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THE FAMOUS UPPER GRAND VALLEY SECTION IN BRIEF

THE residents of the eastern and middle western states have for years been reading of Colorado, a vast empire of wonderful opportunities, and from time to time there have come to them stories of the great Grand valley country—the land of immense opportunities.

To the easterner in search of a new home one of the first conditions is usually that of climate, for he has tired of the extremes of his old home, the severe winters with their snow drifts and low temperatures, and the summers of continuous hot days and nights which sap his vitality; the long months of spring rains, making uncertain his seed time, and the electric storms, hail and cyclones endangering his harvest. To his first questions regarding the climate he learns that here he has none of those disagreeable features with which to contend. He finds winters mild in temperature, the mercury seldom hitting far below the zero mark, and the most uncertain crop in the country is the ice crop. He finds summers that are not exceptionally hot, the nights are always cool and he can sleep under his blanket and awake refreshed and invigorated. The spring is characterized by considerable rainfall, but not to the extent of causing floods or interfering with

cess. All vegetable and root crops do well. Fruits grow well here, there being several orchards of apples, plums, peaches and small fruits.

The grasses all do well, alfalfa being one of the strongest leaders, while Sudan grass is proving

there are some farms easily worth far in excess of that figure. These prices, considering the productive value, are as low as prices in any part of the country with much inferior climatic advantages, etc. These values will without doubt materially increase within a few years, for there is no reason why upper Grand valley country land should not be worth far in excess of that in other parts of the country.

The people of the country are a very cosmopolitan lot, having come from all sections of the United States. One will find here easterners, southerners and westerners, now Grand valleyites, and they are thrifty, industrious and intelligent people, who appreciate their opportunities, realize that there is room for many more, and extend to the world an invitation to come and share in their prosperity and help them develop the resources that Nature has so abundantly laid at their doors.

As a farming country this section of the Grand valley has been opened up for about 30 years, and in connection with Nature's advantages offered in soil, water and climate, has had an intelligent

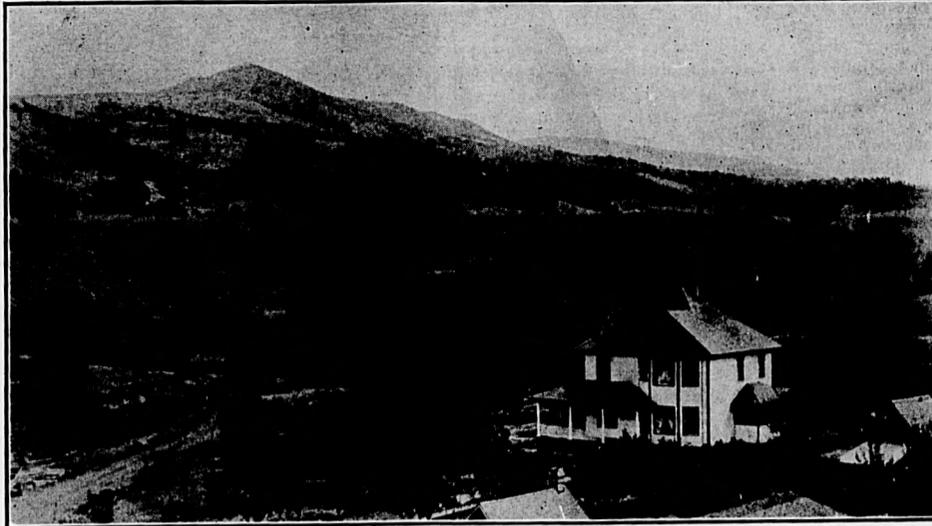
a remarkable producer, although practically new to this section.

In the matter of stock raising no better section can be found. The great crops of grains and grasses, with the moderate climate and abundance of water, are especially favorable for that industry, and there is growing up in the country a great many herds, several of which are devoted to the raising of pure bred stock for breeding purposes, and Grand valley breeders are coming to be known throughout the entire country, especially for cattle, hogs and sheep. The dairy industry is attracting considerable attention and many herds are being built up with a view of pursuing that business on a large scale, as it is recognized as offering great opportunities.

Sheep are a favorite farm animal and many large herds are to be found on the farms and ranges. Their ability to keep clean the summer fallow and to convert waste products into wool and mutton make a favorable accounting on the profit side of the farmer's ledger.

There are many advantages in the raising of poultry on the farm and the farmers can easily make his chickens pay for his table, or more.

Land prices vary from \$50 to \$200 per acre, according to location and improvements, while



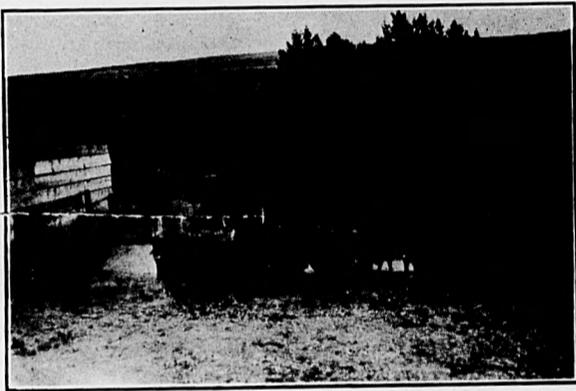
HOME OF W. S. JOHNSON, DIVIDE CREEK.

W. S. JOHNSON.

20 years ago William Smith, pioneer cattleman of Garfield county and former county commissioner, had in his employ as ranch hand a young man named W. S. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was getting about \$35 per month and his keep and that that was not the height of his ambition is apparent from the fact that today he is numbered among Garfield county's most successful stockmen. When the opportunity offered Mr. Johnson purchased land and by working out part of the year for wages and putting the rest of his time into the improvement of his land, he managed to get ahead to the extent of a few old cows and enough land into hay to feed them, and that together with what he produced from his land for his own use, furnished him with a living, and eventually he was able to devote his whole time to his ranch and cattle interests. From this stage, a little at a time, by perseverance and foresight, he worked up in the cattle raising business from grade stock to thoroughbred Black Galloway cattle, until in this year he not only is the owner of the finest improved

he purchased 160 acres from Wm. Strause and took 40 acres as a desert claim, which made his holdings 360 acres. He finally decided to sell out entirely and quit ranching and to that effect he disposed of his land on Divide creek, but later bought 106 acres on

Later, as the country developed, they branched out into grain and potatoes. For 26 years the two brothers were in partnership, when the death of Alf left the ranch to his brother. Five years ago Mr. Prefontaine quit cattle raising to go into the hog raising business, for which purpose he purchased some pure-bred Duroc-Jerseys, which he has been raising and with which he has had success, although it was more or less of an experiment with him when he first started. 20 years ago an orchard and vineyard was planted and in that time a fruit failure was unknown. The vineyard consists of three acres of grapes which produce on an average of 1500 baskets a season for which the average price is 30c a basket. Alfalfa on Prefontaine mesa produces three crops per year, with an average of four ton to the acre. Wheat averages 40 bushels per acre, while potatoes run from 175 to 200 sacks per acre. Water for irrigating purposes is obtained from Rifle creek and water for domestic purposes from a well. After digging 40 feet for water and failing to find it, Mr. Prefontaine started another well further back in his field and has a good water supply at 6 feet. When he located here the town of Rifle was yet to be, as was the case when



A BUNCH OF GARFIELD COUNTY MORTGAGE LIFTERS.

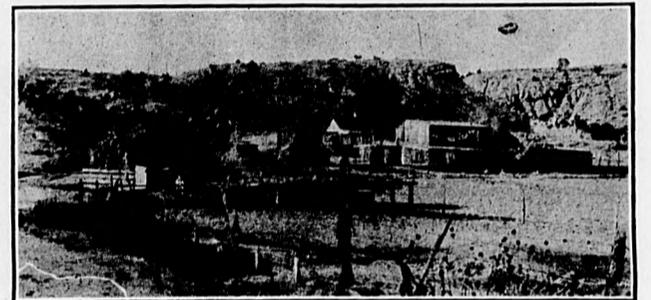
operations, while harvest and haying time are without rain and crops are cared for under ideal conditions. Rains begin again late in the fall, putting the ground in good condition for seeding, and the fall months are most delightful.

The soil is a deep black loam, one to three feet in depth and underlaid with a clay subsoil, which is of great fertility and holds moisture.

The country is quite rolling and at first sight one might fear the hills, but the hill tops are abundantly productive, and there is excellent drainage throughout. The water supply is of the very best.

This combination of ideal climate, pure air and water, makes of the country a most helpful one. Epidemics are practically unknown, and strict measures for the conservation of health are observed in all communities.

Rifle is located in the best part of Garfield county and the surrounding ranches are marvelous yielders. These large yields and the consequent profits of the industry have caused farmers to continue very generally in the industry, and for the large farms of a half section and more this may be a better plan, but there is a growing tendency for more diversified farming, and those so engaged are meeting with good suc-



M'LEARN RANCH, RIFLE VALLEY.

Mamm creek and with what live stock he had left started ranching again. Mr. Porter is one of the men who believes that the larger a man's ranch is, the less he can make out of it, and as he has had the experience, he ought to know. A large ranch requires plenty of capital to go on, whereas the small one-man place has not a large operating expense and the owner can give it greater attention and consequently raise larger and better crops which pay better than the big place where the attention of the operator is more widely scattered. In 1898 Mr. Porter started raising mules and one year later sold most of his cattle and went in for mules almost entirely, which he has since continued to raise with success. In 1903 he shipped the first carload of mules that ever left the Rifle section. While he still owns his Mamm creek ranch, he has retired from active ranching and is engaged in the mercantile business in Rifle. He is also a director of the Union State Bank of Rifle.

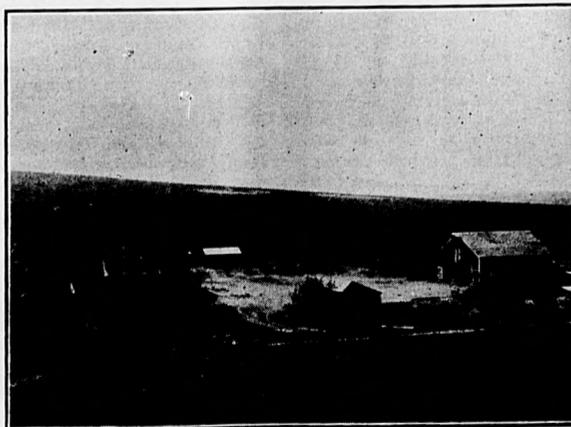
E. PREFONTAINE.

Two brothers, Eph and Alf Prefontaine, first came to this section in 1885, and located on the mesa which now bears their name one-half mile northwest of the present town of Rifle. Between them they took up 280 acres of land and started raising hay and cattle.

a good many others located, and the present townsite of Rifle was nothing but a sagebrush flat. The Prefontaine ranch is one of the finest in this section and its value is further enhanced by its proximity to town and railroad. Mr. Prefontaine is president of the Union State Bank of Rifle and is a progressive rancher and citizen.

TAUGHENBAUGH MESA.

An edition of a Rifle newspaper such as the present without prominent mention of Taughenbaugh mesa would be an omission not justified from the fact that the history of this large and fertile acreage has been inseparably linked with that of the town of Rifle. In fact, men were busy with plow and harrow on this mesa before the advent of the first settler to what now constitutes the corporate limits of the town. In the year 1885 F. M. Taughenbaugh and two sons, Messrs. G. W. and W. A. Taughenbaugh, also E. L. House, decided to turn their backs on the great mining camp of Leadville and journey to the valley of the Grand river in search of ranch locations, and thus this quartet became numbered among the pioneer settlers in Western Colorado. In both the Carbonate camp as well as in Aspen it was a generally accepted fact that the valley traversed by the Grand river was rich in possibilities as



RANCH SCENE NEAR RIFLE.

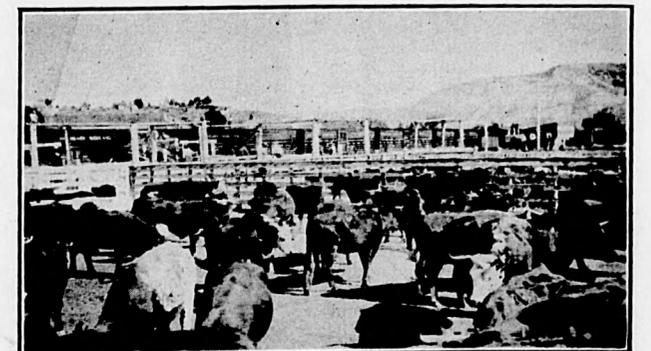
and industrious class of farmers who have done their share in the development, and have made here many fine homes. The Telegram is pleased in this issue to be able to mention many of these farms, presenting views of several, showing their development, the things that are being accomplished and by whom. It must not be understood that these are all of the good farms hereabouts; there are many more and there may be some even better, but these are fairly representative of all.

The farmers mentioned in this issue are intelligent farmers, most of whom have been in this section for many years and know the country thoroughly. Inquiries addressed to them for information relative to the country will receive their attention and can be depended upon as coming first-hand from the men who know.

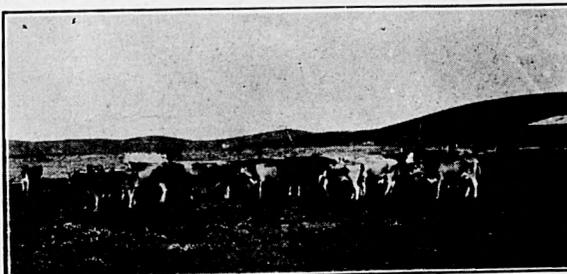
ranch in Garfield county, situated on Divide creek, but also has a big herd of the Black Galloway cattle, horses and other livestock, including some Shorthorn cattle, of which breed he owns a bull weighing 2,500 pounds.

JAMES S. PORTER.

Mr. Porter ranks among the earliest settlers, successful ranchers, stock growers and substantial citizens of this vicinity. He first came over the Continental Divide in 1882 and that fall located a homestead claim on Divide creek, with William Smith, who located land adjoining. After locating his land Mr. Porter made two trips to the eastern slope for cattle, in 1883 and 1884, and in 1885 he returned to the east and was married and then returned to the western slope with his wife and they have made their home here since. His original claim consisted of 160 acres and later



A HERD OF GARFIELD COUNTY MONEY MAKERS.



RIFLE DAIRY HERD.

an agricultural section and others besides the Messrs. Taughenbaugh and Ed House had concluded to "try their fortune in a promised land." Prior to the coming of the Leadvilleites, Messrs. Clausen and Starkey had already arrived here, but the country to the west of the mesa proper was more to their liking, and their filings antedated those of the former by some months. In order to get their wagons to the top of the mesa it was necessary for Clausen and Starkey to take same part by part up the hill and it was not until after the coming of the Taughenbaughs that a road leading from the valley to the mesa was constructed, financial aid or assistance being given by the late Postmaster Todd and a few others who formed the nucleus of the settlement on the north side of the river at the junction of the Grand river and Rifle creek. W. A. Taughenbaugh died in 1888 and the land upon which he had filed became the property of his father, whose land also embraced that now owned by John B. Elrod. The following year



J. FRANK TAUGHENBAUGH.

(1886) J. Frank Taughenbaugh concluded to join his father and in speaking of his trip says that it necessitated a stage ride from Leadville to Glenwood Springs, from which point he journeyed down the valley horseback. At that time Jack Ward was located at the mouth of Elk creek where the town of New Castle afterwards came into existence—being first called Chapman, then Grand Butte and finally New Castle. Seven miles farther west was located the Ferguson place and here Frank forded the Grand river and continued his journey down the valley on the south side of the river. In the valley proper at that time on the south side of the river there were only two settlers living between what are now the towns of New Castle and Rifle—D. J. Skinner and Jacob Loesch. Thirty years have passed since this and Frank continues to reside on the mesa and on the same ranch which became his home in the long ago, but to his original holdings have been added another 120 acres, with 100 acres in alfalfa from which he harvests 400 tons of hay. In addition he devotes time to the growing of grain as well as the small crops that come under the head of diversified farming, and which adds to the sum total of the "simple life." It will not be amiss for the Telegram to allude, in connection with the above, to the fact that not only Frank Taughenbaugh, but scores of other men who came to Garfield county a quarter of a century ago, or longer, never deemed it expedient to go elsewhere to live. This is the highest encomium of both soil and climatic conditions, and if perchance any there be residing in other states where the environments are less happy, and with a desire to better themselves, should conclude to come to this splendid country in search of a home, they will find a very contented lot of people and a community in which good health is not the least item among its assets.

J. E. BANTA.

One of the largest ranches in the Rifle section is that owned by Joe Banta, on Divide creek, which comprises 680 acres, mostly in hay. He also owns 200 acres on Mamm creek, in hay and grain. He is one of the most successful stockmen in Garfield county and his two sons, Charles and William, are associated with him. He has been a resident of the Divide creek country since 1885.

