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SUPPLEMENT

COLONY SCHEME

Railroads to Settle the great Pahrump Valley

In a limited territory to the northwest of Las Vegas, bordering on the new lines of railroad that are being built by "Borax" Smith and the Clarks, E. H. Harriman and other railroad officials are planning to open up 600,000 acres of rich agricultural and grazing lands. Expert surveyors, engineers and colonizing agents have looked over the region and their reports are all favorable.

William M. Martin has returned from a trip through the country, made at the request of E. H. Harriman, E. L. Lomax, J. C. Stubbs and E. O. McCormick. He says that one of the finest districts in the West will be opened near Las Vegas. His report will confirm that of a railway official who was with him, which has already been submitted to Mr. Harriman, and contains the following statement:

REMARKABLE FERTILITY

"The lands are south of the Amargosa desert and west of the Spring range of mountains, lying partly in Nevada and partly in California, in the Pahrump valley. It is one of the most fertile spots in the Western States. The valley is partly surrounded by a range of mountains varying from 6,000 to 13,000 feet above sea level, the valley itself being about 3,000 feet. There is a heavy growth of timber, yellow pine, nut pine and the tamarack, affording a continual supply of lumber and fuel.

"The extent of the valley is about 65 miles in length with an average width of 35 miles, with a dense growth of sagebrush and greasewood, with every evidence of water close to the surface. The soil has a grayish exterior, is excessively rich, with here and there springs of flowing water. I have roughly calculated the area of arable land in this valley to be at least 300,000 acres and as much more for pasture.

WATER SUPPLY

"The water supply is said to be adequate and simple of development. In many places springs have been found which are taken to show the possibility of an artesian supply. The land lies about the foot of Charleston Mountain, which is 9,000 feet high and snow capped, and also affords a water supply.

SEMI-TROPICAL

"On one of the two ranches in this region there are two flowing springs which irrigate 3,000 acres of land and the water, even then, goes to waste. On this ranch has been raised alfalfa, corn, fruits of all kinds, grapes, and everything belonging to the vegetable kingdom that has been tried there has flourished. The thousands of acres of this valley are as equally rich and productive. Alfalfa is cut four times a year then leaves good pasturage; corn yields as abundantly as on the famous Mississippi bottoms and certainly better than in any of the Western States. Apples, almonds, walnuts, apples, pears, peaches, apricots and apricots are raised in great quantities; to say nothing of the butter, cheese and pork which are sold yearly from this one ranch.

ARTESIAN WATER

"The many surface springs indicate an artesian belt. The temperature rarely falls below 40 degrees above zero, and snow in the valley rarely exceeds more than an inch or two. Whatever frost there is in the dead of night, but never so severe as to injure crops.

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In the summer time the temperature rarely exceeds 95 to 100 degrees in the shade. There is considerable rainfall at periods. On the mountains the snowfall is often heavy and on Charleston mountain it is continuous the year round, melting during the day and accumulating during the night, affording a continual water supply to the valley surrounding this enormous mountain covering about 9,000 square miles in area. The water percolating down is pure as crystal and healthful to drink.

"The few ranchers who went in and took up the most desirable claims have made fortunes in spite of the fact that they were miles from any railroad. The building of the Borax line will still further put this district in direct communication with the outside world and double the profits of agriculture.

"The railroads hope to get the country settled up, because they want the traffic. At present there is no occasion for inflation or exaggeration, as the only people interested are railway officials who are trying to find out whether the land is worth colonizing."

Woman Surveyor

Miss May Bradford has been appointed a deputy United States mineral surveyor by Surveyor-General Kyle. Miss Bradford, who is a member of the well-known firm of Bradford & Bradford, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Bradford and is one of Tonopah's most popular young ladies. She is a graduate of Stanford University and understands every branch of surveying and civil engineering thoroughly. Miss Bradford enjoys the distinction of being the only lady surveyor in the United States.—Bonanza.

BUTTE MINES

The assessed valuation of Butte, Mont., exclusive of mines is \$40,000,000. The monthly payrolls of mines and smelters exceed \$1,000,000. The mines of Butte are valued at \$1,000,000,000, on which no taxes are levied. The net bullion proceeds only are taxed. The mines supply over one fourth of the copper product of the world. The electric power and light plant represents 40,000 horse-power. The population is estimated at 75,000.

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