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THE BLACK RANGE,

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By W. O. THOMPSON.

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Chloride Post Office.

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Friday, February 21, 1896.

**Protection for American
Industries.**



**Free and Unlimited Coin-
age of Silver at the Ratio of
16 to 1.**

The eastern republican gold-bug and tariff tinkering senators are between the devil and the deep blue sea, as it were. The western republicans hold the key of the situation and positively declare "no silver, no tariff."

"The highest practical use to which cathode rays can be put will be in reading your opponent's hand at cards. A miniature apparatus which could be carefully concealed would be very serviceable in aiding the judgment as to whether it is better to call or to pass."—Albuquerque Democrat.

His excellency the governor should have an apparatus of this kind. And it would also enable him to detect the number of pardon bureau members and penitentiary commissioners that carry railroad passes in their inside pockets.

The governor has offered \$5,000 reward for the capture of the murderers of Col. Fountain and son. This is business. Now, wouldn't it be a good scheme to offer a suitable reward for the apprehension and extermination of several sensational, crazy-headed newspaper editors and correspondents, that use the columns of the press to cultivate animosity and strife, personal and political, that threatens to bring on a bush-whacking war as a sequel to the supposed murder Col. Fountain and son.

"The number of towns in Massachusetts that have no free library is now reduced to twenty-four, according to Librarian Tillinghast's report. We'll wager that there is not another state in the union that can make so proud a boast as that."—Boston Herald.

And we will wager, that for the number of public libraries, there is no other state in which ignorance is so dense on public affairs. The Yankees preached, fought, bled, and conquered on the side for the abolition of negro slavery, but; they have not yet awakened to the fact that the same element in the country which owned negro slaves is enslaving the people, white and black, throughout the land, by its demonization of silver and gold monometallic gold policy. If the Yankees were as earnest for abolition of white slavery as they were for black slavery, there would be fewer votes cast in Yankee-land for democrats, or for any others but for honest silver and gold men at the ratio of 16 to 1.

McKinley's Hypocrisy.

"The complaint that because McKinley lauded protection in his Lincoln days speech he was talking politics is not well founded. He was merely



Catarrh

Has troubled me for 11 years. I have taken four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and am perfectly cured. I think Hood's Sarsaparilla has no equal, and believe that many who are in poor health and have become discouraged, would be restored to good health if they would only give

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a fair trial." WM. J. BENSCH, Astoria, Ore.
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talking patriotism."—Kansas City Journal.

McKinley's lauding Lincoln on that day was simple hypocrisy; he simply used Lincoln's name to further his own political interests. In the first place, any man in this country that attempts to impersonate Napoleon, as McKinley has done, is a marked plutoerat. If the great Napoleon of Ohio, did not consider his speech a political speech why did he so closely link his (McKinley's) protection policy with that of Lincoln's? Lincoln was a protectionist and he was the staunch friend of silver, a fact Mr. McKinley failed to mention. McKinley is a gold-bug. Lincoln was a true patriot, and was not in favor of a financial policy that enrich five per cent. of the people and enslave the remaining ninety-five per cent., a financial system that McKinley upholds, but attempts to conceal by using the expression "good money."

Bull-Whackers in Congress.

"Don't say that this country does not afford opportunities to the able. Stephen B. Elkins and Thomas B. Catron thirty years ago graduated at the same school in Missouri, came across the plains to New Mexico with the same bull team outfit as drivers, and studied and practiced law together in the territory. Last week, the first, as senator from West Virginia, by his bond rule resolution saved the country \$7,000,000, and the other made a national reputation by the passage through congress in eight minutes of the Catron anti-prize fight bill."—Albuquerque Citizen.