EARLY HISTORY PERTAINING TO RIFLE

(Extracts from an article written by Mrs. Flora A. Maxfield in 1902.)

IT IS OFTEN interesting to know something of the struggles of the early pioneers and to learn who were the original settlers, and who were the projectors along certain lines of business. This short history will state simple facts, in plain language and will show the growth in this portion of Rifle valley, also the advance in the town of Rifle since its inception and the class of men it takes for pioneers and world-builders.

They must be men of brain, brawn and courage, willing to endure hardships and privations, and those were the kind of men who built in the early days of Rifle. Those were the men that made it possible for the soft-handed and silken-haired to ride through these valleys in their automobiles.

About the 27th day of July, 1882, Abram W. Maxfield and Charles Marshall left the mining camp on Battle mountain in Eagle county, Colorado, riding two horses and leading two extra horses, packed with bedding, provisions, compass, axes, etc. They wended their way over hill and dale, through gorge and stream, down into the valley of the Grand river. Fifteen or twenty

for me. I see where I can get water out of this Rifle creek, and have it right on the ranch. No sir, I'll stop right now and here I'll raise my Ebenezer," and forthwith began to drive his location stakes into the soil that is now covered by the splendidly progressive and busy town of Rifle.

The next day Mr. Maxfield turned his face homeward toward Battle mountain. A few weeks later he returned to the Rifle valley, bringing his son Clinton with him. Together they got out a set of house logs and built the first log cabin in Rifle. By the time the log cabin was built the snow was getting deep on the mountain ranges and they concluded to return to their mountain home. The following July, 1883, Mr. Maxfield moved his family down to the valley and camped them in Glenwood Springs for two months. There being no highway except Indian trails over the mountains and through the valleys, it was with considerable difficulty that he got his family moved. At one point on the route he had to take his wagon to pieces and pack it over the top of a mountain and put it together where he could hitch his horses to it. It was the first wagon to come west of Glenwood Springs, and thus obstacle after obstacle was met with and overcome, and finally the family and



MRS. FLORA A. MAXFIELD.

White river country and the Rifle valley. The first post office was at Parker's ranch, now the Austin ranch, two miles above the town of Rifle. In 1885 the post office was moved to A. W. Maxfield's ranch and he became postmaster.

A mail line was also opened between Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs. The mail was carried on horseback for the first year. A toll road was built from Debeque toward Grand Junction

toward the Rifle valley, and on July 15, 1889, the smoke-stack of her engine showed up and the first toot of her whistle echoed and re-echoed throughout the surrounding mountains and valleys of Rifle for the first time.

There were only a few men and one woman and a little girl to welcome the advent of the pioneer engine, and they did it right royally by shouting themselves hoarse, and were answered in turn by much puffing and whistling, both parties appearing mutually delighted to make each other's acquaintance.

Mr. Maxfield, quick to grasp the situation, and believing the opportunity had come to him to better his financial condition, employed W. C. Kennedy, a state engineer and surveyor, and laid out one-half of his ranch into the townsite of Rifle. A few weeks later he hired carpenters and began the erection of the Winchester hotel, which he run for two years. A splendid crop of oats covered forty acres and reached almost to where the hotel was in the course of building. The oats had to be cut a little early so as to allow purchasers to get on their lots. Nat Kellogg built a

store, he being the first postmaster in the new town.

Pietro Satille and Andrew Gallo built the adobe two-story building on the corner of Main street and East Railroad avenue. F. M. Collins built the first livery barn, on Third street, opposite the Winchester hotel. This was where the stage line put up. Fay Gorham was the jehu who handled the ribbons, watched with careful eye Uncle Sam's mail and transported tourists back and forth between this point and the White river country. A. C. Wiseman built the Eagle house and ran it for two years. R. H. Zimmerman opened the first drug store. W. W. Tichenor was the first medical practitioner to reside in the town. H. J. Holmes printed the first newspaper in the town, the Reveille, the first issue being dated March 22, 1890.

(Addendum.—The Sharpshooter was the first newspaper published in Rifle, but as to the number of issues printed, or the name of the editor, the present writer cannot state. It is related, however, that the "Sharpshooter man" became enamored of a member of a barnstorming vaudeville troupe which came to town



RIFLE'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION—ALSO SHOWING THE FIRST LOG CABIN BUILT IN RIFLE.

miles a day was good traveling. However, on the first night of August, they camped with Geo. Ferguson on his ranch, now known as Silt.

The morning of the second of August the two men saddled their horses and headed westward, keeping close to the Grand river and down the valley. About noon they reached the Rifle valley, and after looking over the proposition, Mr. Maxfield concluded to drive his location stakes. Mr. Marshall, however, remonstrated gently, saying, "Maxfield, you are surely not going to stop here. I'm sure there must be something better further down. Come on with me to the Roan creek." "No," replied Maxfield, "this is good enough

household goods were deposited in the little log cabin with a joy and satisfaction that only a pioneer can know.

Roy O. Maxfield, son of the late A. W. Maxfield, was one of the hustling early pioneers who made special arrangements with his parents to be the first white baby born in the Rifle valley—born Oct. 5, 1883, ten days after their arrival at their new home.

Red Cliff, ninety-six miles east of Rifle, was the supply point for the family, and a journey with pack horses took many days, and when snow was encountered on the mountains, the days ran into weeks before the round trip could be accomplished.

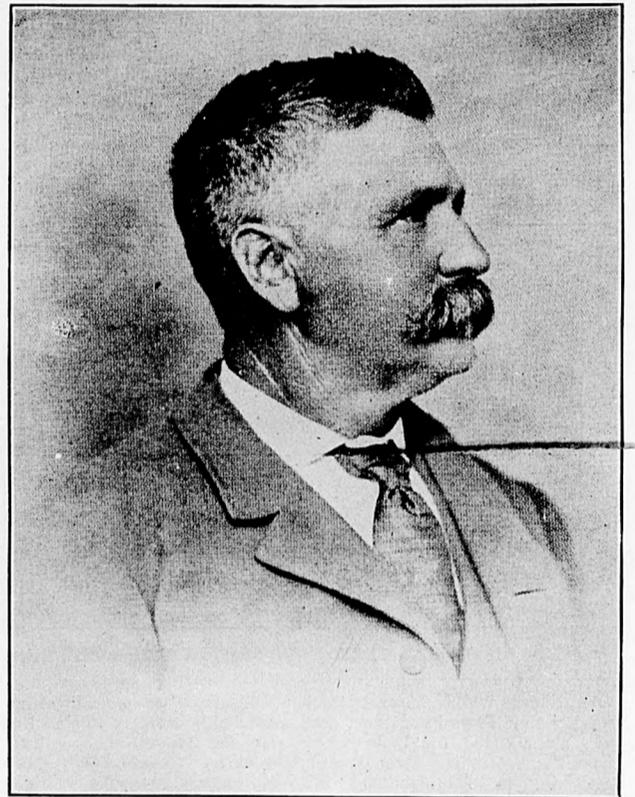
Some time in 1884 a stage line was established between the

tion and a stage line was opened.

The Maxfield post office was the distributing point for all the North country, also handling the Parachute and the surrounding country, excepting the Ferguson community, Mr. George Ferguson being postmaster for that place.

In March, 1889, D. G. McGinley asked permission to erect a dry goods and grocery store on the ranch. He built on the south side of the county road and opposite the log cabin.

A month or two later Clarence Tracy opened a tent saloon and laddled out wealth and happiness to an army of railroad graders who were camped a mile east of Rifle. The Denver & Rio Grande narrow-gauge railroad was making rapid headway westward and



THE LATE A. W. MAXFIELD.

store on the corner of Third street and West Railroad avenue and rented it to D. G. and John McGinley. D. G. McGinley then moved his stock of goods from the little store that he had run the previous year and added a few thousand dollars more to it and opened a first-class dry goods and grocery store.

C. L. Todd, a hustling pioneer with a good eye for business, built a store on the other corner of Third street and West Railroad avenue. He opened up a dry goods and grocery store. He also had the post office in his

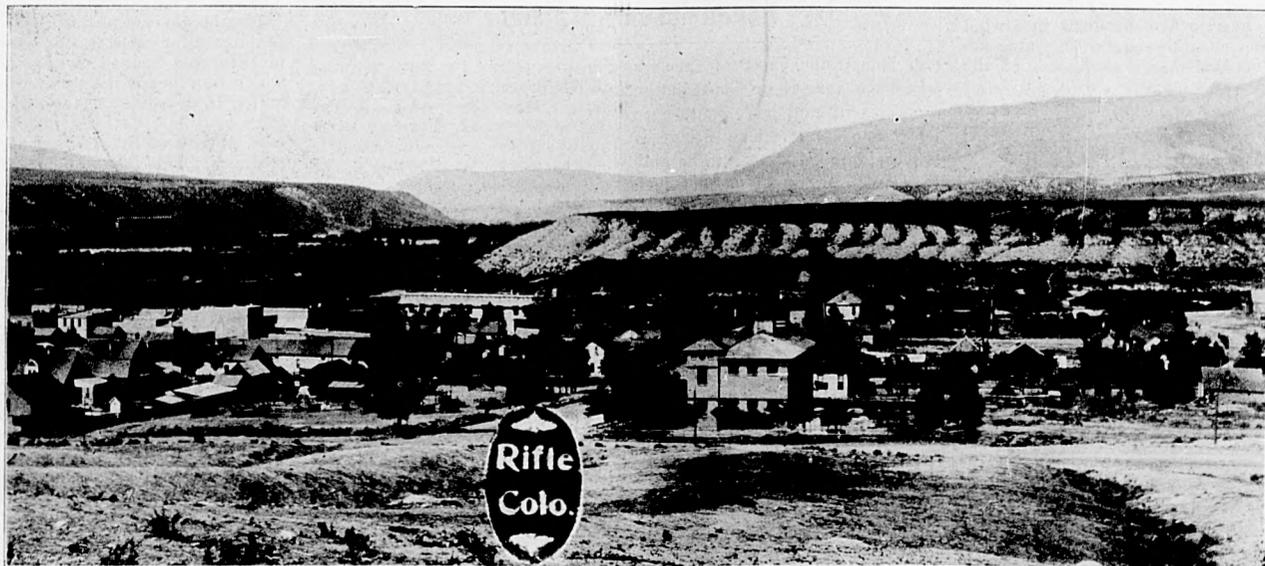
for a one-night engagement, and upon the departure of the fair one, together with her companions, for Meeker, the editor-printer closed up shop and also journeyed Meekerward—and never showed up again. Charley Boyd, well known to early day Aspenites, and who conducted the Palace dance hall in that city, was the financial backer of the aforesaid barnstorming aggregation.—Editor Telegram.

A. Glover opened the first barber shop.

On the 24th of March, 1890, the county commissioners considered the bids for the bridge across the Grand river at the foot of Rifle. It was built in the fall of 1890. On this same day the broad gauge rails were laid as far west as Rifle. The Colorado Midland shortly afterwards put in its appearance. The stock yards were built in 1890 and Rifle became the greatest stock shipping point on the Western Slope.

The building of the M. E. church was begun in the fall of 1899 and was ready for use through the early part of the following year. Many persons donated considerable toward the building and furnishings; Joe Hallett of Colorado Springs gave seventy-five chairs. A. W. Maxfield gave the lots on which it was built, the colored glass window, the pulpit, also the painting of the letters of the Lord's prayer and the creed. Mr. Cheesman of Denver gave \$50 or \$100, and several other gentlemen gave large donations of money. C. L. Todd gave \$150. Rev. Naaman Bascom was the first incumbent of the new church.

In the fall of 1891 the citizens



EARLY VIEW OF RIFLE.

of Rifle and vicinity conceived the scheme of organizing a county fair. They called it Watermelon Day. It should have been called Rainy Day. It poured all day long, but, oh! the watermelons, tons and tons, melons to right of us, melons to left of us and melons in front of us. As a side issue there was a prize given for the prettiest baby under one year old. Some of us didn't get the prize. (The prize mentioned above was awarded to Fanny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.)—Editor

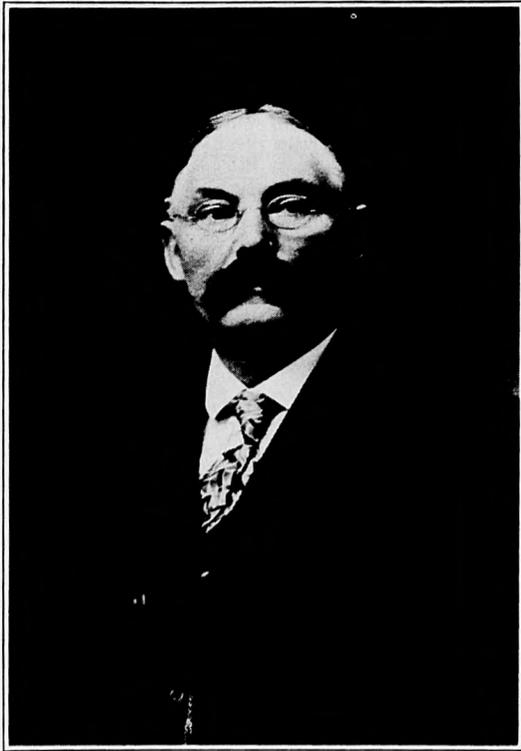
Sometime in the early 90's Ed. McLearn entered Lux & Durand's store as petit clerk and chore boy. In 1894 he and Steve Day opened a small store with about \$500 worth of stock. In 1901 McLearn built a splendid rock warehouse 50x50 at a cost of \$5,500. In 1902 he built a rock store 50x125, basement and two stories, with all modern improvements, at a cost of \$22,500—a magnificent building that would do credit to the city of Denver.

In 1895 the Odd Fellows secured lots on the corner of Fourth street and West Railroad avenue and built their hall.

In October, 1898, Ziesenis & Todd started business in a small store on Third street with a capital of \$4,500. In 1901 they built a very nice brick store. Mr. Todd has also built himself a brick residence, two-story and basement, with modern improvements.

Fred Munro came to Rifle in 1895 and entered the employ of the Hugas Company as head clerk, with whom he worked five years. In 1900 he built a grocery and hardware store. The Clarkson & Munro addition to the town of Rifle was another demand which Munro was instrumental in furnishing. He bought forty acres in March, 1900, and had it surveyed into town lots.

In 1898 Dr. LeRossignol opened an office in town, as did also Dr. Dymenberg.



THE LATE CHARLES LEVANT TODD

Born at Levant, Me., Nov. 7, 1855, Died in Rifle, Colo., Oct. 5, 1915.

Charles L. Todd was always foremost among those citizens who gave of their time and energy in promoting the growth, prosperity and general welfare of the town and community. Mr. Todd came to Garfield county in 1885, residing in the Cactus valley for four years prior to moving to Rifle. He was appointed postmaster of Rifle in 1889 by President Harrison and served four years. On July 1, 1903, he succeeded Miss Lou Burch, and on Nov. 19, the same year, was regularly commissioned for four years by President Roosevelt. The second commission was also signed by the latter, and his last commission was dated Dec. 20, 1911, being an appointment for four years by President Taft. Thus for more than 16 years Charles L. Todd transacted the postoffice business of Rifle and the county contiguous thereto, and to the satisfaction of the public.

He served two terms as mayor of Rifle—in 1897 and 1898, and was also president of the first fair association organized in Garfield county.

of wild game of all kinds, including bear, elk and mountain lions, as well as sage chickens, grouse and ducks.

For twenty-one years John Gant ran a bunch of horses, during which time he was struck by lightning, chewed up by a grizzly and endured hardships of which the present generation has little first-hand knowledge, but notwithstanding, he is still on terra firma and gives personal attention to his business affairs the same as he has always done.

At the present time he owns three ranches, one on West Mamm creek and two on Beaver creek.

the first settler to locate in the valley traversed by Rifle creek, it remains to be recorded that he is the pioneer among those who now call that fertile section their home. Matthew Kellogg arrived prior to Mr. Brown, but the latter appeared on the scene in the year 1883—coming here from Leadville. The late Samuel Stevinson also arrived that year, but returned to the mining camp and remained until the following spring.

That Greeley liked the Rifle valley is evidenced by the fact that he not only remained, but still owns the land which he homesteaded in the long ago. In addition he later acquired 40 acres adjoining and also owns 160 acres on Middle Rifle creek.

A MAN WHO HAS MADE GOOD

Probably no section of Colorado boasts of a higher degree of cultivation and diversity of farming interests—including general farming operations, livestock and fruit growing—than Graham mesa, which adjoins Rifle on the northeast, including the Rifle valley country, and among those who have long been instrumental in its development is Mr. I. W. Graham and his estimable wife. The mesa was named after Mr. Graham, who located on the same in 1886, five years after coming to Colorado from Albert Lea, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were married in 1888 and feel that it was a happy day when they concluded to come to Western Garfield county to make their home.



