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## THE BLACK RANGE.

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

Friday, February 19, 1897.

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

ENGLER.  
No. 1 going south due.....7:30 a. m.  
No. 2 going east due.....2:45 p. m.  
E. J. WESTERVELT, Agt.

### Chloride Post-Office.

Mails arrive 6:15 p. M. Departs, 5:15 A. M.  
MARK O. THOMPSON, P. M.

### LOCAL NEWS.

For FIRST-CLASS writing paper call at this office.

Mr. Ray Binn is visiting his brother Dr. E. P. Binn.

L. J. Otto and Harry Moeler came in from Magdalena Wednesday.

J. C. Flemmons was up from Hermosa the early part of the week.

Mr. Chas. Boyless has taken the position of assistant assayer at the smelter.

The smelter is the chief attraction just now. Many interested spectators are on the ground day and night.

Mr. John St. Clare Mack, the organizer of the Cliff Mining & Smelting company, returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Denver.

Mr. Chas. F. Smith, of the C. M. & S. Co., who was here to witness the blowing in of the smelter, left Wednesday for his home at McGregor, Texas.

Some kind friend remembered the editor and sent him a very amusing valentine. The unknown sender will please accept ye editor's most 'grateful' thanks.

J. B. Petrie and John Yaple, two of Grafton's most thrifty miners, were in town one day this week. The Grafton people watch with interest the success of the smelter.

The smelter didn't freeze up, much to the amazement of some folks who had unwisely allowed themselves to freeze to the idea that nothing short of a "freeze up" would occur.

A pretty wedding will take place in Monticello to-morrow. The contracting parties being Mr. Geronimo Sanchez and Miss Ursula Cnavez. THE BLACK RANGE extends congratulations.

Mr. G. F. Graves, of the well-known firm of Creighton & Graves, of Magdalena, accompanied by Mr. Burnette, Albert Fitch, Jas. Wheeler and Paul Mitchell, arrived here Monday evening. Mr. Graves is very much interested in the success of the smelter and predicts a bright future for Chloride which he considers one of the most picturesque and nicely located towns in the country. Mr. Graves started on Wednesday for Magdalena.

There are people who object to the manner in which THE BLACK RANGE encourages and sustains the pucky efforts of the Cliff Mining & Smelting company to make their meritorious undertaking a success. THE BLACK RANGE stands for progression and advocates the promotion of all legitimate enterprises. In every community there are croakers who make it a business to antagonize and discourage such enterprises. However, the time has come and industrious, progressive people have no time to listen to the croakers' tale of woe.

Irb Taylor arrived here at an early hour Wednesday morning from the D D Bar ranch seeking the services of Dr. E. P. Binn to administer treatment to Chas. La Baun who had, perhaps, been fatally shot by one Johnson last Monday morning. As near as can be learned, Johnson went to the D D Bar ranch Monday morning, that Johnson and La Baun were talking together, when the latter, it seems had a warrant for the former's arrest. When La Baun told Johnson to consider himself under arrest, Johnson pulled his gun and shot La Baun and then ran away. Though badly wounded, La Baun fired several shots at the retreating form of Johnson, but without effect. Johnson's shot struck La Baun in front, on the left side, near the first and second ribs, the bullet coming out near the spine. Dr. Binn left Wednesday morning for the D D Bar ranch, and it is hoped that he found the wounded man's condition more favorable than is predicted. La Baun is a good citizen. Johnson is a bad man and is the same fellow that caused some trouble here Christmas night. It is said that a reward of \$50 is offered for Johnson who shot up the town of Magdalena. It is supposed that Johnson has fled the country. It

is reported here to-day (Friday) that La Baun is dead. We have not heard the report confirmed.

### FAIRVIEW.

Fairview will celebrate Washington's birthday.

The race track is in good condition for the races which will take place on the afternoon of the 22nd. A tournament will occur in the morning.

A small admittance fee will be charged spectators at the hall Monday night, and the floor will be reserved for maskers until after supper.

It is now quite the thing for parties to drive over to the smelter and witness its successful operation.

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On Monday morning, Feb. 15th, 1897, at 1 o'clock, Prof. J. L. Wells, and Mr. Jno. Creighton one of the directors of the Cliff Mining & Smelting company, took snap judgment on the rest of the directors who had assembled here for the purpose of seeing the smelter blow-in, by applying the blast, and at 7 o'clock were drawing slag, and had things moving like a charm. When Messrs. Braymer, Kellum, Riser, Smith and Felt stepped from their rooms in the morning they were greeted with the news that the mammoth plant, one-half mile below town, was in full operation. The good news was at first received with doubt, but soon the truth was out. At once a broad smile of satisfaction settled over the features of the members of the company, and a careful observer may even yet distinguish traces of joy in the frank, open countenance of the genial Judge Braymer.

The starting up of this plant has been looked forward to as the opening wedge and now that it has been accomplished, and with such marked success, all doubts as to the future of the Apache and Black Range mining districts have taken flight in the bright dawn of coming prosperity. Better and brighter days for the miners are at hand. The new era is actually here.

