

OUR PROSPERITY.

WHAT THE PAST SEASON HAS BROUGHT.

The Prospects Are More Brilliant Than Ever for Our Favored San Juan Co., N. M.

The annual occasion given up to the consumption of the luxuries of the table and to the festivities of a holiday, looked forward to for months has past and gone. It is again among the reminiscences of life, and can be reverted to as a 12 hours spent as a rule in a determined endeavor to extract as much as possible in the way of pleasure from the fleeting hours.

The primary idea, however, of the day is a retrospective one, an opportunity for glancing over the past season, and thanking Providence that through the trials, struggles, toils, losses, successes, joys and sorrows that make up the sum total of our existence, we have triumphantly emerged, the successes cheering us to fresh endeavor, and the very sorrows, purifying the heart from its grosser and more selfish attributes.

We can congratulate ourselves, first, on the increasing prosperity of our county. Turning from the depression of the past, we see again the signs of a redundant increment of the sources of wealth.

Farms have been improved. The setting out of new orchards has been most marked, the rows of flourishing young trees greet the traveler on all sides. Homesteads have been proved up on, and those that have been so acquired have been remarkable for the improvements they contain.

But the yield of fruit this season has been so immense as to cause the astonishment of men who have been used to those prolific orchards for years. Vast, indeed, has been this lovely and valuable present of a kind season to the requirements of man; great the wealth represented by the car loads of apples that have been, and are being, shipped to the markets.

Not alone from the standpoint of financial prosperity must we consider this gigantic crop, but as affording another proof of the unparalleled productive capacity of our soil. This attestation to the argument contained on this open page of nature, is incontrovertible and we stand today as the acknowledged owners of a district unequalled in its productive attainments. We have indeed challenged the world in the contest for supremacy, and at Albuquerque, a small quantity of fruit from this county was pronounced by all judges and the public as being beyond comparison the finest exhibit on that noted occasion.

So too the supply of small vegetables has been abundant this year, far more have been planted than before—potatoes have exceeded anything ever brought in here and the home market will be supplied in future by our own growers.

Agriculture the chief power of a nation, the backbone and stay of her strength, is and always will be the first object to promote, the first object to criticize and praise.

However we are not within narrow boundaries here, we are not confined to one exploit. Now we know that our placer claims are about to be worked. The gold that lies around us everywhere will well reward the efforts of skilled work and improved machinery, and Mr. E. C. Foster will, in a week or so, be back here and engage in the development of these mines he has been 12 months in carefully testing.

To refer to the rivers that afford us a supply of water that never can be exceeded may be thought supererogatory, they are so well known and form apart from their practical utility, a grand feature in the beautiful scenery of this San Juan county, New Mexico; but where we can truly boast of having a finer water supply than any other part of the arid region, when we can assert that the San Juan, Animas and Laplata rivers, together form a splendid source of inexhaustible wealth, spreading over our lands; then indeed an expression of pride at this divine gift can be well excused.

Among the projected irrigation enterprises is the large and important one to be taken out by the Foster party immediately, watering splendid land, opening up new certainties for the farmer and the orchardist. The new owner will inquire into these evidences of growth and see the reality of our substantial progress.

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We cannot force people to come; but we can say: "Come; see all this, inquire into these things." And among the loyal and most enthusiastic residents will be those who did come, did see and did so inquire.

Each Thanksgiving day adds a year to our lives, another experience of vital import to us as an educating and regenerating factor. The experiences of each year teach us loyalty, loyalty to our county, our institutions, loyalty to each other; teach us that the best interests of the one are the essential interests of the community, that there is only one object to be kept in view, the progress of this county, and this includes everything—the happiness of home, the harmonious relations of social business life, the development of our resources, the future of our children, and the performance of our duty as a component part of this great county and participants in its honor and its marvelous possibilities.

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 United States Land Office
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 Howard H. DeLuche.
 of Jowett, N. M.
 For the lot 12 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 1, and E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 4, Tp. 2 N., of R. 12 W.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
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