HORACE GREELEY BROWN.

While H. G. Brown was not



JONATHAN GANT.

In point of continuous residence in this part of the great Grand valley John Gant is the pioneer citizen. It was in November, 1881, that he "packed" into what is now Garfield county, in company with his brother William and John Murray. John came here from the Gunnison country and located on Mamm creek, taking up land which he afterwards sold to Emmett Nuckolls, and which is now owned by Chas. J. Shideler. When the two Gant brothers and John Murray journeyed down the Grand river from what is now Glenwood Springs they became the first settlers in the valley between that place and Grand Junction. Deer at that time grazed on every hillside, and there was an abundance



RIFLE'S PIONEER BAND.

Col. J. C. Shott

AUCTIONEER
RIFLE, COLORADO



WILL CALL YOUR SALES
I DELIVER THE GOODS

When I cry, others buy. More than 30 years' experience in the sales business enables me to get the best prices, and I take this means of soliciting your business. **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.** I sell farms and houses. I sell houses and lots. I sell cattle and sheep. I sell hogs and goats. I sell hay and oats. I sell corn and wheat. I sell farming tools and hardware. I sell dry goods and groceries. I sell chickens, ducks and geese. I sell automobiles, wagons and buggies. I sell harness, saddles and anything you may have to sell.

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(As predicted by Walter L. Wilder in 1902.)

EVERY indication points to a dense population in the Colorado of the future. The three chief reasons for this will be the mines, the water power of the streams and irrigation.

Coal gave England and Belgium their opportunity as great manufacturing nations, and sent Pennsylvania to second place among the American states.

Water power gave New England its start in manufacturing.

Irrigation has always tended towards a dense population and an intensive cultivation of the soil, for the irrigated acres become too valuable and cost too much to maintain to be wasted in cheap crops.

Colorado has coal and an endless variety of natural products to serve as raw material for manufactures. It has the water power supplied by streams whose rapid currents are the natural result of the mountain slopes. It has, or will have, an immense system of reservoirs, flumes and ditches constructed for a different purpose, but capable of yielding enormous amounts of easily utilized water power. It has a soil and a climate suitable for a high grade of agriculture, and a water supply sufficient to bring into cultivation all the irrigable lands of the mountain section and large areas of the plains.

The dense population of the state will maintain high prices for farming products, will increase the value of all farming lands and will give additional impulse toward a system of small farms well cultivated.

The greatest advantage of these conditions will come to those parts of the state in which they prevail to the greatest extent. A rich valley in the mountains, situated on a main line of railroad communication, surrounded by important resources of natural wealth, with a considerable area of fertile land, possessing an abundant water supply, and within reasonable dis-

tance of important mining districts not possessing sufficient agricultural capabilities of their own, is an ideal Colorado district, and all such must infallibly progress and develop rapidly in the coming years.

Rifle and Rifle creek valley, and the neighboring parts of the Grand river valley on both sides of that stream, possess these essential conditions to a degree surpassed by few, if any, regions of this state, and the natural result of these conditions may be predicted with a conviction that approaches close to a certainty.

Rifle will always be a "good town," and its growth will be continuous for many years to come, though not at an unvarying rate. It will be surrounded before many years with a rich farming country of orchards, gardens and small farms, all in the highest state of cultivation, carefully tilled and supporting

a comparatively dense population. The city will change gradually toward the country, and the ranchmen will enjoy the advantages of daily rural mail delivery, of telephones and of nearness to an electric railway which will surely be built from the city to the coal mines at the gap. The power for this will be supplied by coal burned at the mouth of the mines. Similar lines will extend up and down the Grand river valley, and another one will stretch along the north side of the hogback, for the use of the numerous coal mines.

The main transcontinental railroads will be operated by electricity, and this will be supplied in part by water power, and in part from plants located at the mouth of the coal mines. The locomotives will carry no fuel supply, and there will probably be no locomotives, each car furnishing its own motive power.

Rifle will have in the near future its own water system, electric light plant and sewer sys-

tem, and these will belong to the city.

There will be numerous reservoirs in the mountains, on the headwaters of Rifle creek, and of the streams that arise in the Mamm range, and the waters there stored will be utilized for the production of power as well as for irrigation.

The farmers will not be able to afford to keep poor cattle. The land will be too valuable. The best of everything will be none too good for the people of that region. The stock will be the best that can be imported from other states for awhile, and then the stockgrowers will develop horses and cattle and other animals that are choicer than can be raised anywhere else, and some of these will be sent back to improve the herds of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

The farmers will be manufacturers in the winter time, and with cheap power easily available at any point in the valley, they will, like the Swiss, develop local industries in which the skill

of the hand and the eye of the artist will produce results that can never be matched by the machine work of large factories.

In common with the people of the rest of Colorado, the men and the women will grow larger and taller and will live longer than those of other states, where there is less sunshine and more poverty.

There will be a great national park, or a national game reserve, in the White river mesa and flattops country, and the grandchildren of the present residents of Rifle creek valley will enjoy their summer hunts and camping quite as much as do those of the present day.

The making of pottery or china, the canning of fruits and vegetables, the making of cheese and honey, the raising of poultry, will be among the important industries, together with forms of light manufacturing, the precise nature of which will be determined by future conditions and events.

The building of the Moffat



The above serves as a reminder of early days in Rifle, when wild game of all kinds was plentiful in Western Colorado.

road, or of a line to Meeker, will not hurt Rifle, but on the contrary, whatever tends to build up the country, to develop its natural resources and to bring more people into it, will be a benefit to all persons now there.

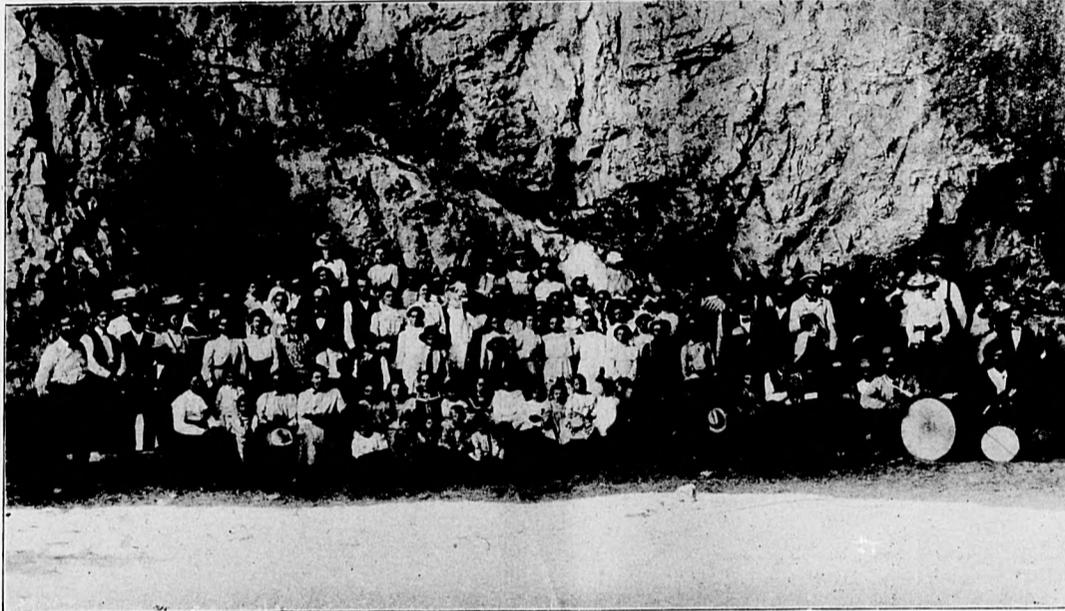
Artesian water will be found at or near Rifle and will be an important part of the local water supply. The discovery of oil is possible or doubtful, and is of less importance than that of good artesian water.

The big mesas south of the river and east of Rifle will be irrigated and developed to crops that cannot be grown in the lower valleys for lack of space.

Garfield county will be divided into three, with county seats at Carbondale, Glenwood and Rifle, and each of these will be more populous and prosperous than the combined county now is.

Some boy born in the Rifle creek valley will be governor of Colorado and president of the United States, and his wife will be a girl of the same locality.

And the creek will continue to flow down hill until the end of time, and the people will be just as happy and contented and rich and prosperous as they deserve to be.



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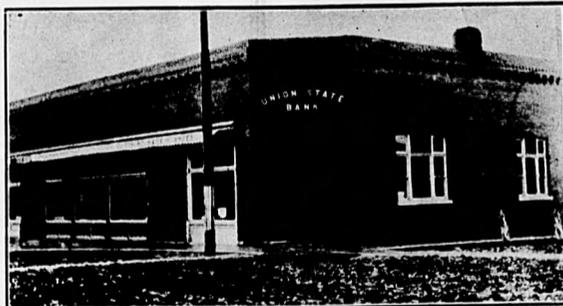
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WITH THE HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN RIFLE

DURING all its years of existence Rifle has been known as an excellent place in which to raise a family, as here are to be found the best surroundings in a moral and spiritual way. As a town regards and supports the

bership rolls will be found many from the country, who do their full share in church and community work. All churches hold regular services every Sunday morning and evening, except those otherwise mentioned, and they all

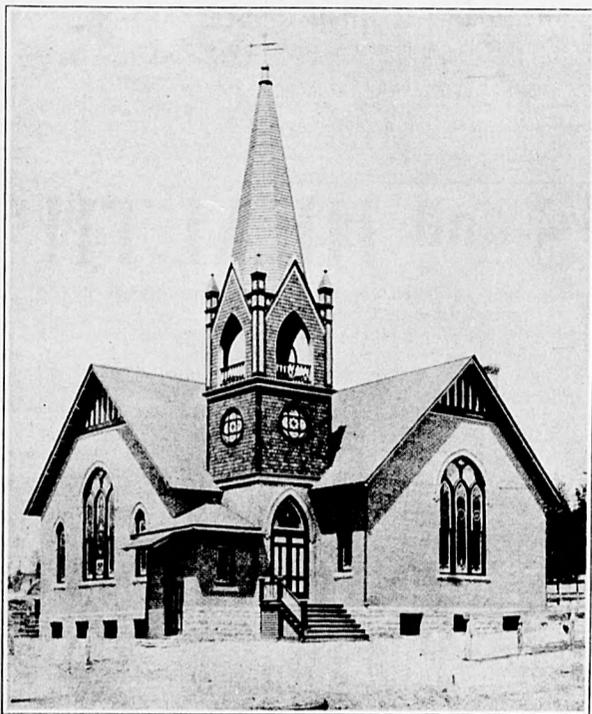
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Under the labors of Rev. Clarence Defur the work of the Christian church was first undertaken at Rifle on September 2, 1901. A little later an organization was effected, of which Rev. Defur was the pastor until the last Sunday in May, 1902, when he returned to the east.

The work was continued for a while by Rev. E. I. Hawk. In July, 1903, Rev. Horace Mann came under appointment of the mission board of the Christian church and reopened the public services on Sunday, July 26, 1903. All of the services of the church had been held in the Odd Fellows hall.

Under the efficient leadership of Rev. Horace Mann the church grew in membership and influence. Lots were purchased and plans developed for the erection of a house of worship. With much sacrificing effort on the part of the pastor and his people the church building was completed and dedicated to the service of God on April 1, 1906. Rev. O. B. Whitaker, D. D., at that time president of Kansas Christian College, preached the dedicatory sermon and assisted the pastor, Rev. Horace Mann, in the dedication of the church.

Following is a list of the ministers who have served the church as pastors: Clarence Defur, E. I. Hawk, Horace Mann, D. A. Long, Edwin Morrell, G. R. Hammond and Simon Bennett, the present pastor.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



REV. J. A. HUTCHINS
Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church

things which go to make up the higher life, so may it be judged as a home place and one has but to view the substantial church edi-

extend a brotherly hand of welcome to the visitor or newcomer.

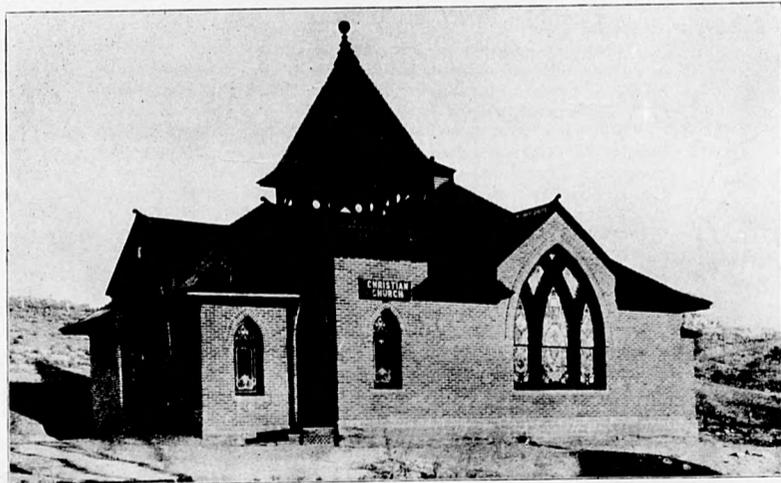
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The First Methodist church was built in Rifle in the fall of 1889 and the spring of 1900 at a cost of approximately \$2,000, Rev. Naaman Bascom being the first pastor. Rev. A. C. Peek of Colorado Springs preached the dedicatory services. In the years 1905 and 1906 the new brick church was built under the leadership of Rev. L. L. Thomas, with C. L. Todd, Dr. W. J. LeRossignol, E. L. House, H. G. Brown and John F. Hickman as members of the building committee. This building furnished complete cost approximately \$8,000, and was dedicated April 29, 1906, Chancellor Henry A. Buechel preaching the dedicatory sermon. On Sunday morning, January 30, of the present year, the interior of the church was destroyed by fire,

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Church of Christ, locally known as the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rifle, Colorado, was organized about twelve years ago with a charter enrollment of twenty-one members. For some time this congregation worshiped in a tent, it not being able to erect a building suitable to its needs for several years after the organization was effected. From time to time, by adding at intervals new-found members in Christ and by evangelistic meetings, the membership grew in numbers and in strength until at the present time there are one hundred and fifty resident members. For most of the time during these years the church has been supplied with preaching and even when without this requisite, the regular services have not been neglected.

There are several societies within the church of greater or lesser potentiality, among which may be mentioned the Bible School, with nine or ten well organized classes, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Aid. All the auxili-



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

causing a loss of \$4,000, with an insurance of \$3,000. The work of repairing the structure was commenced at once and is rapidly nearing completion, including several needed improvements. A new pipe organ will also be installed, costing \$2,200. The trustees are contemplating building a new parsonage in the near future. Rev. J. A. Hutchins is the present pastor, his predecessors in charge of the work in this field being Rev. Naaman Bascom, Rev. Veeder, Rev. L. E. Kennedy, Rev. C. W. Simmons, Rev. R. A. Carnine, Rev. Austin Crooks, Rev. T. S. Leland, Rev. A. Henderson, Rev. C. W. Harned, Rev. W. N. Simpson, Rev. S. H. Slutz, Rev. L. L. Thomas, Rev. Stephen Lumley, Rev. C. Harvey Waite, Rev. F. H. Rose, Rev. J. J. Giblin and Rev. J. T. Coulter.



REV. SIMON BENNETT
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aries are now working along well defined and progressive lines to the satisfaction of all concerned. The officers of the church are as follows: minister, W. Bailor; elders, L. Butler, J. Corley and E. Perham; deacons, T. M. Hickman, Dr. R. O. Smith, E. R. Parker, Geo. Turgoose, Sherman Butler, P. J. Sinele, W. J. Harmon



REV. W. BAILOR
Pastor First Christian Church

and J. E. Stauffer; clerk, Mrs. J. E. Stauffer; treasurer, Dr. R. O. Smith; Bible School—Supt., T. M. Hickman; Asst. Supt., J. L. Cochran; Sec., Miss Sylvia Barber; Treas., Mrs. Vern Gibson; Librarian, Miss Gertrude Kendall; Y. P. S. C. E.—Pres., Miss Sylvia Barber; V. Pres., Marvel Chinn; Sec., Hazel Taylor; Treas., Lloyd

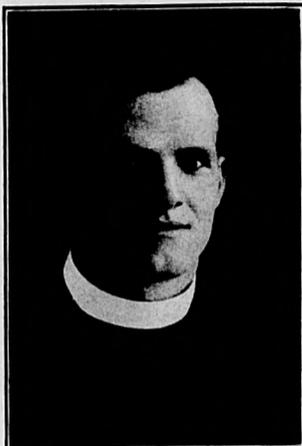


CATHOLIC CHURCH

meet its financial obligations, an era of progress seems to face us, as the principles embraced by the disciples are all inclusive, holding to and enhancing the good will of a free public conscience which we now fully enjoy.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Prior to May 1, 1912, Rifle and vicinity was included in the Glenwood Springs Parish, and services were conducted from time to time here by priests from that town. In May, 1912, a new parish was organized with Rifle as headquarters and included the towns of Meeker, New Castle, Grand Valley and Debeque. During the summer of the same year the present church edifice was built at a cost of about \$3,000,



REV. FATHER BERNARD J. FAJANELLE

CHRISTIAN WORKER GIRLS.