Certainly; this is an era of wonders! When Steve Elkins whacked bulls across the plains from Missouri to Santa Fe, he came in quest of wealth. When Mr. Elkins came to New Mexico thirty years ago New Mexico's fields were fertile, her silver mines were productive, silver and gold were in equality the world over. New Mexico was prosperous, and Mr. Elkins being a clever man, prospered also, he made a fortune, and he was grateful to New Mexico for his success—if he was not grateful, he certainly ought to have been. Time sped on, and he was elected senator, at a time to when New Mexico was woefully depressed by the demonization of silver, and the people of that territory looked to him as a man to be depended upon, as a senator that would willingly assist in the restoration of silver; but, lo! when the time arrived for the once meek and modest bull-whacker from Missouri, (now of West Virginia), to strike a blow in favor of the return of prosperity to the territory that produced him a fortune, by voting for the free coinage of silver bill, he was found herding the golden calf, and he voted against the silver bill in the interest of the eastern money changers. Certainly, Mr. Elkins is a great man, with opportunities of being able to become a traitor to the very interests that brought him wealth—he is an able gold-bug. How about his partner, Mr. Catron,

and silver? Well, that remains to be seen. He will bear watching, for it is difficult to tell just what a New Mexico bull-whacker is liable to do when he goes to congress.

An important matter was argued in the United States district court Fri-

LEGAL NOTICES.

FORFEITURE NOTICE.

To John A. Kennedy, Charles A. Robinson, Henry A. Robinson, Thomas G. Hall and Oscar C. Scott, their executors, administrators, guardians, heirs and assigns: YOU and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned has expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements upon the You Be-Dam mining claim situated in the Palomas Mining District, Sierra County, Territory of New Mexico, in order to hold said mining claim under the provisions of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount of labor or improvements required to be made, to hold said claim for the year ending December 31st, 1895; and if within ninety days after the publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportionate share of such expenditures as co-owners, your interest in said mining claim will become the property of the undersigned co-owner as provided in said Section 2324 of said statutes.

ANDREW J. MAXFIELD,
Hermosa, New Mexico, January 17, 1896.
First publication Jan. 17, 1896.

Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., }
December 28th, 1895.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge or Probate Clerk at Hillsborough, N. M., on February 15th, 1896.

PATRICK H. MCAUGHAN who made Homestead application No. 1628 for the SW 1/4 Sec. 1 and N 1/4 NW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Tp. 10, S. R. 9 W.

The following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas B. Whitley, of Fairview, N. M.; Darwin Perkins, of Fairview, N. M.; Henry W. Hearn, of Fairview, N. M.; Horace A. Kingsbury, of Grafton, N. M. Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

JOHN D. BRYAN, Register.
First publication Jan. 3-96.

**Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under
Execution Vendition Ex-
ponas.**

Frank H. Winston & Co., }
vs.
The Black Range Smelting & Mining Co.

Whereas in and by a certain writ of Vendition Exponas, issued out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District, in the Territory of New Mexico, within and for the County of Sierra, in a certain cause therein pending wherein Frank H. Winston & Co. are plaintiffs and The Black Range Smelting & Mining Co. are defendants, dated Dec. 21st, A. D. 1895, for the sum and amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$1774.88) Damages and Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$354.25) costs of suit thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum from April 27th, A. D. 1895, the undersigned is commanded to sell or cause to be sold in manner prescribed by law the property therein and hereinafter described for the best price that may be got for the same.

Now, therefore in obedience to said writ, I, Max L. Kahler, sheriff of said County and Territory, will on February 15th, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the east door of the Post Office in Fairview, Sierra County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, all of the right, title, interest, claim, demand, possession and right of possession of the said defendant The Black Range Smelting & Mining Co., in and to the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution and costs, to-wit: A part of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 Sec. 23, Twp. 11 S. Range 6, West of the New Mexico Meridian in New Mexico Territory, described as follows: Beginning at a point situated on the south west corner of the north west quarter of said section Twenty Three (23) thence running east along the south line of said quarter section, sixty (60) rods; thence north, sixty (60) rods; thence west sixty (60) rods; thence south along the west line of said quarter section sixty (60) rods to the point of beginning; containing Twenty-Two and one-half (22 1/2) acres, being the same property conveyed by Thomas Scates and wife to the said The Black Range Smelting and Mining Co. by a certain deed of conveyance dated May 26th, 1891, as appears of record on pages 188 and 199 Book 13, Records of Sierra County for warranty deeds, together with all and singular the lands, buildings, water tanks, machinery, (consisting of Water Jacket Furnace with Condenser, Engine, Boiler, Blower, Crusher, Wagon scales, and etc.) tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging.