THE BLACK RANGE scribe explored the smelter from ore bin to slag dump Thursday night and found everything working like a charm. In every department the most improved methods are in use, and all presided over by trained and skilled men. Chief Metallurgist J. L. Wells has that peculiar faculty of surrounding himself with good and efficient men and is the right man in the right place. Mr. J. C. Williams chief furnaceman of the night force is ably assisted by Messrs. Harry Beagle and Kirk Clarkson, while Mr. Wm. Morris has charge of the day shift and is equally well assisted by Mr. Henry Tarr. The engine and machinery departments are in the hands of that skilled and painstaking mechanic Mr. Robert Copen, assisted by Mr. Perry Hunt. The assay and chemical department are ably presided over by Mr. Chas. Laidlaw. In short, each department is presided over by a man of large experience in his particular line, and everything moves along with that regularity and accuracy of an old and well regulated establishment. The giving out of a pump caused a temporary delay, but now the furnace is discharging slag and bullion with a regularity that astonishes "old timers" and making a remarkable saving of 98 per cent. of the values. Much credit is due Messrs. Judge Braymer and Jno. Creighton for their untiring energy. Jack can always be found at the helm ready to help and direct the boys in time of emergency, and the success of this enterprise will place his name in the list among the most successful mine and mill operators in the southwest. While Messrs. Felt, Kellum, Riser, and Smith are comparatively new men in this district, still they are rapidly establishing themselves in the good graces of our miners by their clear cut business methods and disposition to fair and honest business dealing. The company are paying the very highest market price for ores with the lowest possible treatment charge, and our miners could not do better even were they in touch with the largest centers of reduction.

After this preliminary run of some 400 tons of ore the company will, for a short season close down and enlarge their ore storage capacity and otherwise greatly improve their plant. They will, however, continue to buy ore as heretofore, so that when the blast is again applied it will not be cooled for at least one year. The operating of this plant will give our miners a ready market for their product and an opportunity that we have been longing for, and that is, the means of developing our mines, so that we can refute the charge "that if our country has values why are there not more paying mines." We now have the opportunity and it is the duty of every miner in northern Sierra county to at once start development on his property and demonstrate to his own entire satisfaction and to the outside investing public, that we have a mineral belt unequalled in quality, quantity and extent. If every miner will take advantage of the opportunity now offered we predict that within the next six months, this section will witness a boom such as it never had, and such a boom as will be lasting and of great good.

The gentlemen who have placed their money in our country ask only this at our hands "sell us you ore, in turn we will give you the highest market price for it in cash, thereby giving you an opportunity to develop your properties and increase their commercial value while making a good living."

For the benefit of some of our miners it would be well to recite the fact that capital is looking for mines, and very seldom invest in prospect holes. We have many fairly developed properties in this section, but not near as many as there should be, judging from the splendid surface indications.

Too many of our property owners, and these generally have the most promising claims, are sitting idle awaiting for some body to come along and pay them the price of a mine for a very uncertain prospect. THE BLACK RANGE predicts that the contact of their trousers will be worn pretty thin before the hopes of most of these persons will be realized. Gentlemen, step forward and give the institution that has come to us, through the untiring efforts of Mr. John St. Clare Mack, your hearty support for each and every one will reap a measure of their success and reward.

The members of the Cliff Mining & Smelting company, and all our citizens are congratulating each other over the remarkable success of the smelter up to date—an institution that we believe is bound to prove a sure winner.

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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 46 miles. The summit of the Black Range is the western limit. It is 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), 6,541 (Canada Alamosa), to 8,915 (Neil's Pass), from the Rio Grande, to the western boundary in the northern part from 4,000 (Rio Grande, above Rincon), to 4,889 (above Nutt station), 5,224 (Hillsborough), 7,494 (Berranda spring), to 7,574 (Hendrick's Peak). On the east side of the Rio Grande, the plains gradually descend from 4,729 (below Lava 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, a railroad well, at Upham station, (formerly Martin's well) may be mentioned. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road through the length of this part of the county, making it also a source of water, and making with the northernly branch of the stage line the Rio Grande station, to Fairview and south from Lake Valley, Hillsborough, Kingston, Percha, Hermosa which latter, also, is 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 westerly course, with Alamosa (Monticello) the principal town.

Rio Cuchillo Negro; its upper course is formed by Poverty, Pine, Bear, Mineral, 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 Animas creeks are of the same origin and the same general course.

Rio Percha waters, with several heads, Percha 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, Animas, Hillsborough, Percha and Lake Valley.

The center of Apache mining district is Chloride; in Chloride gulch Dry creek, Mineral creek, Bear creek, and others, silver-bearing copper ores, boronites, 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, shales occur.

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

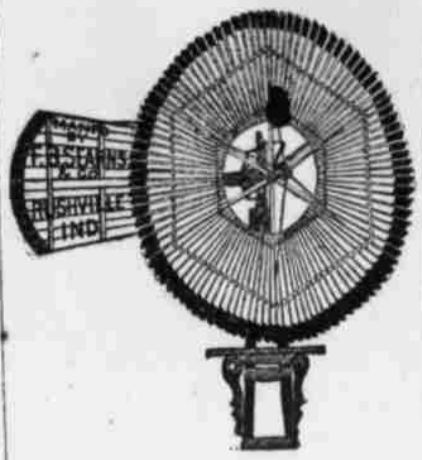
on contact lines, between limestone and porphyry and trachyte, argentiferous copper ores also occur between porphyry and lime, the ores being sulphides, oxides and some iron.

Hermosa, Kingston, Percha, 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, whereas the former are mostly supported by the mining industry.

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