On November 4, 1913, Mrs. Myrtle Stauffer invited eight young ladies of the First Christian church to her home and there this little band of Christian workers organized the Christian Workers Society.

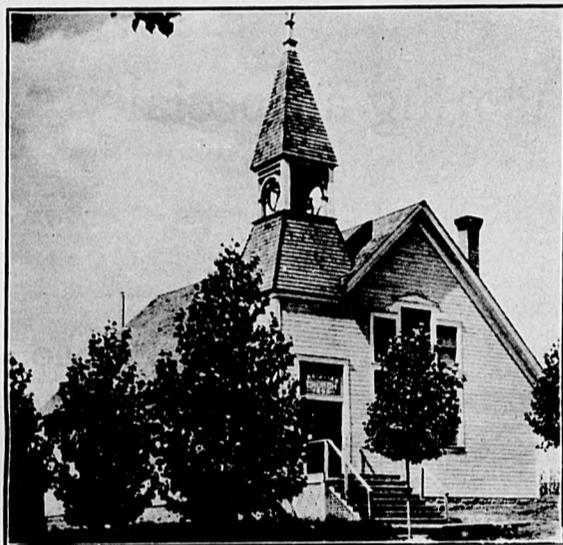
The charter members were Mrs. Myrtle Stauffer, and Misses Sylvia Barber, Floy Sinele, Lala Elliott, Louisa Helm, Rhoda Harlow, Birdie Howard and Grace Peppiatt.

The society is now composed of young ladies from the various churches of the town, who meet every two weeks at the homes of the members.

The aim of this society is to promote Christian character through love and service. The work of the first members consisted in dressing Christmas dolls for the little ones of the town who might not be otherwise remembered. The work then branched out to any needed charity help and to remember the sick with flowers.

For the year 1915 the amount of \$59.30 was expended for flowers and \$27.48 for other charity work.

Editor's Note—The people of Rifle are proud of this splendid organization, and many homes have been brightened by kindly deeds performed by the young ladies comprising the C. W. membership.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miller. Ladies' Aid—Pres., Mrs. Joe Whitt; V. Pres., Mrs. J. E. Stauffer; Sec., Mrs. Fred Sayre; Treas., Mrs. T. M. Hickman.

The present building seems hardly adequate for the requirements of the work of the congregation, but to alleviate matters somewhat, the basement is now being excavated for use in social functions and to enlarge the working capacity of the Bible school. With the church at present free from debt and able to

and Rev. Father C. V. Walsh became the resident priest and pastor in charge. Father Walsh remained until the fall of 1913, going from here to Aspen and thence to Denver, where he has a parish. He was succeeded in Rifle by Rev. Father Bernard J. Fajanelle and the latter continues in charge of the pastorate of Rifle and other towns named above. The membership of Rifle and vicinity at the present time is about 100.



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CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR RIFLE

By Cooperative Observer H. Eiche

At first glance statistics appear dry and uninteresting. Our impulse is to pass them by for more attractive reading. And this applies to a weather summary as well as to other subjects treated statistically. A careful perusal

and study, however, may reveal many interesting and sometimes startling facts and may even go so far as to order a change in our plans and have a controlling influence in the location of our place of residence. It is with this in mind that I am offering to the reader a summarized report of

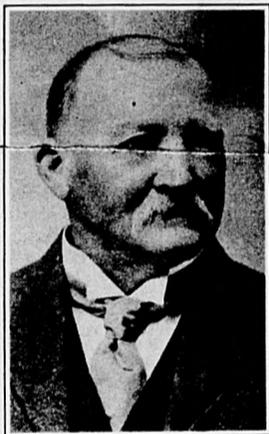
the recording of observations taken for the four years just past—and it is in the hope that some from this apparently dry report may be lead to realize that here on the Western Slope of the Rockies is to be found a climate that in many respects is just what one would choose to live in.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR RIFLE, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE YEARS 1912 TO 1915 INCLUSIVE.

Latitude39° 32' Longitude107° 46' Elevation5,437 feet

TEMPERATURE					PRECIPITATION					
Year	Annual Mean	Highest Date	Lowest Date	Total for the Year	Greatest Monthly	Month	Least Monthly	Month	Total Snowfall	Number Rainy Days
1912	45.9	96 Aug. 26	-14 Jan. 4	9.95	2.77	Mch.	0.17	Feb.	—	87
1913	46.8	99 July 7	-33 Jan. 7	9.90	2.06	Dec.	0.15	Aug.	54.5	85
1914	47.9	95 July 8	-9 Jan. 11	13.82	3.55	Oct.	0.18	Nov.	24.5	101
1915	47.8	96 July 19	-8 Jan. 23 Dec. 27	9.76	2.96	Dec.	0.04	Oct.	29.9	71

SKY				KILLING FROST		
Year	No. Clear Days	No. Pt. Cloudy Dy	No. Cloudy Dys.	Prevailing Wind Direction	Last in Spring	First in Autumn
1912	186	78	102	W	May 14	Sept. 16
1913	168	76	121	SW	May 12	Sept. 26
1914	182	70	113	SW	Apr. 24	Sept. 14
1915	191	63	111	SW	May 7	Oct. 4



JOHN B. ELROD

Colorado was admitted to the Union in 1876 and two years prior thereto John B. Elrod became a resident of the territory, coming across the plains from Independence, Mo., and locating for a short time in Denver. In July, the following year, he was joined by Mrs. Elrod and Central City became their home. In 1882 Mr. Elrod decided to cast his lot with those seeking their fortunes in Leadville, opening a blacksmith shop, which he operated until July, 1883, when the lure of the great silver camp—Aspen—called him to the Western Slope of Colorado. He engaged in the blacksmith business and also had a number of teams employed in ore-hauling. Becoming tired of life in mining camps and the Grand valley section

then being more or less talked of as a fertile farming region, he and Mrs. Elrod concluded to move to Garfield county. This was in 1887, and in addition to acquiring a ranch on Taughenbaugh mesa, which is now numbered among the best in Western Colorado, Mr. Elrod engaged in the blacksmith business and his shop was the first in Rifle. Thus in compiling a brief history of Western Garfield county it is to be written that Mr. and Mrs. John B. Elrod are numbered among the pioneer citizens and that prosperity has attended them.

FRANK D. SQUIER

In point of years of residence in Colorado Frank D. Squier is Rifle's "oldest timer." He came to this state in 1865 and camped about where the state capital building now stands. The only evidence of civilization at that point on the date mentioned was an irrigating ditch. Frank then journeyed to El Paso county and in 1884 became a resident of Aspen, where he engaged in freighting and staging, and also was in charge of the toll road between that town and Twin Lakes. In the fall of 1886 he and Mrs. Squier moved to the Grand valley, locating the ranch now adjoining Rifle on the west and here they have made their home since, or for a period covering thirty years. No man has given more of his time and money in promoting the progress of Western Garfield county than Frank Squier, and he has been particularly active in his service to the livestock industry,



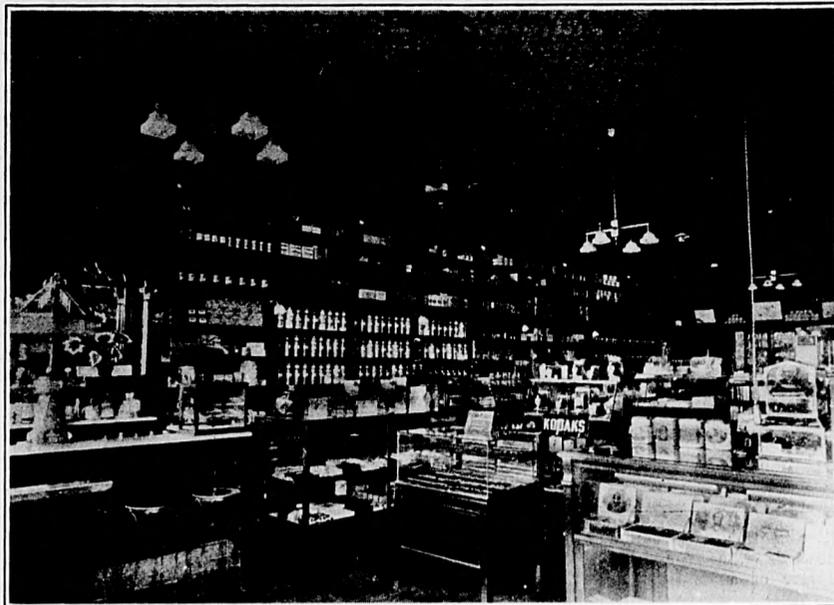
FRANK D. SQUIER

serving continuously as president of the Grand River Stock Growers' Association since its inception about seventeen years ago (with the exception of the second year, when W. R. Lee officiated in that capacity.) Several years ago Mr. Squier was elected president of the Colorado Stock Growers' Association, a position which he very acceptably fills at the present time.

No article in this edition will be more convincing to people desiring to locate where climatic conditions make living worth while, than the one at the top of this page, showing as it does that this is a particularly favored section, with neither intensely cold nor extremely hot weather prevailing any length of time.



WINCHESTER HOTEL AND ANNEX (FORMERLY CLARK'S HOTEL.)



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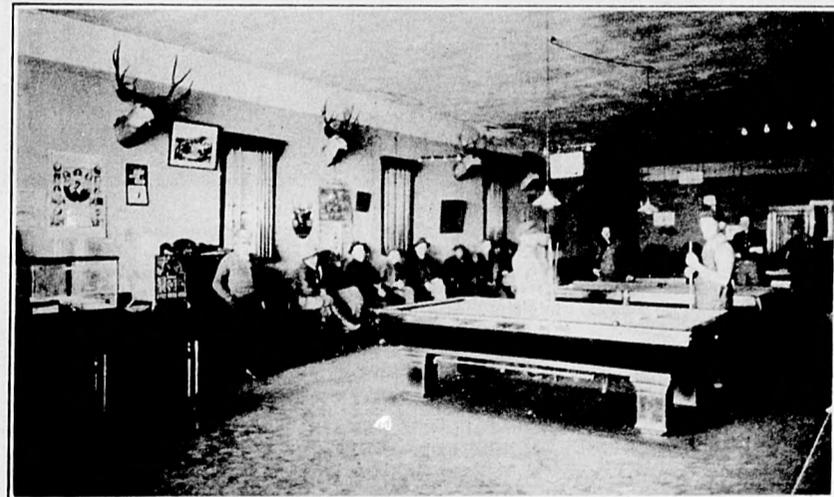
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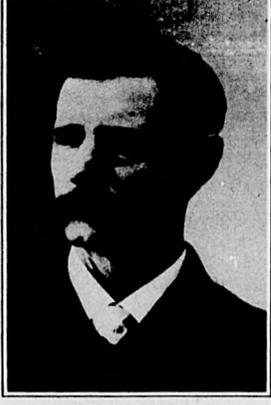
GARFIELD COUNTY'S COMMISSIONERS



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Rifle



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Rifle



FRANK ADAMS
Glenwood Springs

IT IS a matter of common knowledge that for fully a quarter of a century road construction and improvement in Garfield county was performed under the haphazard system, which led to a maximum of expenditure with only a minimum of permanency. In other words, work was done piecemeal, a little here, some there and elsewhere—a constant drain upon the county treasury, and thus one year was a repetition of another.

Roads built one spring were oft times out of commission at the expiration of another twelve-month—and frequently following rainstorms of unusual severity.

Another way of doing things came into vogue at the beginning of the year 1913, following the election of Messrs. Otto Hahnewald and Ed. McLearn as mem-

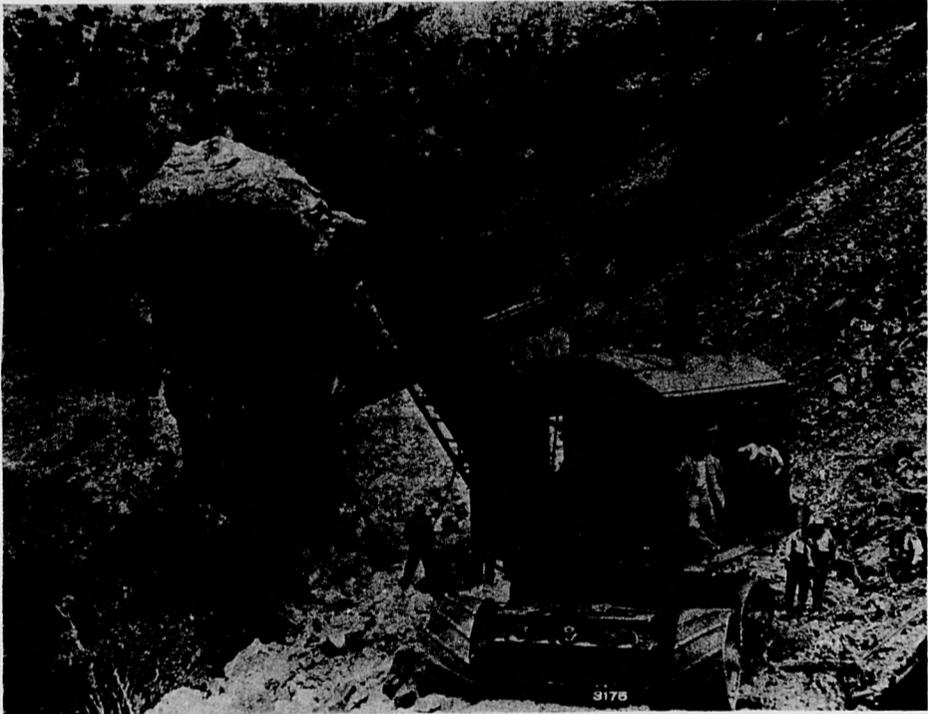
bers of the board of county commissioners, and two years later, when Frank Adams also became a county solon, he co-operated with his colleagues in an earnest effort to provide Garfield county with roads built to endure and to see that for every dollar spent the taxpayers received 100 per cent. value.

Each section of road constructed, whether by contract or convict labor, during the past three years, is standard in every particular and can be maintained with only a modicum of annual expense. Long after Messrs. Hahnewald, McLearn and Adams have ceased to serve in an official capacity, the miles and miles of well built highways will continue

to serve as reminders of the efficiency of these gentlemen.

And in the conduct of county affairs generally they have rendered faithful stewardship and the record is one which is not in need of vindication.

While the era of good road building in Garfield county has merely been entered upon, by the end of the present year the accomplishment will be such that the homeseeker or visitor to this valley will realize that we have highways comparing favorably with the long settled communities in the middle West, or East, and the Telegram is confident that the good work along this particular line of endeavor will be continued until such time that Garfield has the best system of roads to be found in the entire Rocky Mountain region.



The big steam shovel illustrated above was purchased by the commissioners of Garfield county during the year of 1915 and is now in use on the state and county highway in the canon of the Grand river above Glenwood Springs.

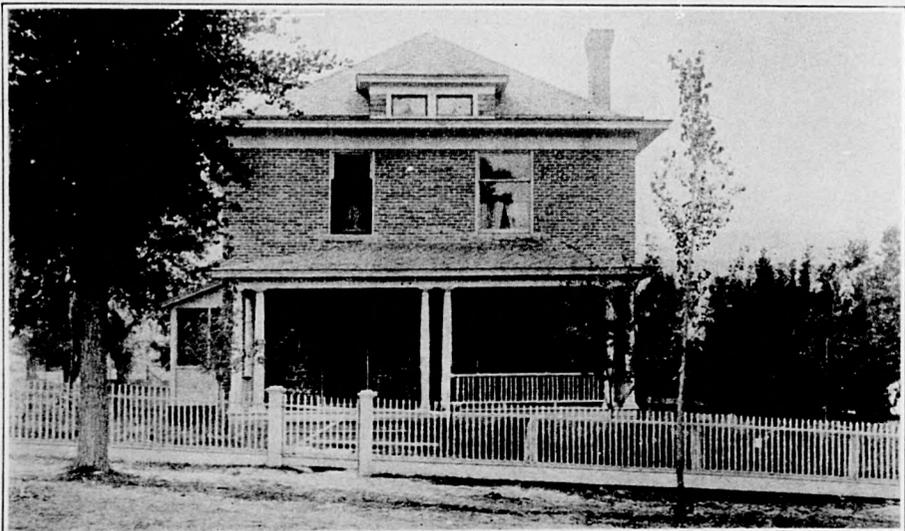
This shovel will handle approximately 1,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock daily and is manufactured by the Marion Steam Shovel Co. of Marion, Ohio.

