

THE HERALD.

Notes of a Trip to New Mexico and Arizona. LOS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, July 2, 1881.

DEAR HERALD:—Whilst resting between trains we conclude to give you a sketch of our experience and the burning sands of the great south-west. We had not an hour's delay in leaving Plattsmouth and Tucson, Arizona, leaving P. on Tuesday morning at 9:30, and arriving at Tucson at noon on Friday. The distance by rail is 1519 miles. Tucson is one of the old Mexican cities of Arizona, said to be three hundred years old. It is situated on a low, sandy basin, surrounded by mountains; it is said to be just on sea level, and one of the hottest places in the United States; the mercury standing, whilst we were there at from 113 to 123 in the shade. This is the place where we are told that a man died and went to the place that the new revision calls Hades, and seeing Abraham again, he called to him to go back to Tucson and bring him his blankets, as he was suffering with cold. It had not rained in Tucson for six months, and the water was so scarce, there not being a sufficiency of water to use for sprinkling the streets. The streets are narrow and irregular; the houses low and built of adobe. It has a population of 6000, divided as follows: 4000 Mexican Indians, 1000 Chinese, and the remainder Americans of the third class. It is the largest city in the Territory, and the outfitting point for all south-eastern Arizona.

We left Tucson, in company with F. B. Knox of Globe City, on Saturday morning, the 25th at 6 o'clock, for the Stone-wall Jackson Mine, one hundred and twenty miles to the north. We traveled day and night, especially in the night, as the heat and sun were so terrible, on our way through several cañons, where they grow from forty to fifty feet high, and from twelve to eighteen inches through the body of the tree.

About fifty miles from Tucson Mr. Knox drove us to the ruins of one of the ancient cities, now a cluster of foundations of buildings and streets in irregular form were plainly visible; covering at least a section of land. Early on Sunday morning we suddenly came on to a squad of forty Apache scouts; we were not hunting for anything of the kind, but they were there right in front of us, and we got on our way. We had a plenty of sand so we drove directly to them. Mr. Knox spoke to the leader of the squad and we learned that they were in the mine, and that they had some cow boys who had murdered a Miracopa Indian the day previous; not taking us for cow boys they permitted us to pass; we never passed in any little game in our life with more satisfaction than this one.

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon, we arrived at the place of our destination, the Stone-wall Jackson Mine. Here Mr. Knox remained with us until after night, giving us what information he could in reference to the mine and introducing us to other miners who would help us to get the condition, prospects, etc., of the Stone-wall; this is beyond doubt naturally, one of the best properties in the Territory, and it was in fact at Leadville, or Virginia City, Nev., its value could hardly be computed; there is at least ten thousand tons of what they call hundred ounce ore dumped up at this mine, that they are making no use of whatever, and millions of tons of the same underground; besides this they have the richest streak of native silver that is yet discovered anywhere on the Pacific slope. Lumps of almost native silver weighing from one to four hundred pounds have been taken from this mine. With all this wealth the mine under its present management, has not been profitable in the aggregate to its owners. Having spent Sunday afternoon and all of Monday in diligent inquiry in reference to the property, (as that was our business to Arizona) and having learned all that we possibly could in reference to the same, on Tuesday morning, the 28th at 2 o'clock we left the camp for Fort Grant thirty-five miles distant on line of the stage company, arriving at Fort Grant at 9 a. m.; the stage for the Southern Pacific R. R. being due at 10:30, at the appointed time we took stage for Wilcox, connecting with train there at 10 a. m. Wednesday, the 29th, arriving at Socorro, New Mexico, at 7 p. m., where we had intended to stop over a train and take a look at the place; but as we stood on the depot platform whilst the engine was taking water, we heard a group of excited men talking about centepedes; one man had been bitten and was at the point of death; another child was dead from same cause; another had found one in his coat sleeve; and before the engine had quenched its fiery thirst we had lost all interest in Socorro, and quietly returned to our seat in the car, or, in other words, we went further up the Rio Grande. Albuquerque is the terminus of the Atlantic and Pacific R. R. and is the southern western terminus of the Denver and Rio Grande, and being located on the line of the A. T. and S. F. makes it the rail road city of New Mexico; the nearest town is located in the south from the old city; a street railway connecting the two places; the population of each town is about two thousand. For fifty miles up the Rio Grande from this place the Pueblo villages are very numerous and the valley of the Rio Grande is in a fair state of cultivation; the Indians in many places having good orchards and vineyards. Albuquerque, we think, is destined to become the commercial metropolis of the coming new state of New Mexico, as its agricultural and mining and rail road advantages are much superior to any other point in the Territory; at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 30th, we reached the noted city of the Holy Faith or Santa Fe, as that means the same in Mexican. We will not attempt to give you a description of Santa Fe as it was written and re-written in the Lincoln Journal less than a month ago; but I can assure you that it is much more than a month ago. This much we will say; that the age and history make it of more than ordinary interest to the thoughtful observer. One thing we have noticed is that all the old Mexican and Pueblo villages in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona were laid out originally so that the principal street without regard to the points of the compass, point directly to Santa Fe, and are uniformly called Santa Fe street or avenue. This leads us to the conclusion that centuries ago, Santa Fe stood as the great religious and political attraction of the Territory, and thousands who peopled the vast region of country encircling in its area at least a thousand miles square. We had intended to give you a short sketch of Los Vegas, but just at this moment we have heard of the assassination of President Garfield. Flags are at half mast and the city is all a blaze of excitement. We cannot write further. B.