MAX L. KAHLER,
Sheriff of Sierra County,
New Mexico.
First publication Jan. 3, 1896.

Newspaper Laws.

Dr. Tuckerman, editor of the Workman, Cleveland, has taken some pains to collect and compile the decisions of the United States court on this subject and gives to the Washington Post, as the result of his investigations, the following, which may be relied upon as correct:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to renew their subscription.
2. If the subscriber orders the discontinuance of their periodical the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are responsible until they are directed, they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.
4. If subscribers move to other

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day in the case of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad vs. the United States. The railroad is ostensibly suing to secure \$12.50 for the transportation of a soldier over its line. The real point to be decided is whether the road is a land grant aided or not. If it is, it is only entitled to half rates for carrying soldiers; if not it can collect full fares.

Tax Equalization.

The territorial board of equalization at its annual meeting established the assessed valuation of property for 1896, as follows:

Each quarter section or fractional part thereof of land with permanent water thereon, suitable for grazing purposes only, shall be assessed at \$1.25 per acre.

All lands suitable for grazing purposes only, and without permanent water thereon, shall be assessed at 25 cents per acre.

All other lands and property, not herein specified, shall be assessed at their actual cash value, which value shall be construed to mean the price such land or property would bring at forced sale.

It is further ordered and decreed that the following personal property shall be assessed and valued for the purpose of taxation as follows: All stock horses \$5 per head; cow ponies \$10 per head; American horses at \$30 per head; American mules \$40 per head; Mexican mules \$10 per head; burros \$2 per head; stock cattle, south of the 35th parallel, \$7 per head; stock cattle north of said parallel, \$8 per head; all improved sheep at \$1 per head; all unimproved sheep at 75 cents per head; all Angora goats, that produce a fleece that is clipped for market, \$2 per head; all common goats that produce no clip or fleece 50 cents per head; all improved cattle, that are suitable for dairy purposes, shall be assessed at \$25 per head.

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places without informing the publisher and the papers sent to the former address, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of evidence of intentional fraud.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time, if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it, and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice, with payment of all arrearages, is sent to the publisher.

The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under this law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid and then orders it discontinued, or orders the postmaster to mark it "refused" and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine, the same as for theft.

Josep Calle appeared and argued the case for the government. The authorities at Washington are much interested, and the decision will affect the rates charged the government on other transcontinental roads. Judge Welborn took the matter advisement. Voluminous briefs have been filed in the case.—Albuquerque Democrat.

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

Friday, February 21, 1896.

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

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No. 1 going south due.....7:36 a. m.
No. 2 going east due.....2:45 p. m.
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Chloride Post-Office.

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

LOCAL NEWS.

Silver, 67 1/2%. Lead, \$3.00.
Robt. Howe, of Grafton, went out on Tuesday's coach.
Some ore from the Ashville mine was hauled to the Wing stamp-mill this week.
Mr. Walter Hearn and Miss Fanny Sullivan, of Fairview, were married last Sunday. Judge Reilly officiating.
Some mining men arrived here this week and more are expected very shortly. Verily, the boom draweth near.

Latest reports from Grafton are to the effect that the district is being staked down so as to prevent it from being swept away by the coming boom, and that the miners occasionally indulge in tickling their palates by eating real pie.

Mr. Jno. Creighton, of the well-known firm of Creighton & Graves, and Mr. John Macka popular mining man, and L. J. Otto, all of Magdalena, arrived here Wednesday night. They are inspecting a few of the many valuable mines in this district.

Walter C. Hadley, one of New Mexico's favorite citizens, died at his home in Albuquerque last Saturday. Mr. Hadley had long been in ill health and his death was caused by a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was taken to Philadelphia for burial. As a once esteemed resident of this county his untimely death is deeply regretted.