The highway mentioned above is being constructed by state con-

viets from the state penitentiary at Canon City, Garfield county being one of the first to try the plan originated by Warden Thomas Tynan to have the state's wards, (he calls them his "boys" and treats them as human beings), live out in the open far beyond the confines of prison walls.

The first convict camp was established in this county in the year 1913, and on an average forty of these men have been em-

ployed since in road building, winter and summer, without cessation only on such days as storm prohibited. The cost to the county is 35 cents per day for each member of the camp, and this small expense is only one of several counts in favor of the plan. Constant employment as road builders, under competent supervision, means efficiency, and therefore the work done is permanent in character and represents the best in road construction.



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RIFLE'S DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION IN 1902



(Editor's Note—The following account of the big fire in Rifle, which occurred on May 3, 1902, is that published in the Reveille in their next issue after the conflagration.)

ABOUT half of the business portion of Rifle is in ruins, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts of the bucket brigades that any of the town was saved. Each of the firms burned out are either rebuilding or will begin to rebuild at once. The aggregate loss is placed at \$125,000.

All the next day the rest of the town was threatened, for a high wind would have scattered the embers, and the town, being without fire protection, would have been wiped out.

The fire started in J. W. Hugus & Co.'s big new store building, origin not known, although it is certain that it was not from an

explosion of the gas plant in the basement.

F. W. Leyner's drug store, fixtures and stock, entirely destroyed.

Glover's jewelry store and barber shop, building and fixtures.

Meeker stables building, old meat market and sample room building, all owned by A. C. Wiseman. Rifle House, also owned by Wiseman, was damaged considerably on the north side, next to Hugus'.

Clark hotel damaged.

R. C. Brenton, ice house damaged.

George E. Clarkson, ice house damaged.

Clausen's livery stable, building owned by Clarkson.

Neal's millinery store and household goods.

Cato Bros.' blacksmith shop.

Barnes' restaurant slightly damaged.

The fire broke out at 11:20 Friday night in J. W. Hugus & Co.'s store on Railroad avenue, and for hours this city seemed doomed to destruction. Rifle has no city government or water works system, save only that which comes from irrigating ditches and water wagons. The saving of the town is due to the quickness of action on the part of a few at the first alarm of fire ran to all of the headgates of the ditches leading into town and turned all of the water into the street trenches. Bucket brigades were formed for fire fighting. This was the way the balance of the city was saved.

Ten minutes after the alarm of fire was first given fire burst forth from every side of the Hugus building. The post office was in the south end of this building. Some valuable regis-

tered mail for Meeker and the north was lost. All other registered mail was secure in the post office safe. The fire traveled rapidly and crossed the street into the millinery store of Mrs. J. M. Neal, a frame building, which was destroyed quickly. Then the flames burst into Leyner's drug store. Glover's jewelry store and barber shop were the next to fall in the fury of the flames. All of this time the flames were eating their way south of the west side of the street from the main Hugus building into the Hugus warehouse, thence across the alley to the Meeker livery stables, although giving plenty of time to save all stock and vehicles. Then came the frame sample rooms of the Rifle House. Here was the fight which saved the town from total destruction. All the frame buildings had to go, but good judgment told several

that a hard fight would save the hotel building.

So some seventy-five men with a will set to work with buckets to save that building. Two hours of the hardest work put a stop to the fire here and 100 men at work at the Clark stopped the flames there. The fire was still traveling east, and at 1 o'clock reached Clausen's livery and Cato's blacksmith shop.

Here about seventy men fought like demons to prevent it from crossing a vacant lot into Barnes' restaurant. After a desperate struggle the fire was held there, but efforts had to be renewed to keep it from crossing Main street to the north into the Clark annex and other buildings.

W. E. Fisher, superintendent of the Willeox ditch, controlled a large force of fire fighters who blocked the fire's progress in this direction. The fire was under

complete control at 4 o'clock of the next morning.

The fact that the night was still as death is why the fire destroyed only one block of the city. The fire starting where it did, in the southwest part of the city, if fanned by only a slight breeze, would have sealed the fate of all else remaining.

Much praise is due to all who managed and labored so long to save other people's property.

Rifle is all excitement, the town being full of outsiders seeing and others busy at work clearing away the debris. A close patrol is kept to prevent another outbreak of fire. All the business houses will be rebuilt at once, as soon as material can be had, and in a short time Rifle will be better than before, and steps will now be taken to provide fire protection, which the city has never enjoyed.

RIFLE'S MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS

IN 1895, the city having outgrown the old water-barrel system, they began a search for a supply from other sources.

First Rifle creek was considered, but on account of lime in the water, this was soon dismissed.

Then attention was called to

system was started.

The system is of the gravity type, which makes the cost of operation very low as compared with other systems.

Two and one-half from the intake is located the storage reservoir and settling basin. This removes the dirt and delivers the

erty is within easy reach of ample protection, the line having a pressure of 120 pounds per square inch, thus saving the owners considerable in fire insurance premiums.

In the fall of 1915 the system was extended to outlying additions which were not in existence at the time of the installing of the first lines.

This coming spring a large reservoir will be constructed on the mesa northeast of the city, which will serve as a storage in case of the main line being damaged, thus insuring a steady water supply for all purposes, as well as furnish water for irrigation purposes for the cemetery, which is owned by the municipality.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

There is no better criterion of the prosperity of an agricultural community and the solidity of its citizenship than that offered thru the medium of its banks, therefore it is with pardonable pride the Telegram prints the figures showing the combined deposits of the two Rifle banks on Dec. 31, 1915, as contained in the reports to the state and national banking authorities on that date. The total deposits were \$339,469.87, with combined resources of \$484,491.98.

RIFLE LIGHT, HEAT & POWER COMPANY

IN THE fall of 1908 a group of progressive business men of Rifle saw the possibilities of an electric power company for the purpose of furnishing power, light and heat for the city.

December of the same year witnessed the forming of such a company, for in this month The Rifle Light, Heat & Power Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of \$50,000, and on December 31, 1909, the first "juice" was sold.

The first officers of the company were: President, C. L. Todd; vice president, Fred Munro; treasurer, W. H. Haley; secretary, Dr. W. J. LeRossignol; general manager, E. McLearn, who, with Fred Sayre and R. F. Magor, constituted the board of directors. The late Page Munro was the first superintendent, and following his death George H. Ennis was appointed, and has since continued to serve in this capacity.

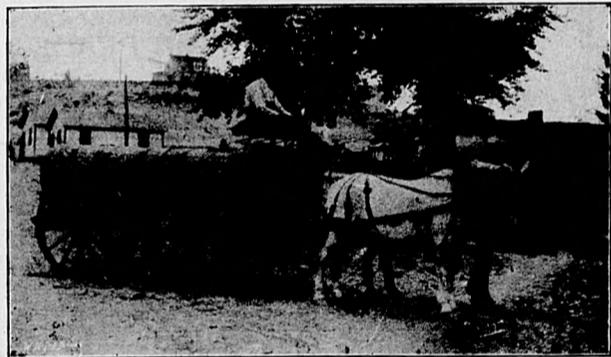
The plant is of the hydro-electric type and is located at Rifle Creek Falls, thirteen miles north of the city. It is equipped with standard machinery, using a 240-horse power turbine operated by a 70-foot head of water. The generator is a 150-kilowatt type. The electricity is delivered to the city over a thirteen mile transmission line and is of the three-phase system. The current is stepped up at the plant from 2300 to

11,000 volts for transmission to the sub-station in town, where it is stepped down to 2300 volts at which it is distributed in town.

The company has eight miles of distributing lines, with twenty-five lights for lighting the

McLearn; directors, F. D. Squier, Geo. E. Harris.

Under the efficient management of Superintendent George H. Ennis the venture has been a success from the first, both from a practical and financial stand-



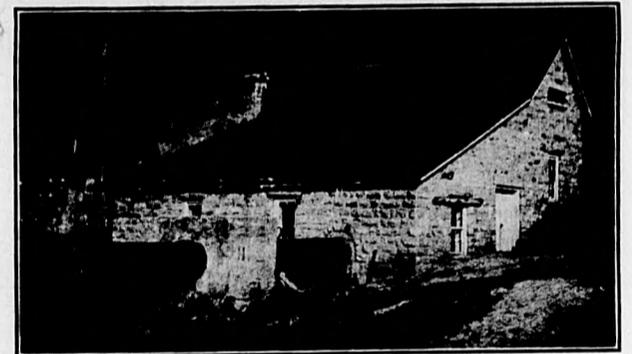
RIFLE'S PIONEER "WATER WORKS SYSTEM."

the pure water of Beaver creek, located to the southwest, and early in the year of 1896 the ranch belonging to Mrs. Malissa Horn was purchased for a water-right from this stream, and an intake of the new pipe line, it being necessary to lay five miles of pipe to the city limits. Thus the foundation of the present

water to the 8-inch main clear and pure.

From a purity standpoint the water ranks with the best on the Western Slope and the cost to the consumer, as compared with other systems, is very low.

For protection against fire the city has 36 fire hydrants, located in such a manner that all prop-



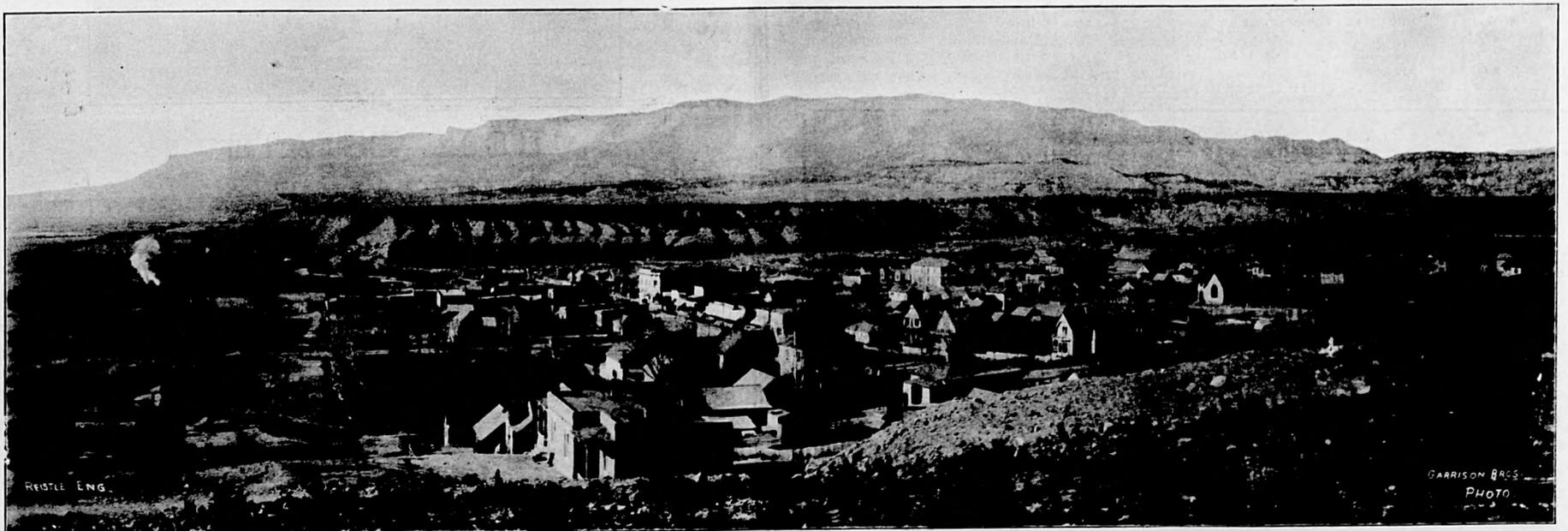
POWER HOUSE, RIFLE FALLS

streets of the city. These are Tungsten, type "C," which is one of the best types for street lighting known.

The present officers are: President, Geo. M. Howard (elected to fill the place of the late C. L. Todd); vice president, Geo. E. Clarkson; treasurer, W. H. Haley; secretary, Dr. W. J. LeRossignol; general manager, E.

point, and that the city appreciates the service is told best by the record of the amount of "juice" sold each month in the year.

Garfield county offers many inducements to the homeseeker and the Telegram will cheerfully give information concerning the favored section of which this town is the big trading point.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF RIFLE FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1904.

RAILROAD FACILITIES OF RIFLE

(By C. W. Wykes.)

THE first inquiry usually made by a prospective locator in a community is "What are your transportation facilities?"

In this respect Rifle is most fortunate, being served by the main lines of the Colorado Midland Railway and Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, operating in a joint station at this point, thereby securing double daily local and through freight service from and two all important points.

During the so-called shipping season, that time when our greatest movement of livestock, fruit, potatoes, beets, etc., takes place, this service is further increased to insure proper distribution of equipment and the prompt handling of perishable shipments.

Careful estimates are compiled covering the prospective shipments, to the end that plans may be laid to insure sufficient equipment of all classes being available at the proper time.

This system has been followed for years and has resulted in an almost total avoidance of delays and the annoyance consequent thereto, to our shippers, on account of failure to furnish needed cars promptly.

We have the further advantage of the service afforded by a large number of daily passenger trains in each direction, all of which handle express matter, and the greater number U. S. mail.

Both the Colorado Midland and the Denver & Rio Grande are contract lines of the Wells-Fargo & Company express, which company is regarded by all as the last word in that branch of the transportation service.

During the 15 years in which I have served these companies as their representative in Rifle, I have had a great many opportunities to note the growth and changes in the community and



AGENT C. W. WYKES

ten weeks in September, October and November, due to the fact that at that time the livestock shipments comprised by far the largest part of our business.

Our records show that during the first three years of my term as agent at this point, we failed to forward any car lot shipments of potatoes, apples, beets or hogs.



D. & R. G. AND MIDLAND DEPOT

As the commercial importance of any community can be more easily judged by the volume of traffic handled by its transporta-

tion lines, I have undertaken to compile some figures covering the carload shipments and less car lot merchandise shipments for the year 1915. It will be of great interest to

know that 464 cars were required to handle the straight carload inbound shipments to Rifle during that period, and in addition to this 2,421 tons of less car load merchandise were handled, equivalent to 310 cars of this class of freight.

Our outbound livestock shipments for the year totaled 558 cars, of which 486 cars were cattle, 22 cars horses, 21 cars sheep and 29 cars hogs. We also forwarded 322 car lots of other classes of freight, of which there were 115 cars potatoes, 13 cars apples, 106 cars beets, 51 cars wheat, 7 cars oats, 15 cars hay, 3 cars seed, 2 cars honey and 10 cars miscellaneous commodities. The most notable increase for the year was in the hog shipments. It will be remembered that when Mr. Hahnwald and his associates assembled that first car of hogs for shipment about two years ago, it was regarded as an event worthy of more than passing notice.

The results of the year showed a total of 1,654 cars required to handle the traffic of this station for 1915, which amount I con-

fidently expect to see increased to 2,000 cars for the present year. Another new industry, that of dairying, is worthy of mention. Less than two years ago Charles Burnett made the first regular shipments of cream from this point. The records prior to May, 1915, are not available at this time. The shipments for May last totaled 545 gallons, each succeeding month showing an increase, with a total of 1,195 gallons for the month of January last.

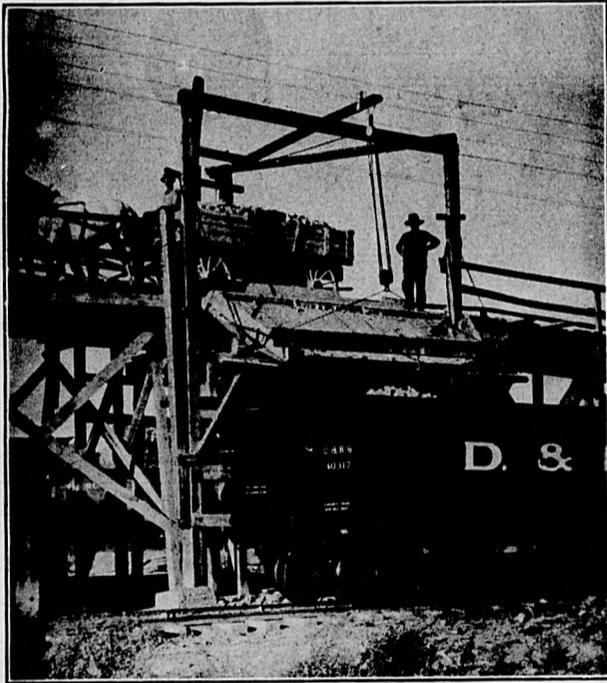
While engaged in handling the business already referred to, we were obliged to devote considerable time to the matter of passenger traffic, our patrons having purchased through this office \$30,863.50 worth of various forms of transportation during 1915.

