingly said: "Me washee you?" "What?" "Me washee you?" "How dare you, you—" "I likee washee you—me washee you belly good—" And then she slammed the door in his face and then came near fainting away. The landlady hearing commotion, rushed to the room and after quite a little conversation and explanation, the young ladies burst into laughter, and now the three tell the story as one of the best jokes of the season.—Silver City Enterprise.

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A royal lady decorated with this medal is Dowager Queen Pia of Portugal, who is as magnificent a swimmer as the queen regent of Spain or Princess Helen of Orleans. Queen Pia, while fully dressed, swam out into the sea at La Granja some years ago and rescued two children whose boat had been capsized by a heavy sea.

Her son, the present king of Portugal, ought by rights to wear one of these medals as well, having last year personally intervened in a struggle between two men and saved the life of the weaker of the two, in addition to holding the would-be murderer until assistance could be procured.

King Oscar of Sweden wears a life-saving medal, granted him before he ascended the throne by Emperor Napoleon III. He has the right to wear several medals of this sort, for the act of courage thus recognized by the French ruler is by no means the only service to humanity rendered by the royal Anak.

The feat which won him the medal was the stopping, on the Corniche road, of a pair of runaway horses which were on the point of precipitating themselves, along with the carriage and its occupants, over a precipice upon the rocks many hundred feet below.

At another time he plunged into the water to save a boy from drowning at Nice; and while serving in the Swedish navy he sprang overboard one very equally night to save a sailor who had fallen into the sea.

His son, Prince Oscar, wears a Swedish medal for saving the life of a drowning man whose boat had been capsized by a sudden puff in the port of Karlskrona.

Almost identically the same feat was performed two years ago by the gigantic Prince George of Greece, who dived from the quarter-deck of a man-of-war anchored in the Bay of Piræus to rescue a sailor. He has likewise been specially decorated by the emperor of Russia for preserving the tsarvitz from death in Japan.

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Editor New York Dispatch:
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Sierra County.

(Taken From Statistics Compiled by the Bureau of Immigration.)

Sierra county is situated in south central New Mexico, being bounded on the north and east by Socorro county out of which it was mainly taken; on the south by Dona Ana county and on the west by Grant and Socorro counties. The principal meridian of New Mexico forms its eastern boundary for 48 miles. The summit of the Black Range is the western limit. If not very large in extent, averaging fifty-four miles from north to south, and about the same from east to west, 2,376 square miles, the county has a diversified topography. In the extreme east are large plains; then a system of mountain ranges, running from north to south, along the east bank of the Rio Grande (Sierra Fa Cristobal and Caballo) and at their western base that river, leaving about one-third of the area of the county on the eastern bank. On the west side plains, interrupted here and there by prominences extend to the foot hills of the Black range for from twenty to thirty miles while finally that range occupies the westernmost portion. Sloping, not only from north to south, but also from the northeast to southwest, the drainage is well defined. With the exception of a few creeks, in the uttermost northwest corner, which flow westward into the Rio Gila, all streams flow southeast, into the Rio Grande. The beds of these streams, approaching their mouths, are worn deep into the plains.

Elevations, in the northern part of the county, vary from 1,484 (Fest's Ferry) to 5,177 (Alamosa), 6,540 (Canada Alamosa), to 8,045 Nell's Pass, from the Rio Grande, to the western boundary in the northern part from 4,000 (Rio Grande, above Rincon), to 4,689 (above Nutt station), 5,224 (Hillsborough), 7,494 (Berrenda spring), to 7,574 (Hendrick's Peak). On the east side of the Rio Grande, the plains gradually descend from 4,720 (below Laya station), to 4,342 feet above Grama, in a distance of forty-eight miles. There are springs scattered over this eastern part of the country, and that water can be obtained by sinking tubular wells, there is no doubt. As a proof that water exists, the railroad well, at Uphau station, (formerly Martin's well) may be mentioned. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road runs through the entire length of this part of the country, skirting it also around its southern limits, and making connection, at Nutt station, with Lake Valley, by a northerly branch of 13 miles.

Stage lines connect the country across the Rio Grande, starting from Engle station, to Cuchillo Negro, Chloride, Fairview and Grafton, or in the south from Lake Valley to Hillsborough, Kingston, Pearcha City and Hermosa which latter, also, can be reached from Engle, via Cuchillo Negro.

The western part of the county is well watered by creeks and streams. In the northwest corner, eight or nine creeks empty into the Gila, on the west side of the Black Range. On the east side are, heading in the Black Range, Alamosa creek, having a south easterly course, with Alamosa (Monticello) the principal town.

Rio, Cuchillo Negro; its upper course is formed by Poverty, Pine, Bear, Miner and Dry and Chloride creeks and South Fork. There are, in the Range, the following towns: Grafton, Fairview, Chloride and Hermosa. Cuchillo Negro is in the lower valley.

Rio Palomas, Rio Seco and Rio Animus creeks are of the same origin and the same general course.

Rio Pearcha waters, with several heads, Pearcha City, Kingston and Hillsborough.

The county is well divided into the valley, mesa and mountain land embracing a considerable section of the Rio Grande valley, where agriculture is followed; wherever openings in the valleys of the different affluents afford room enough to do so, agricultural pursuits are followed.

Being well watered, the pasturage lands are fully available, and the stock interests are in good condition.

The main interests of Sierra county are centered in the mines.

The principal mining districts are: Apache, Black Range, Cuchillo Negro, Kingston, Hermosa, Animus, Hillsborough, Pearcha and Lake Valley.

The center of Apache mining district is Chloride; in Chloride gulf Dry creek, Mineral creek, Bear creek, and others, silver-bearing copper ores, bornites, occur, which are rich, \$100 per ton or more, and secure large returns to those who own and work their mines in a regulated manner. Igneous rocks are frequent; on the contact lines between them and other formations, minerals occur.

While the ores along the main portion of the Black Range most occur

on contact line, between limestone and porphyry and trachyte, argentiferous copper ores also occur between porphyry and lime, the ores being sulphides, oxides, and some iron.

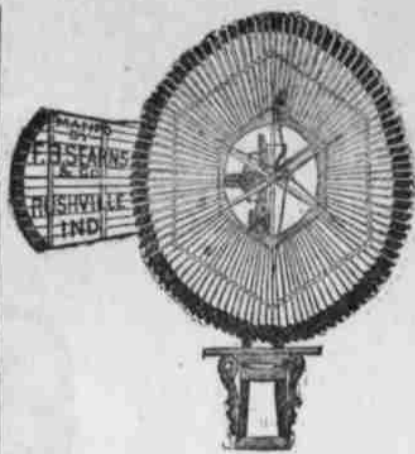
Hermosa, Kingston, Pearcha, Hillsborough and Lake Valley ores are rich and easy to reduce.

Hillsborough is the county seat; the principal towns are Kingston, Lake Valley, Chloride, Fairview, Hermosa, Grafton, Palomas, Cuchillo, and Monticello. The latter three are in the agricultural sections of the country, here as the former are mostly supported by the mining industry.

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