Frank A. Reynolds left on Tuesday for Colorado Springs, where he has gone to talk Black Range gold mines to Colorado capitalists. When it comes to mines and mining Mr. Reynolds is thoroughly logical and practical and will give our mines a fair representation. He took with him a collection of gold ore that will make the eyes of the average Coloradoan bulge out like peeled onions.

The magic lantern entertainment given last Saturday evening by John Blinn was highly entertaining and well patronized. Encouraged by the success of his first attempt in the show business, he consolidated his magic outfit with that of Walter Clauser and, through an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Scales, the young showmen gave an entertainment to a good audience at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Scales, at Fairview, Wednesday evening.

HERMOSA.

There was a dance at Foster hall in the lower camp on St. Valentine's evening which was attended by John Cook, Frank Laughlin and James Sullivan from Fairview.

Maxwell is developing his You-badam and Baco mines on Antelope hill near the Antelope and Ocean Wave mines.

Kendall and Welty have gathered a small herd of beaves and taken them down to Dalglish the butcher at Hillsboro. Cattle in the vicinity of Hermosa are looking well, having plenty of grass and water.

Mr. Nutbeen has written, from Old Mexico, to J. C. Plemmons, to have some development work started on his Sunshine and Thunderbolt mines, on the South Fork of the Rio Palomas. Ed. Peokes and Major Day have moved out to the mines to do the work.

St. Valentine's day was observed in Hermosa as though he was its patron saint. Hardly any one was forgotten, man or woman, young or old; each one received a missive or epistle, and some many of them, comic or sentimental, in which the follies or virtues, real or imaginary, of the recipient, or the love or regard, or ridicule, of the sender, were set forth in prose, or verse, or pictured, or all three in one. Some were very lovely and some were very silly, some were very beautiful and some very hideous. Some made their recipients wish the days of the year were all St. Valentine's. Some that the old Roman Catholic Bishop, who was canonized as St. Valentine, had been sent to purgatory and left there without being resurrected and converted into a saint. Poor old Bishop, in his

lifetime he was imprisoned because of his faith; and because he performed a miracle, curing his jailer's daughter of blindness, he was beaten with clubs and then beheaded; but finally his remains were preserved in the church of St. Proxedes at Rome, and a gate, Porta Valentini, named in his honor. But even now, in Hermosa, some people go hunting him with clubs—for why—Because they got valentines.

MONTICELLO.

Wheat planting has commenced. This promises to be a prosperous year for the people of Monticello. Messrs. Sanchez and Tafoya arrived here on the 14th inst. with Pablo and Antonio Tribuas, from Albuquerque. They had a hearing before Judge Silva and were sent to the county-seat.

Procopio Torres furnished a bond of \$750 and took an appeal to the district court which will open on the fourth Monday in April.

H. K. Street writes from Luna Valley that he is slightly disfigured but still on deck, being almost completely deaf of one ear; his face was also powder burnt.

HILLSBORO.

(The following items include Hillsboro and vicinity.)

Jack Bevins was in town on the 17th.

A. A. Neale moved into his new residence on the 19th.

"Doc." Standish came to town on the 10th to remain a few days.

Dr. White and wife, of Kingston, went to the Palomas on the 18th.

Born, on Monday, February 17th, to the wife of S. H. Bernard, a daughter.

Mrs. Robert Reay and the infant daughter of James Reay left Kingston last week.

L. E. Nowers held services in Kingston on Sunday last. Fifty one people were present.

Mr. Gibson, representing the Union Mutual Insurance company, was in town this week.

Mrs. Kilpatrick will teach the school at such times as Prof. Carleton is physically unable to attend to his duties.

The Knights of Pythias gave a free ball on the 19th. Although it was Ash Wednesday there was an excellent attendance.

The young people were given a social at the residence of Jas. Dalglish for the benefit of the Catholic Sunday school.

August Reingardt has been in Kingston several days assisting Jno. Wagner pack his stock preparatory to moving to Las Vegas.

Parties in Hillsboro have had letters from Alex. Lothian, who states that Los Angeles is crowded with tourists and is the most prosperous town on the coast.