This is conceded by all who are well informed to be a remarkable record, and one in which we take great pride. Our interests are identical with those of Rifle, and we are glad to furnish, to those interested, at all times, information relative to her resources and industries.

Note—An addendum to the above will be found on another page.—Editor.

A CORRECTION.

On the preceding page, in the article relative to Rifle's Municipal Water Works System, the dates 1895 and 1896 should read 1905 and 1906, as it was in these years the town took steps to secure the water right mentioned and constructed the system.



RAILROAD BEET DUMP

the development of its resources and industries. Conditions have changed greatly. The time was when we transacted upward of 60 per cent. of our annual business during a period of about

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It will be of great interest to



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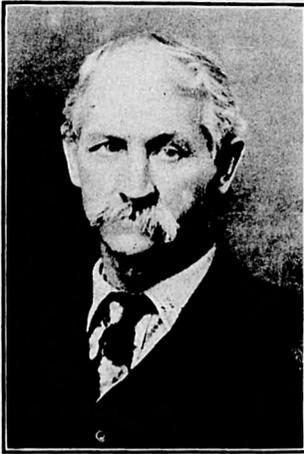
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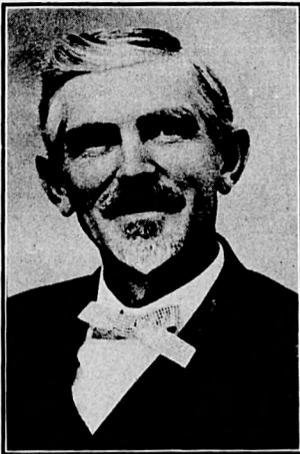
RIFLE, COLORADO

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES OF RIFLE ARE THE BEST

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT NO. 30



B. F. DODSON, President



H. EICHE, Secretary



GEO. M. HOWARD, Treasurer



MRS. H. EUGENIA BEALE, Prin.
Eighth Grade

IN ORDER to keep step with the advancement of the Rifle section, on March 24, 1890, the school directors held a

meeting to devise ways and means of having a school opened in the city and it was voted unanimously to divide District No. 9 into two separate districts, the Rifle district to be come District No. 30. The latter district was to pay one warrant and give No. 9 the old school house, and No. 30, Rifle District build a small school house, 16x24, on that same site that the large brick now occupies; but one year sufficed—the school was too small. Other arrangements were now considered and a few months later a two-story brick was in course of construction, with two large rooms, one class room and one cloak room. Mr. Rosenberg was the architect. In 1900 two more large rooms were built. In 1902 still another large addition was built, C. M. Donell being the architect and builder. But the population of the city and surrounding country continued to grow and by the year 1908 the school became so crowded that another addition was necessary. This time R. E. Meserve of Grand Junction was the architect and the contractor was Orville Hutchings, a local man, the price being \$3,



MISS LAURA SHEBAL
Sixth Grade

thetics and penmanship is another new idea which is fast coming in vogue all over the country.

The Rifle school was one of the first in the state to adopt the method of "free text books,"

fore this plan was tried out each and every district would probably have different books. Another advantage is that it enables the school to follow out the course of study as suggested by the State Board of Education and gives the student an even break on the examinations held in the eighth grade of school. Formerly these



MISS CHARLOTTE MILLER
Fourth Grade

questions were made by each county; now they are made by a committee in Denver.

In selecting the teachers for this school the Board have always followed out a systematic investigation of their record and



MISS JESSIE LANZENDORF
Third Grade

ability and out of the number of applications received each year they select the ones having the



MISS MARY E. SALMON
Second Grade

best records. The state of Colorado, beyond question, has the best system of schools in the entire West. This is a broad statement, but nevertheless it is true



MISS ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
First Grade

THE Rifle Union High School was first formed in the spring of 1908 and under the leadership of Prof. F. L. Pratt its first class of six members was graduated in that year. In the beginning it consisted of only four districts, which were added to until in the fall of 1910 there were in all ten districts in the union, which is the present number.

After a stay of two years Mr. Pratt was succeeded by Prof. J. W. Thompson, who guided its destinies until the fall of 1912, when it came under the present management of Prof. G. W. Allen. Its growth has been rapid until it now numbers over 80 students, four teachers in its faculty and has on its honor roll of graduates over 65 students, more than 20 of which are either graduates of or are now in higher institutions of learning. In 1913 it received its full accreditation to the University and colleges of Colorado, and even universities beyond the borders of the state have gladly opened their doors to the High School graduates without examination.

The High School is justly proud of the personnel of its graduates, as not one has ever been rejected after trial by any institution and their reputation for efficiency in the several institutions is one to be envied by anyone.

It is well equipped in its laboratories, offering full courses in biology, chemistry, physics and sewing. A small but well equipped library, which is being constantly added to is one of the factors in making the school an efficient institution.

The spirit among the students is one of thoughtful, careful attention to their studies and is an item of excellence in the upbuilding of the town.

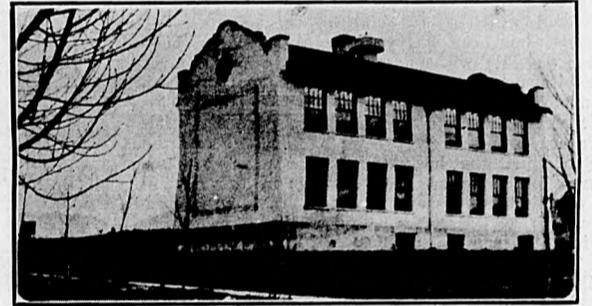


PROF. G. W. ALLEN, Principal

This, together with the hearty co-operation of the parents, School Board and patrons, make a fine atmosphere for the accomplishment of the purposes of a school.

The present year, one of the most successful of all, sees 12 graduates pass over its threshold to further efforts or to take up the duties of life.

Principal Allen of the High School is highly esteemed by the people of Rifle and Western Garfield county both as a gentleman and for his ability as an educator, and much of the credit for the high standing of this fine institution of learning is due to his able leadership. He is seconded in his good work by Miss Inez Beyers, Latin and History, Miss Gertrude McGinnis, English and German, and Miss Louise Lacy, Chemistry and Biology.



RIFLE UNION HIGH SCHOOL

therefore the rating of the Rifle schools as "first-class" by the State Board of Education means more than mere words can express.

After much work on the part of the Board and teachers, Rifle was placed on the circuit of the lecture bureau operated for the benefit of the schools of the state by the University of Colorado. The men selected by the University for this are authority in their particular work, the subjects are of an educational nature and of national interest, thus giving the student an idea of the different work carried on throughout the world.

The teachers encourage all the different games and especially those played out doors, which help to develop the student physically as well as mentally for they realize, as does everyone else, that for the best work the student must be physically fit.

The following named citizens constitute the school board at present: B. F. Dodson, president; H. Eiche, secretary; Geo. M. Howard, treasurer.

H. Eiche, the present secretary who succeeded C. M. Jennings in 1913, is an able man, due to business training. He not only studies the wants of the school, but he sees that it gets just what

it needs in order to carry on its work in the most successful manner. Nothing is too good for his school is the light in which he looks at every improvement that is suggested and is always ready to co-operate with the teachers for the good of the school.

Mrs. Beale, the present principal of the school, succeeded Mrs. Clark in 1913. She is a lady of sterling qualities, besides being a thoroughly experienced teacher, having taught school at different points in the state. She has studied our system of schools and is ever ready to help the other teachers in problems which from time to time confront them. She is ever ready to help the student as well as to encourage them in their struggle for an education. The school could be in no better hands than the ones that now direct its course.

The present personnel of the teaching staff, exclusive of the high school, is as follows:

Grade	Teacher	Enroll't
1st	Elizabeth Elliott	39
2nd	Mary E. Salmon	43
3rd	Jessie Lanzendorf	40
4th	Charlotte Miller	37
5th	Mrs. Olive S. Johnston	35
6th	Laura Shebal	33
7th	Ella Saylor	31
8th	Mrs. H. Eugenia Beale	25



RIFLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING, DISTRICT NO. 30

meeting to devise ways and means of having a school opened in the city and it

900. This addition was finished in the early fall of the same year.

The building now ranks among the modern schools of the state. The rooms are large, light, steam heated and well ventilated. Located throughout the building and the large and excellent play grounds are drinking fountains.

The assembly room is large and well equipped, having electric lights, an advantage enjoyed by the entire building, and with this room is connected a complete reference library. This term a new and complete stereopticon was added, the slides being furnished by an exchange with headquarters at the State University in Boulder. This one feature alone puts the school in the class with the best in the West, as this method is used by all first-class schools in the United States. Not only the higher grades get the benefit of this, but also the lower, the same with the Victrola which is the property of the school. The Victrola in schools for use in folk-dancing, cales-

which eliminates one of the worst evils encountered in the schools. This makes uniform text books throughout the state possible. Be-



MRS. OLIVE S. JOHNSTON
Fifth Grade



MISS ELLA SAYLOR
Seventh Grade

PEOPLE in search of a home where the public schools are par excellence can feel assured they will find Rifle's institutions of learning equal to any in the country---East, West, North or South.

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"THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST."

(By Ex-Governor E. M. Ammons.)

The spirit that conquered the desert,
And made it rich with grain;
That scaled the peaks of the mountains
Their hidden treasure to gain;
That chiseled through rocky gorges
The paths to the parks of rest—
'Tis the spirit of Colorado,
The spirit of the West.

The breezes that sigh in the forest,
Of balsam and pine all breathe
Life-saving balm to the ailing,
Pure roses of health to wreath.
From a clime of enticing enchantment
A people of vigor will wrest
The spirit of Colorado,
The spirit of the West.

The state spruce bedecked in its silver;
Our flower of lavender hue;
Brooks tinkling music in echo,
And birds trilling sonnets anew;
Appeal for a union of effort
To strive at the State's behest
For the spirit of Colorado,
The spirit of the West.

The spirit that builded an empire
And makes for the public weal;
That thrills our hearts with courage,
And patriotic zeal;
Inspires us with earnest endeavor
To accomplish the noblest, our best—
'Tis the spirit of Colorado,
The spirit of the West.

RIFLE, THE TOWN WITH A FUTURE.

In presenting this special illustrated edition of the Rifle Telegram to our readers and to the thousands of persons who are not our regular readers who will have an opportunity to read it, we do so without any apologies. No time has been spared in getting the descriptive matter and photographs collected which go to make up this edition. The expense has been heavy and could not have been made possible without the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Rifle and adjacent country, which is made plain by a perusal of its columns. This fact of itself shows that there is a progressive spirit here not found in every town of this size and the sort of spirit that has made cities. While no doubt there will be found short-comings in this edition we submit that it is one that will create an impression such as was never before made by one publication. As truthful publicity is the leading factor in the upbuilding of any community, this edition will not be without its good results.

It has been the aim of the publishers to show by means of illustrations just what the town of Rifle is. All the descriptive matter that could be written by the best writers obtainable could not show to one who has never been in Rifle what these illustrations can show. After reading the descriptive matter contained herein and carefully looking over the illustrations accompanying it, we believe the reader will be convinced that we have a thriving town here and one blessed with one of the finest locations to be found in the entire West.

Nature here provided an ideal location for a city. Situated on a practically level basin, well drained, no expensive regrading will ever be necessary as in the case of many other towns in the West. Practically surrounded by mountains, the scenery is sublime. The mountain views never grow tiresome and in them there is that indescribable something that will always be remembered and without which one will never feel entirely satisfied after having once lived to enjoy them. In the way of climate, nature has not neglected this region, but blessed it with one of the most equitable climates to be found in the world. These natural advantages with those of transportation facilities by rail and auto stage and the important stock raising ranches adjoining, insure the making of Rifle one of the pleasantest and most advantageous places in this section of the country in which to make a residence. No section of the entire West with similar advantages offer cheaper homes to the intending settler than Rifle and its adjacent territory.

GARFIELD COUNTY AND RIFLE.

Garfield county represents what is known as the Upper Grand valley. It is the ideal type of what is known as the self-sustaining country—an empire wherein intensive farming will receive its most perfect exemplification. Blessed with a soil that has no superior in this world—a superabundance of water for irrigation purposes—a climate that is ideal—transportation facilities on the trans-continental lines of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railways, and a progressive class of people, it stands alone as the ideal spot for the home-seeker and home-maker.

Natural conditions guarantee the permanency of its future—one might as well try to turn back the tide of the ocean with a pitchfork as to attempt to prevent the success of this marvelous field of fortune on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Six vigorous towns make up the county's marts of trade and business—Carbondale, famed as a potato city, to the east; Glenwood Springs, the county seat and home of the internationally famous health and pleasure springs; New Castle, the coal and general farming and fruit field; Silt, in the

A COUNTRY OF DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS



heart of the farming and fruit belt; Rifle, famous as a fruit-growing and stock-shipping point; Grand Valley, noted for its fruit and general farming, and, besides these principal points, Antlers, Rulison, Cardiff, Shoshone and other smaller points add their portion of activity in future centers of production.

Garfield county is the home of the noted Shoshone power plant—one of the finest in the world, which generates a possible 50,000 horsepower from the waters of the Grand river.

The price of land runs from \$25 to \$250 per acre. Good land with good water right near towns and cities can be purchased for from \$100 to \$150 per acre—all good farming land is also good fruit land.

Come with us into this empire of health, wealth and happiness. We will welcome you with open arms.

If you are a fruit man, Garfield county offers you the opportunity. If you want to grow alfalfa, potatoes, beets, garden truck, oats, wheat, hay, poultry, hogs or live stock of any kind, Garfield county is "the land of your heart's desire."

Rifle is the first city of Garfield county in shipping receipts, and metropolis of Garfield county's trade territory. It is a model of the modern city—cement walks, fine schools, electric lights, water works system owned by the city—and possesses a population of over 1,000. It is the place where intensive farming is being exemplified in the highest degree, and fortune follows the efforts of the prudent, hard-working man in any line allied either with agriculture, horticulture or the live stock industry.

It ships more cattle than any other station in Colorado, and its production of apples and other fruit represents a splendid part of the shipments made by the county. It has always proven a strong factor with its farm and fruit exhibits at the state fairs, and assisted materially in capturing the sweepstakes for fruit exhibited at the big Inter-State fair held in Denver.

Rifle land owners are rapidly reducing their acreage and cutting up their farms for more intensive cultivation. The price of land in this vicinity is comparatively low, and during the past few years the tide of immigration has turned strongly towards this favored spot where success can be achieved and where every climatic condition is ideal. The altitude is about the same as that of Denver—one mile above sea level.

WHY GARFIELD COUNTY?

With a thousand towns upon the Pacific coast vying with each other in the exploitation of their attractions and resources to the home-maker and capitalist, a problem is presented to the man who wants to move, and the man who has money to invest.

The man who is seeking investment wants the assurance of benefit from his contemplated change.

He wants the statement that there will be a sure and rapid advance in realty values justified. He must see a permanent and increasing population with a sufficiency of money circulating at all times. He will not buy land without believing it will increase in value. He will not figure on civic improvements in towns of stationary or receding population, and does not want to live in a community of continuous clamor of "hard times," and the constant shortage of money he has known in his old home town.

He wants further to feel that his new invest-

ment will be free from complications of panics and periods of business depression.

To such a man comes the question,

"Why Garfield County and Her Towns?"

Let it be stated in the beginning that claims for Garfield county and her several thriving towns for favor from the home-maker, the farmer or investor and the expectation of advancement in wealth and population depend the least part upon which is within the towns, all of them just in their swaddling clothes.

Beyond churches, schools, a progressive class of business men, solid banking institutions, strong and worthy town government, first-class municipal accessories in the larger towns, the towns of the Upper Grand valley in Garfield county make great claims for their future growth and welfare upon the several thousand acres of virgin land which is rapidly coming into development and cultivation and which is so abundantly capable of producing untold wealth to contribute to the building of these already prosperous towns.

The land is young and the price is cheap.

The land in this nature-favored country is cheap at present, but will not remain so.

Most of the rich spots of the United States were long ago sought out and are being held at high prices.

Land was a superfluity at one time and presently now there will be a "land famine."

We are constantly growing "crops of people," but there will be no more "crops of land," and Garfield county is a veritable Mecca of "manless land for landless men."

The United States government is expending many millions of dollars reclaiming arid lands, and corporations many millions of dollars to irrigate land for people who must live by tilling the soil.

Garfield county comprises one of the mammoth areas extant including the most fertile land in the entire West.

The successful present day farmer is a student and has use for all his wisdom and the science of agricultural institutions, for his problem is "how to increase the productiveness" of such land as he has. It is as certain as fate that competition in farming will soon be as keen as it is in any other business, and the farms of the future will steadily increase in value in proportion as to how thoroughly they are made to produce.

What, then, must be the future of worth of forty or eighty acres in this section, where the best markets are at hand, where water is abundant and the soil deep, and as rich as the chemistry of nature could make it?

