

WATER SUPPLY IS ABUNDANT

IT IS DOUBTFUL IF there is another farming region of any size in the whole Southwest where nature has done so much to facilitate irrigation and in sure a never failing supply of water. The Cimarron Valley is a great rincon almost wholly surrounded by mountains. The farming lands are like the hub and the ever flowing streams of mountain water are like the spokes of a wheel. From ever mountain peak North, East, South and West come the streams to finally converge upon the broad and beautiful agricultural lands of the Valley. 1400 square miles of snow capped mountain peaks, cloud line plateaus, and dripping canons discharge their drainage upon a few hundred thousand acres of prairie land. 12 inches of water by irrigation, on top of the 20 inches of rain fall that we get, is abundance of water for any crop but we could have four feet if we stored it all and were not afraid of washing all our land away. We are barely using up the normal flow of our streams as yet, but we are beginning to build reservoirs so that when the plains are all plowed up the water will be ready. The countless canons that converge

upon the prairie lands have each their reservoir sites, ranging in capacity from 1000 to 100,000 acre feet. And ditches can come in from every side. Many reservoirs and ditches are already built and filled with the insurance of many a future crop.

The Miami, the Urraca, the C. S., the French, the Ponil No. 1 and No. 2, the Cedar Hills, the Antelope, the Springer Lakes, Laguna Madre and the dozen other Maxwell City and Vermejo Lakes are among those already built. And these are merely prairie reservoirs. We have not yet started on the chain of great canon reservoirs that, headed by the famous Eagle's Nest of at least 130,000 acre feet capacity, will some day be drawn clear around the valley. If we had the power to change this country to suit ourselves we would not increase the water supply by a single drop nor would we want an inch more rain, we would simply want more land on which to use the water that we already have.

COAL MINING

The vast coal fields of Colfax county represent resources sufficient for the maintenance of an empire. So tremendous are these fields that in spite of the far reaching mining activity for the past ten years their full extent has not yet been determined and the near-

est estimate by the most capable engineers as to the total tonnage available is thus far nothing more than an estimate. It is known that there are billions of tons of coal in sight, the mining of which will mean the production of enormous wealth and which will furnish employment for many thousands of men for untold generations to come. Add to this the coke industry with all its possibilities and we find in the in the comparatively limited area of this one county an asset that is positively astounding.

Mr. R. M. Campbell of the United States Geological Survey reports that the Raton coal fields in Colfax county cover an area of definitely tested and determined coal lands of 870,400 acres. He finds the available tonnage in this field 30,805,000,000 tons; sufficient for the production of 100,000,000 tons per annum for 300 years. This estimated acreage and tonnage is based upon actual survey and is thoroughly reliable. The record has been published as a bulletin of the geological survey. This gives in a general way some idea of this mighty asset which alone would entitle this county to the name "The Kingdom of Colfax."

GOLD MINING

Although coal overshadows all other of the mining resources, metal mining has occupied an im-

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LOCAL ITEMS

The infant son of Jose Madrid died Friday evening. This is the third child the parents have lost since the past year.

Harry Fanning and family returned to Cimarron Friday from Koehler where they have been living for the past several months.

Robert Pedin and family have moved back to Cimarron this week from Koehler where they have been living for the past several months.

FOUND:—One elk's tooth watch fob, gold mounted, tooth is genuine elk. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice.—W. N. McConnell.

C. O. Pease bought the ice business from Wiseman, the butcher, also the ice business of Henry Livran. He will build an ice house at the yards of the Cimarron Lumber Company and will handle the best ice on the market.

F. M. Smith and family of Tucumcari, and his brother, Dudley and family, of Lometa, Lampasas county, Texas, were visiting W. B. Davis this week. They left Friday for the mountains to get some of fish they are hearing so much of.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pittman of San Jon, Quay county, are here this week visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis. Mr. Pittman has been dry farming for the past five years on the plains and the amount of water we have here to put on the land when it needs it looks good to him.

Rocky Mountain Picnic.

The third annual picnic of the Rocky Mountain employees was held last Sunday at Ute Park, where the largest crowd on record enjoyed the day. Fifteen coaches of excursionists came from Raton, seven from Des Moines, and four cars from Cimarron carried what is estimated at fully 1600 people to the park. Visitors from the surrounding country brought the picnicers to a figure over two thousand, which is the largest crowd that ever went up the scenic Cimarron canyon. The day was a perfect one for an outing, only a slight sprinkle of rain during the afternoon causing any uneasiness concerning a general down pour predicted by those who stayed at home. After arrival at the Park the general schedule of events ball games and other features of entertainment were carried through without a hitch. The ball game between the rival Santa Fe and Rocky Mountain teams was won by the former by a score of nine to six. The game between Van Houten and Koehler teams was interrupted during the afternoon by the sprinkle, but was finally completed, Van Houten winning. The occasion was made more enjoyable by the presence of William J. Mills who was a visitor in company with a number of the leading citizens of the county. He delivered a short address between the ball games. With the exception of a broken ankle sustained by Herman Kiser, a small boy of Cimarron, who could not wait until the train stopped and jumped off, the day was without a single marring feature and everybody had the best of a good time. The excursionists from this city returned at sundown, a tired but happy lot of picnicers and voting the Rocky Mountain boys a bunch of good fellows.

Fourth of July

The Cimarron Athletic Club has been busy this week making arrangements for a celebration the Fourth in the city. The Fourth this year will be in nature of an old settlers and cattlemen's reunion and the Club has assurances that there will be many in attendance. There will be some good horse races, ball games, foot races and sports of all kinds. There will be a grand ball at the Athletic Hall at night. Everybody come and have a good time, which is assured when the Athletic Club gets busy doing things. The Club has one of the finest race tracks in New Mexico just completed, also their ball grounds will be located in the same place, so that the visitors will not have to walk all over the country in order to see what is doing.

The horse race Tuesday between a black horse belonging to VanDyke of Dawson, and a mare belonging to Fred Narcisso of this city, was an interesting event and was witnessed by a large crowd of people. The race was run for one mile on the new circle track of the Cimarron Athletic Club. The black horse won by several lengths and a considerable amount of money changed hands as a result. Mr. VanDyke will take his black horse and a young mare to Folsom to make a "killing" on the Fourth.

Misses Edith and Dewey Funke went to E-town to spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives.

F. W. Brooks left for Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, to attend a family reunion held there Wednesday, the 22nd. He is expected to return tomorrow.

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portant place in the history of the county and will doubtless continue to do so. Important gold mining districts, principally placer, have been developed around Moreno, Willow creek, Ute Creek and Ponil, all on the slope of Mt. Baldy. This peak has an altitude of 12,400 feet. Its base is many miles in circumference and it appears that the entire area flanking the peak is a placer bed of the greater or less richness, the principal operations having been conducted in the Moreno, the Ute Creek and Willow Creek valleys, the El Oro dredge on the first named having been one of the large producers of the territory. Gold in this region was discovered in 1866, and resulted in a stampede which increased the population of Elizabethtown to 10,000, made it the first incorporated city in New Mexico, and for a time the county seat of Colfax county which had just been organized. It is estimated that more than 2 1/2 millions in gold have come from the placer fields around Mt. Baldy. A number of these properties have been bonanzas.

A. H. Richardson of Des Moines will move his family to Cimarron in a short time to make their future home.

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