Lazarus Tressell is topping the cottonwoods surrounding his residence on Main street. Many of the branches had become so large that they were a nuisance to passers by.

St. Peter and the Mining Man.

A Colorado boomer died, (no matter what the day or date), and when he reached the portals spied St. Peter sitting at the gate. From out beneath his shaggy brows the good saint eyed the coming guest, who with true Chesterfieldian bows his honor of the saint expressed. He said he had grown tired below, his brain was worried with its cares; the struggle was a hard one, so he thought he'd climb the golden stairs. St. Peter asked the man his name, his occupation down below, his church, his creed, from whence he came, and what credentials he could show, and then, with indiscretion rank, ne'er dreaming of the fruit 'twould bear, he asked the disembodied crank how things in Colorado were. This question never yet has failed to start the Coloradoan tongue, and saintly ears were soon assailed with wildest anthems ever sung. He talked of leads and shafts and veins, of tunnels, stops and assures true, of mammoth strikes and golden gains, until the heavenly air was blue. With growing eloquence he sped along the oratoric track, with gestures of both hand and head, and frequent bowing of the back, till Peter's ears began to ache, and "that tired feeling" came to him; yet still the Coloradoan spake his little piece with added vim. At last forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and the saint arose, believing that his guest would see the interview was at a close. Then grabbed he Peter by the robe and talked and talked and talked again, until the patience of a Job would not have stood the trying strain. In desperation Peter threw the golden gateway wide ajar, and said unto him, "If you'd

view the heavenly glories, there they are!" The Coloradoan stepped inside, gazed on the streets of shining gold, and in a business manner eyed the buildings of unequalled mold. The dazzling beauties one and all he studied; then, with shake of head and concentrated western gall, turned to the waiting saint and said: "Just as described in Holy Writ; and I confess it's mighty sleek; but I just want to say that it ain't in it, sir, with Cripple Creek!" Then Peter seized him by the neck and near the bottom of the spine, gave him one vigorous, saintly kick, and shot him down the dark incline; and as the body downward sped old Peter gave his ears a rub, and, with most touching pathos, said, "I pity poor old Beelzebub!"—N. Y. World.

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After the great bimetallic mass meeting held in New York, the chairman of committee of arrangements sent the following letter to the Dispatch: New York, August 25, 1893.

Editor New York Dispatch: DEAR SIR—The committee of arrangements who had charged of the mass meeting of bimetalists, held at Cooper Union last evening, desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the cause of bimetalism by the New York Dispatch and embraces this opportunity to thank you for your and generous efforts to promote the public well being by advocating the cause of the money of the Constitution, which always has and always must be the money of the people.

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Sierra County.

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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 (Alan 754), 6,511 (Canada Alamosa), 6,315 (N. G. P. 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 Lava station), to 4,342 feet above Grana, 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 Upham 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 Gratton, or in the south from Lake Valley to Hillsborough, Kingston, Perea 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, Mineral, Dry and Chloride creeks and South Fork. There are, in the Range, the following towns: Gratton, 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 Perea waters, with several heads, Perea 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 alluvial 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, Perea 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, 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 rock are frequent; on the contact lines between them and other formations, theories occur.

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

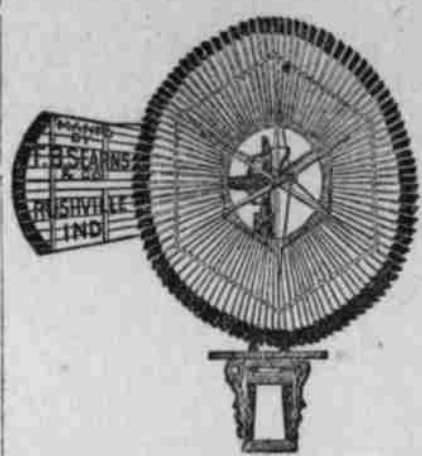
on contact line, between limestone and porphyry and trachyte, argentiferous copper ores also occur between porphyry and lime, the ores being sulphides, oxides and some iron.

Hermosa, Kingston, Perea, 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, Gratton, 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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