If considered only as an investment there is no farming region more attractive than Garfield county, where both improved and unimproved acres can be purchased at most reasonable prices and where water is available to such bountiful degree.

That capital has recognized the superiority of land in Garfield county is attested by the excellent irrigation systems now operating, with others to be completed in the near future.

This means inexpensive, good homes and farms to thousands more good people who will come and be prosperous.

It means that the population and commercial development of the towns rests back upon the land, and within another ten years the country will double or maybe treble in its production of the soil and livestock, which will annually bring fortunes to the persevering, horny-handed yeomanry who "do and dare" in their efforts and labor to de-

velop plenteous farms and homes in this Eutopian country.

Here is the surplus land, and in the east, south and middle west are surplus people—the two must be brought together.

Garfield county has been sparsely settled and improvidently farmed, with but few exceptions, for many years, and it is really "a new country"—an undeveloped empire, with certain resources and nature's own advantages in soil, water and climate, all of which are sure to yield health and wealth.

National prosperity will continue to come from land development, and the nation-wide invitation "Back to the Land" is nowhere more propitious and opportune than in this matchless country, the Upper Grand valley, Garfield county, Colorado, and because there is yet much room prosperity will come here so surely and rapidly as those vast rich acres are developed, which now lie idle awaiting with magic response the "man with the hoe."

The Telegram is indebted to Harry C. Clifford of the Winchester hotel for a number of the views contained in this issue.

Quite a number of the half-tones used in this edition belong to Editor Tomlin of the Reveille, and the Telegram certainly appreciates his courtesy in granting it the use of them.

When you have read all the advertisements in this issue of the Telegram, we believe you will agree with us that it will pay you to patronize your home merchants instead of sending to mail order houses.

The fine cartoon on this page was drawn by Harold F. Smith of Rio Blanco. Prior to coming to the Western Slope to reside Mr. Smith was employed in Denver newspaper offices and his work certainly demonstrates that he has a talent for drawing of which any man might be proud.

In answer to the possible inquiry as to why this number should contain views of Rifle taken a number of years ago, and none showing the town as it is at the present time, it is to be stated that deep snow during January and the fore part of February prevented the necessary pictures from being taken. Later when the camera could be operated successfully there was not time in which to do so and permit sending away for the half-tones to be made. This is regretted by the editor and particularly in view of the fact that the Rifle of 1916 is fully double the size it was in 1904, when the last view (on another page) was taken.

As far as possible everything contained in this issue is a home product. No special writers or solicitors were engaged from away, but the work of preparing the manuscript and the soliciting and mechanical work in this large issue was accomplished by the regular force of the office, with the assistance of many of our citizens in compiling the copy. The front page design is by local talent, as well as the photographs, the most of which were taken expressly for this edition by Garrison Bros. All of the work of printing this issue was done in this office, making it strictly a Rifle product. Over two tons of paper was used in getting this issue out which necessitated over 50,000 impressions on our large press. The task has been of immense proportions and one not to be attempted at short intervals.

"HERE IS THE WEST!"

(Arthur Chapman in the Railroad Red Book.)

The glint of Colorado's peaks,
The spell of Utah's plain,
The charm of bright New Mexico—
One totals them in vain,
For here are all the countless lures
That give life daily zest.
Then search no further, pilgrim friend—
Here is the West!

Here cities throb with youthful strength,
And wealth flows to their marts;
Here mine and factory and farm
All play their golden parts;
And, 'mid the pines, where wild deer drink,
Health comes with Pleasure's quest.
The goal that you have sought is found—
Here is the West!

The sunset lights, in cavern hid,
The ancient cliff man's home,
And bathes in red the kindly plain
Where the bronzed herdsman roams;
It glorifies fair orchards, towns,
And mine-scarred mountain breast.
Cease, then, your further pilgrimage—
Here is the West!

"OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS."

(By Arthur Chapman.)

"Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Out where a smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the West begins,
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,
That's where the West begins.

"Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,
Out where friendship's a little truer,
That's where the West begins,
Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,
Where there's laughter in every stream flowing,
Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,
That's where the West begins.

"Out where the world is in the making,
Where fewer hearts with despair are aching
That's where the West begins,
Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,
Where there's more of giving and less of buying,
And a man makes friends without half trying,
That's where the West begins."

WHILE this town is justly proud of its many social clubs, societies and fraternities, possibly without exception the one in which we take the most pride is Myron W. Reed Post No. 108, Grand Army of the Republic. The men who make up its membership represent the living heroes of the United States. In this town, like many other western communities, among these same men are to be found those who when they laid down the sword took up the axe and shovel and

fought over again in a bloodless battle the uncivilized forces of nature, making it possible for those who came after to enjoy the full privileges of an eastern civilization, combined with opportunities only to be found in the west. They are gradually passing away, and before long the men who made a part of the most interesting history of the world will be but a memory.

This order was organized in Rifle on June 5, 1899, by Comrade L. D. Helm, with 16 charter

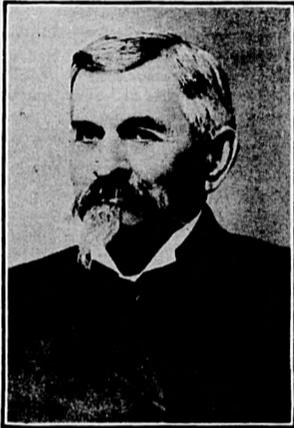
members, and named the Myron W. Reed Post No. 108, Rifle, Colorado, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

E. Marker is the present commander of the Post and G. W. Marling adjutant.

In the following roster of the members in the war of 1861-65, those names preceded with an asterisk (*) have answered the final roll-call, also the first 16 members appearing were charter members, the next seven were mustered at the same time, the remainder being mustered later.



Name—	Company	Regiment.	Division.
*Leamon D. Helm.....	F	29th Iowa	Infantry
*G. W. Kirkpatrick.....	D	33rd Iowa	Infantry
*Daniel Sleeper	G	10th Iowa	Infantry
*Wm. V. Giles	F	9th Michigan	Infantry
*Thos. E. Blanchard.....	K	12th Iowa	Infantry
Wm. S. Campbell.....	F	104th Ohio	Infantry
Wm. W. Wurts.....	G	2nd Ohio	Cavalry
Mitchell Yoakam	K	22nd Iowa	Infantry
John Cook	D	15th Iowa	Infantry
*John M. Hamilton	B	15th Iowa	Infantry
*Ben K. Watson.....	I	2nd Iowa	Cavalry
*Chas. H. Johnson.....	B	146th Illinois.....	Infantry
*Martin Billter	F	15th Iowa	Infantry
*David F. Hoffman.....			
Martin H. Streit	A	22nd Iowa	Infantry
Eugene Marker	Bat. B	5th U. S.	Artillery
Joseph M. Dyer	A	45th Illinois	Infantry
*Jonathan Goodrich	G	1st Minnesota.....	Infantry
J. H. Gately		4th Iowa Battery.....	
J. M. Watson	H	21st Iowa	Infantry
Geo. W. Wightman.....	H	7th Wisconsin.....	Infantry
W. Wilkinson	A	2nd Illinois	Infantry
*John Wilkinson	A	2nd Illinois	Infantry
Eno Yeoman	K	48th Indiana	
*D. J. Hoffman	I	20th Michigan	Infantry
*W. T. Clayton	A	23rd Iowa	Infantry
Melanghon Williams	D	3rd Colorado	Cavalry
J. L. Albright	I	2nd Kansas	Cavalry
H. C. Russey	H	12th Indiana	
J. M. Helm.....	E	31st Ohio	Infantry
*J. H. Evans.....			
Hunter			
Robert Doak	K	28th Iowa	Infantry
*Lyman W. Austin	F	1st Iowa	Cavalry
Albert Osmer	E	11th Michigan	Infantry
G. W. Marling	H	33rd Iowa	Infantry
S. G. Markle	M	2nd Michigan	Cavalry
*Samuel Davis			
J. L. Vandervoll	D	44th Missouri	
*Joseph Lutkeritz	F	77th Illinois	
*Isaac Card	F	3rd Wisconsin	Infantry
E. Shuster	G	82nd Ohio	Infantry
Frank Rule	B	94th New York.....	
J. L. Cochran	I	40th Iowa	
*David Isons			
Henry Blevins	H	44th Missouri	Infantry
E. Perham	A	14th New Hampshire.....	Infantry
Jos. Dubois	A	40th Ohio	
*Theodore Hulburt	K	150th Ohio	Infantry
*J. E. Warner	A	126th New York.....	Infantry
*S. J. Burks	F	6th Missouri	Cavalry
Carpenter Bull			
*Nelson Ward	K	113th Illinois	Infantry
*W. C. Jones	H	23rd Iowa	Infantry
*Mr. Neave			
*Baker Graham	E	2nd Minnesota	Cavalry
*J. B. Fuller	F	14th Indiana	
*R. R. Hutchings	C	6th Missouri	Cavalry
*F. Chamberlin	I	9th Michigan	Infantry
*John Kirsher	G	47th Iowa	Infantry
*H. C. Ketchum	K	9th Illinois	Cavalry
Curtis S. Garrison	C	14th Ohio	Infantry
*Charles Allison	D	18th Iowa	Infantry
*James Dixon	A	18th Iowa	Infantry
James Kissinger			
*R. H. Christy			
*J. L. Wilson	B	26th Iowa	Infantry
*Jeremiah McDaniel	F	3rd Wisconsin	Infantry
*Mr. Higgins			
*G. Brosius			
*Mack Russey			



COLONEL EUGENE MARKER
Post Commander

Colonel Marker has been a resident of Rifle for 26 years, witnessing the town grow from a little "country four corners" to a modern little city. He came to Colorado in 1873, or three years prior to its admittance to the union as a state, locating at Idaho Springs, and later became a resident of Hot Sulphur Springs, at the head of the Grand river. Colonel Marker on numerous occasions was a member of parties compelled to mix it with the noble red man, and witnessed many stirring scenes in the early day history of Colorado, and since. He was sheriff of Grand county during the most troublesome times in the history of that section, and was also justice of the peace for ten years. Colonel Marker served as postmaster of Hot Sulphur Springs during President Cleveland's first administration—1885-1888—and following Cleveland's second election was commissioned postmaster of Rifle in 1893 for four years.

A HAPPY COMBINATION.

Showing the diversity of Rifle valley, a journey to the splendid home ranch of George E. Harris, a pioneer resident, will reveal to the homeseeker or visitor, one of the finest and most productive orchards in Western Colorado, while in adjoining fields graze hundreds of head of Hereford cattle, bred and raised by Mr. Harris.

All kinds of fruit will be found in his orchard and during the early spring and summer when Dame Nature is clothed in all her glory, the view presented is one well worth going far to see. The receipts from the orchard one year totaled \$10,000.

Mr. Harris has a fine home and all the modern conveniences, and he is not only an energetic and successful stockman and farmer, but is connected with various enterprises which have aided in the growth and prosperity of Rifle.

GEO. M. HOWARD LUMBER CO.

Mexican, Texas, Oregon, Native, Rough and Finishing Lumber. Lath, Shingles, Building Material. All Kinds of Fence Wire

RIFLE - - - COLORADO

BOOST COLORADO

BY BUYING

Nuckolls' Meat

Made in Colorado
For Colorado People
From Colorado Hogs

STOCKMEN---Ship your cattle and hogs to us. We have our own stock yards and charge no yardage or commission

Nuckolls Packing Co.

PUEBLO, COLORADO

ALL PRODUCTS MADE UNDER GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

There are 27 Union veterans and one Confederate, W. C. Norman, buried in Rose Hill cemetery in this town.

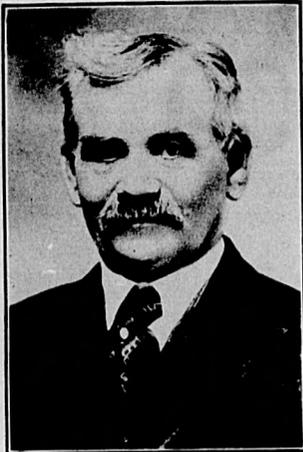
Following is the list of members present for duty at this writing: Eugene Marker, G. W. Marling, J. C. Cook, William Wurts, S. G. Markle, George W. Wightman, J. L. Cochran, Frank Rule, Henry Blevins, E. Schuster, E. Perham,

Joseph Helm, Joseph Dubois, Joe Gately.

We also have with us one soldier, John Elrod, who served in the Confederate army.

The following have served as commander of the Post in the order given: Joseph Helm, Eugene Marker, Isaac Card, G. W. Marling, E. Schuster, Eugene Marker.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF RIFLE



BERT ELLIS
Trustee

RIFLE was first settled in 1882 and was incorporated in 1905. The first council meeting under the incorporation was held on the 8th of September, 1905, when the following officers qualified for the ensuing year: Mayor, Geo. M. Howard; clerk, J. F. Gregory; treasurer, W. H. Haley; trustees, E. McLearn, Fred Munro, W. J. LeRossignol, L. Hoffmeister, J. E. Stauffer, D. E. Eakins; police judge, J. L. Cochran; marshal, J. C. Emerson.

We will now endeavor to give our readers a brief summary of the doings of the council from time to time as taken from the town records, with the date of action in each case. We have endeavored to glean the interesting items as far as possible, but in going over the records of so many years we find such a preponderance of interesting matter that we have to treat the same in a very abbreviated form.

1905.

Sept. 20—Ordinance No. 1 relative to general business passed. Ordinance No. 3, concerning licenses, passed.

Sept. 21—Ordinance concerning officers and road taxes passed.

Sept. 28—N. A. Wall appointed town attorney.

Dec. 7—Ordinance establishing street and alley grade adopted.

1906.

Jan. 4—Sidewalk ordinance drafted.

Jan. 24—A franchise was granted to F. W. Popple for right of way and privilege to install and operate electric light and power, water works system, sewer system, gas plant, etc.

March 1—Ordinance concerning sidewalks passed.

Apr. 12—Returns of election canvassed and the following results declared for the election of town officers for the ensuing year: Mayor, Geo. M. Howard; trustees, E. McLearn, Fred Munro, W. J. LeRossignol, L. Hoffmeister, J. E. Stauffer, D. E. Eakins. The following appointments were made: G. W. Pittman, clerk; W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. C. Emerson, marshal; W. C. Lacy, city engineer.

Apr. 19—R. J. Smith was appointed police judge.

May 7—Town secured option (90 day) for Mrs. P. C. Horn's ranch on Beaver creek for water right.

May 23—Resolution passed to consider no water works system until a municipal plant was thoroughly investigated.

June 7—Decided to submit to the legal voters of the town of Rifle the ordinance calling for a water works system, an election being called to be held in Odd Fellows' hall on July 2.

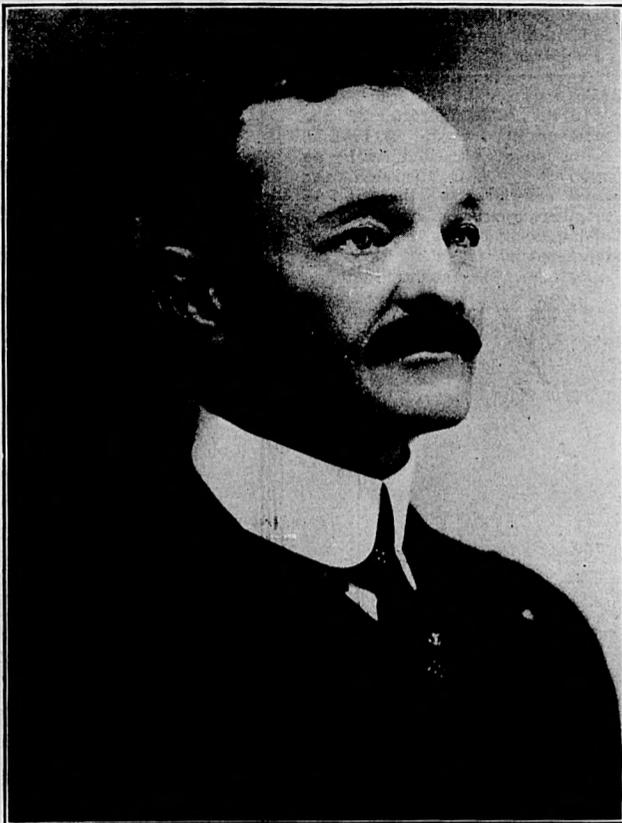
July 6—The returns of the election held on July 2 for the installation of a municipal water works system being canvassed, the following result was announced: For water works system, 60; against water works system, 7. Ordinance passed to install a municipal water works system at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

July 10—Peter O'Brien of Denver employed as engineer on water works system.

July 17—The following committee was appointed to secure right of way for pipe line for water works system: E. McLearn, W. J. LeRossignol, Fred Munro.