BACKING A STRANGE MULE.

Mr. Mink's Error as to the Brute's Trotting Quality. Jim Nye, Hard Hitter, and Humility Talker, from a Market Wagon and Pressed into a Go-as-You-Please Match—The Victory.

NEWBURGH, June 5.—Besides attending to his duties in connection with the mail service between here and Fishkill, Mr. John Mink finds time for an occasional spin over the roads in pursuit of recreation. The other day he overtook and passed on the South plank road a market wagon bound for Cherry Hill, drawn by three fine-looking mules. Mr. Mink pulled up at the hotel in South Orange, and before long the mule team came in sight. As it was going by, Mr. Mink called aloud to Tim Curtis, the driver, "Come, now, Tim, I'll bet you \$50 I can pick out from that team one mule that will beat either of both of the other two mile beats, both two in the race, as you please, over this half mile track here."

Several well-known horsemen who wished to see the sport so on were standing about, and encouraged by them, Tim Curtis, the driver, "Come, now, Tim, I'll bet you \$50 I can pick out from that team one mule that will beat either of both of the other two mile beats, both two in the race, as you please, over this half mile track here."

It was in the agreement which followed that Mr. Mink should ride the mule he selected, that Curtis should jockey another, and that the third should be ridden by the stable boy. "Have they got any names?" asked Mr. Mink.

"Oh, yes," replied Curtis, pointing them out; "that's Jim Nye, that's Humility, and that's the principal jockey. Now, which one will you take?"

Mr. Mink, who weighs nearly 200 pounds, chose the smallest, Jim Nye, because he thought, after looking them all over, that he showed the most spirit. He mounted on the mule, and Humility fell to the stable boy, Johnny Saddles, spurs, and whips were hurriedly procured, and each jockey, at the time he mounted, appeared at the judges' stand, ready for the word. The odds were against Mr. Mink, for in order to win he was obliged to beat both of the others. In drawing for positions, Humility got the inside, and Jim Nye got the outside, close to the stone wall. The word was given by Thomas Goldsmith, and the race was on.

The drivers of Hard Hitter and Humility gave the mules the word, and the race was on. Jim Nye's mule gave his steed the spurs, and the result was his heels flew in one air, and his leg came down on the opposite side of the stone wall. "This," remarked Mr. Mink, "is a fine sort of bushwhacker I've chosen."

Before his jockey knew it, Hard Hitter had struck the mule, and Curtis had great trouble pulling him back on the track. In the mean time Jim Nye was making for the stone wall, and was making for Humility. On the backstretch Humility led the trio, and Jim Nye had passed Hard Hitter and taken second place. The excitement of the race, and the fact that Humility was playing his game to overtake Jim Nye, and Humility showed signs of getting unruly. Before going a dozen yards Humility bolted, and Jim Nye followed suit. Humility went to the left, into the pasture. Jim Nye merely began backing. Hard Hitter cut through between the other two and was judged to have won the race. Curtis, who was in the seat of the track, to which they had returned. The jockeys of the two refractory beasts soon got them under way, and as the three races pitched out to the homestretch for the half first they were bunched. Reaching the stand, each of the stubborn animals stopped still, as though by agreement.

Finally Hard Hitter backed out against the judges' stand, and Nye again took to the stone wall. They thus got separated and went on. The time at the half was 2:20. At the turn Humility pointed for the road gate, and dropped behind. Going up the backstretch Jim Nye shook off his competitors, and five to one that he would win the heat was offered, with no takers. Confidence in James, however, was wrongly bestowed, for he soon bolted. On reaching the homestretch Hard Hitter led. He went under the wire two lengths ahead of Humility in 4:57. Jim Nye stopped short of the wire and had to be led under.

The second heat resembled the first, save that Jim Nye once forfeited a good lead by halting on the track, spinning around like a fullstop, and darting off in the wrong direction. It was won by Hard Hitter in 4:59, with Jim Nye a poor second, and Humility in process of being led down the homestretch by the stable boy.

REMOVAL.

Supreme Court—Paying attention to two pretty women at one sitting. "The coming man" is not always a pauper. You generally have to go and hunt him.

Paybrokers do not get much from servant girls, so the principal they put up is the clothes line. "I thought you took an interest in me," said William, "No, sir," replied Susan, "only in your farewell."

The fox whose tail was caught in a trap was one of the first individuals who "savored his connection." "What 'er lack have you got," said one fashionable belle to another. That remark created a bustle.

The latest gag down here is that a young man in pressing his own suit frequently wrinkles the girls'. The principal Francis Adams. The King of Zanzibar travels with 400 trunks. What a fine subject he would be for the typical American baggage.

Elmira Free Press: "The new version substitutes 'owls' of wrath for 'vials.' There is nothing stingy about that notion." A Harlem mocking-bird is an adept at singing Moody and Sankey hymns, and nothing but the cage prevented it from taking up a collection.

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