August 3—Plans and specifications of Engineer Peter O'Brien for water works system accepted.

Aug. 6—A committee was appointed to conclude purchase of the Horn ranch for the sum of \$12,000.



MAYOR R. F. MAGOR

Aug. 13—No bids being received for the water works bonds, bids for construction of the system were returned to the bidders with the request that they submit bids to take bonds at par in payment for the work; also cash bids. J. J. Lumsden of Grand Junction and J. R. Gordon of Pueblo awarded contract for construction of water works system at a cost of \$41,775, they to take bonds at par.

Aug. 14—Mr. Wilcox, Jr., of Denver, purchased the \$60,000 water works bonds at 95%¹⁰⁰, they being 15 year bonds, subject to call after 10 years.

Nov. 28—The town sold to J. Peppiatt for the sum of \$5,000 the ranch purchased of Mrs. P. C. Horn.

Dec. 10—Ordinance passed regulating use of water.

1907.

Jan. 7—G. W. Pittman appointed superintendent of water works.

Jan. 14—Resolution passed to establish district sewer.

Feb. 7—A contract was made with the Denver & Rio Grande and the Midland railroads to furnish them water at the rate of \$60 per month. Attorney Albert E. Grier of Denver employed to draft bonds, for a sewer system. These were 15-year bonds in the sum of \$10,000 the first payment to be made in 5 years, the balance in ten equal payments, with interest.

March 1—Peter O'Brien of Denver was engaged as engineer for the sewer system, also receiving contract for installation of same.

Apr. 4—Ordinance passed compelling parties owning chickens to care for same. Water works system and settlement made with contractors. Sewer ordinance passed.

Apr. 8—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, C. L. Todd; trustees, Geo. E. Clarkson, C. H. Durant, F. C. Maxfield. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk; W. H. Haley, treasurer; R. J. Smith, police judge; J. C. Emerson, marshal; G. W. Pittman, superintendent water works; J. L. Cochran, health officer.

May 2—Marshal's salary raised from \$60 to \$75 per month.

May 7—Board held meeting to hear objections to a sanitary sewer system on various streets, but no objections were entered.

May 15—Sanitary sewer ordinance passed.

June 6—Ordinance passed for the issuance of local improvement bonds in the sum of \$10,000 for sewer.

June 13—Sidewalk ordinance passed.

July 12—Resolution passed calling for plans and specifications for the construction of a town hall, with the following committee in charge: F. C. Maxfield, Geo. E. Clarkson, C. H. Durant.

Aug. 9—G. W. Parker awarded contract to build town hall.

Oct. 1—Sanitary sewer completed.

Oct. 3—Stand pipe erected in front of Glover's store.

Nov. 7—Final settlement for sewer work made.

Dec. 5—Resolution passed to secure title to the ground where reservoir stands and the matter was referred to Congressman E. T. Taylor at Washington for investigation.

1908.

Jan. 2—Town hall completed and accepted.

Feb. 6—Resolution passed closing saloons on Sundays.

Feb. 13—Resolution passed authorizing G. W. Parker to build a vault in the town hall. City attorney instructed to draw up quit claim deed to ditch line. Tower authorized erected on town hall. J. R. Milne appointed marshal in place of J. C. Emerson, deceased. Resolutions of respect adopted on the death of Marshal Emerson. Resolution passed to

pay Mrs. Emerson the sum of \$22.50 as wages of Marshal Emerson from the time of death to end of month. Ordinance passed closing saloons on Sundays.

March 26—500 shade trees ordered purchased to be placed on the curbs of the public streets.

Apr. 10—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, O. Y. P. Burch; trustees, C. O. Austin, J. F. Gregory, Geo. M. Howard. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer; R. J. Smith, police judge; J. R. Milne, marshal; J. L. Cochran, health officer; Thad S. Harp fire chief.

Oct. 7—The Munro Mercantile Co. given permit to install drinking fountain at their store, this being the first one installed in Rifle.

Oct. 15—Ordinance passed calling for special election for the purpose of granting to C. L. Todd a franchise for electric lighting system, it being understood that he was to later assign same to The Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co.

Nov. 17—The election was held for granting the electric franchise to C. L. Todd, with the following results: No. votes cast, 82; for granting franchise, 74; against granting franchise, 8.

Dec. 2—Ordinance passed granting to C. L. Todd franchise for lighting system.

1909.

Feb. 3—R. J. Smith resigned as police judge and J. L. Cochran was appointed.

Feb. 22—Town secured deed to 10-acre tract of land north of town for park purposes.

April 21—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, O. P. Y. Burch; trustees, J. T. Beall, R. C. Brenton, J. R. Munro. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge and health officer; J. R. Milne, marshal; Thad S. Harp, fire chief. Town contracted with The Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co. to furnish light for the streets and town hall.

May 5—Marshal's salary fixed at \$60 per month.

August 7—Ordinance passed creating office of wire inspector.

Sept. 10—Ordinance passed regulating issuance of saloon licenses, cost of and regulating same.

Dec. 1—J. R. Milne resigned as marshal.

Dec. 8—I. N. Card appointed marshal. Page Munro appointed electrical inspector.

1910.

Jan. 5—Ordinance passed confirming sale of electric franchise by C. L. Todd to The Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co.

March 2—First petition presented requesting that an election be held to abolish saloons in Rifle. At the election the following vote was registered: For closing saloons, 167; against closing saloons, 253.

April 13—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, C. G. Kendall; trustees, J. F. Gregory, Geo. M. Howard, W. W. McLaughlin. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge and health officer; I. N. Card, marshal; Kenneth Hutchins, fire chief.

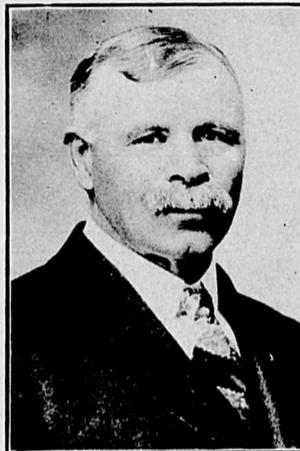
May 4—Franchise granted to Rifle Creek Telephone Co. Ordinance passed calling for vote on the proposition of selling the town ranch and applying the



W. H. HALEY
Trustee



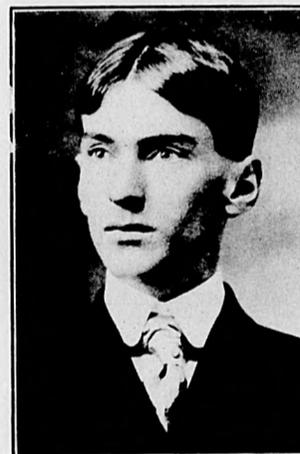
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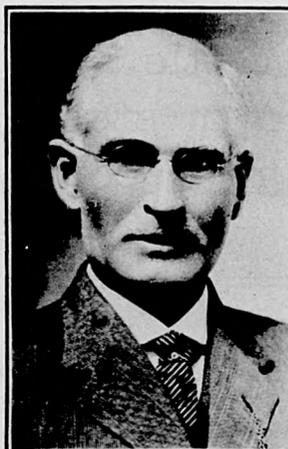
G. W. TAUGHENBAUGH
Trustee



L. M. TREMBLY
Trustee



J. E. MUNRO
Trustee



G. W. PITTMAN
Clerk



J. F. GREGORY
Treasurer



J. L. COCHRAN
Police Judge



C. E. VANAKEN
Marshal

money received in paying for the city park. Proposition carried ranch sold and park paid for. Marshal Card died.

July 6—O. S. Astle appointed marshal. City scales purchased.

Sept. 7—Marshal's salary raised from \$60 to \$75 per month.

Oct. 14—W. W. McLaughlin resigned as trustee and J. M. McLearn appointed to serve out the unexpired term.

1911.

Jan. 4—C. O. Austin appointed fire chief. Ordinance passed establishing city weigher.

April 12—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, C. G. Kendall; trustees W. J. LeRossignol, Fred Munro, J. E. Stauffer, and J. M. McLearn to fill out the unexpired term to which he was previously appointed. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works, W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge and health officer; O. S. Astle, marshal; C. O. Austin, fire chief. Resolution passed to purchase street sprinkler.

May 10—Ordinance concerning autos and motorcycles passed.

Nov. 1—Ordinance passed granting permission to install switch at the ice house.

1912.

Feb. 22—Ordinance passed authorizing the town trustees to call for an election to vote on the proposition of selling the town ranch previously purchased in order to secure water right for water works system.

March 6—A petition was presented to the town trustees asking that the matter of making Rifle "dry" territory be placed before the voters at the coming election. Petition granted a question ordered put on ballot.

April 10—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, A. Glover; trustees, A. L. Fritzler, R. F. Magor, C. G. Kendall. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge and health officer; O. F. Astle, marshal. On the saloon proposition the vote stood: "dry" 132; "wet" 204. Vote on selling town ranch: yes 69; no 19.

August 1—Marshal O. F. Astle resigned and Ed Todhunter was appointed to the vacancy.

Dec. 4—Marshal Ed. Todhunter granted leave of absence for 30 days and Al. Ammerman appointed to the vacancy.

1913.

Jan. 8—Marshal Todhunter sent in his resignation and Al. Ammerman appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

April 9—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, Fred Munro; trustees, G. M. Howard, Dan Densmore, Geo. Kirchner. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge and health officer; Al. Ammerman marshal.

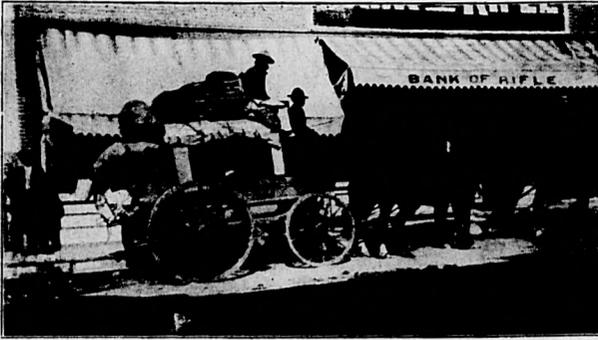
In August Marshal Al. Ammerman resigned and on September 3 J. D. Owens was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1914.

Feb. 4—The Park Committee was appointed to purchase trees for the city park.

April 1—Ordinance passed compelling the clearing of sidewalks of snow and ice.

April 10—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, R. F. Magor; trustees, S. S. Boughton, Bert Ellis Ray Hollems. Officers were ap-



"ALL ABOARD FOR MEEKER"

The above shows the Rifle-Meeker stage ready to start for the White river town—a scene that passed with the advent of the automobile. The trip is now made between the two towns in less than two hours.

pointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; W. H. Haley, treasurer. J. A. Peters appointed temporary marshal.

May 6—C. E. Vanaken appointed marshal.

Nov. 17—The Rifle precinct having voted "dry" a short time before, a resolution was passed submitting to the county commissioners the question of raising the tax levy in order to raise the necessary money to defray the expenses of the town.

1915.

March 3—Resolution passed submitting to the voters of Rifle the question of closing the pool and card rooms at 11 p. m. daily and all day Sundays.

April 12—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, R. F. Magor; trustees, W. H. Haley, J. R. Munro,

L. M. Trembly, G. W. Taughenbaugh. Officers were appointed as follows: G. W. Pittman, clerk and superintendent water works; J. F. Gregory, treasurer; J. L. Cochran, police judge; C. E. Vanaken, marshal. Resolution passed authorizing kalsomining and painting interior town hall and installing new furniture in same. Vote on closing pool halls and card rooms: for, 168; against, 166.

April 28—Pool hall ordinance passed.

Sept. 7—Contract let for installing water works system in East Rifle Addition No. 1.

Nov. 3—Town entered into contract with The Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co. to furnish lights for the city hall and streets for a period of five years.

Dec. 1—Contract awarded to C. W. Fravert to extend the water works system to the cemetery.

PEACHBLOW POTATOES GROWN ALONG LINE DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD.

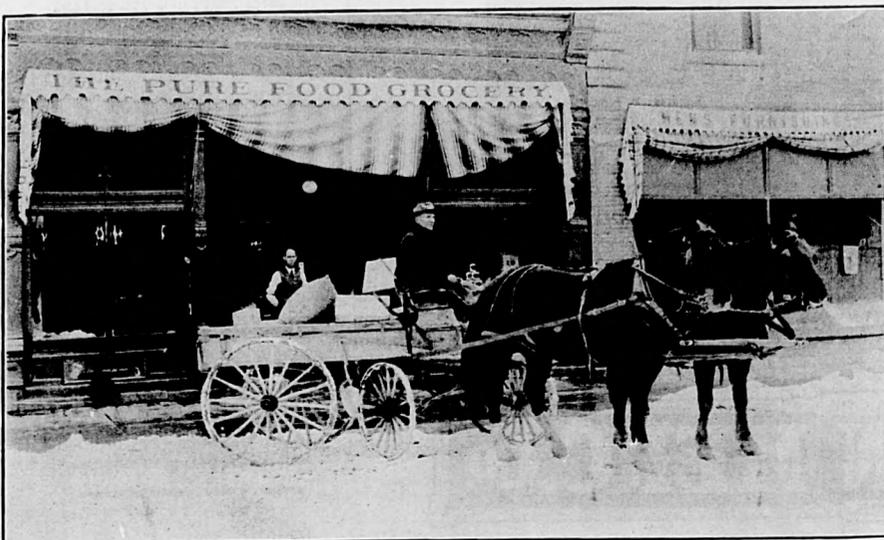


Courtesy D. & R. G. Ry.

In the year 1903 C. H. Miller planted a small tract of land on his ranch a short distance east of Rifle with Peachblow potatoes and harvested one of the largest crops of spuds ever grown near Rifle, and one rarely equaled even when the most careful attention is given during the growing season.

Mr. Miller's crop was so immense the year in question that a wager was made as to the probable number of sacks there were to the acre, and in order that the result could be accurately determined an even acre of ground was measured off. The yield of this acre was found to be 400 sacks, of an average weight of 112 pounds.

The above did not include the small tubers, those not of marketable size, and while this was admittedly a phenomenal crop, the circumstances are such that the Telegram unhesitatingly vouches for the correctness of the figures given.



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RIFLE'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RIFLE'S financial status may be safely measured by the two leading fiduciary institutions, known as the First National Bank and the Union State Bank of Rifle, two as sound, ably conducted and successful institutions as ever invited the confidence of a given public.

With nearly a half million of money in their control, these banks have always been rated among the soundest in the valley, and are truly representative of the people and territory for which they stand.

Union State Bank of Rifle.

The Union State Bank of Rifle was organized in March, 1910, and opened for business on March 19 of the same year, succeeding the Bank of Rifle, their banking quarters being in the room next to the postoffice, recently occupied by Mrs. Ida May Linder as a millinery store.

The organizers were William Grigor, James Porter, Joseph Luxen, William Wurts, C. G. Kendall, William Crann, C. B. Coffin, Eph Prefontaine, John Hickman and other local parties, with the following officers: President, James S. Porter; vice president, Bert Ellis; cashier, J. R. Sampson.

The banking rooms were moved to their present quarters at the corner of Railroad avenue and Fourth street in 1912, where they have up-to-date quarters.

The bank is a purely local concern, all of the stock being owned by parties making Rifle their home, and all of their interests are identified with Rifle.

Following is a roster of the present officers and directors: President, Eph Prefontaine; vice president, Bert Ellis; cashier, Lynn Kennedy; assistant cashier, Glenn Helm; directors, Eph Prefontaine, Bert Ellis, James S. Porter, William Grigor, John F. Hickman, C. B. Coffin, Wm. Crann.

Following is a statement of the financial status of the Union State Bank of Rifle at the close of business December 31st, 1915:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts unsecured\$27,515.75
Loans and discounts secured by collateral..... 13,720.20

Loans on real estate..... 3,100.00
Overdrafts 7.80
Other bonds and securities 1,489.03
Furniture and fixtures.. 2,000.00
Banking house 14,500.00
Other real estate 2,800.00
Due from reserve banks 17,209.32
Checks on other banks... 503.00
Cash on hand 2,945.93
Other resources 95.00

Total\$85,886.03

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock\$25,000.00
Undivided profits (less expenses and taxes paid) 1,026.43
Individual deposits 45,257.92
Demand certificates of deposit 2,502.00
Time certificates of deposit 11,868.78
Cashier's checks 230.90

Total\$85,886.03

State of Colorado, County of Garfield, ss:

We, Eph Prefontaine, President, and Lynn Kennedy, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

EPH PREFONTAINE,
President.
LYNN KENNEDY,
Cashier.

Attest:

Bert Ellis,
J. S. Porter,
Wm. Crann,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1916.
My commission expires July 8th, 1917.

NATHANIEL A. WALL,
(Seal) Notary Public.

First National Bank of Rifle.

The First National Bank of Rifle was organized in March, 1902, with I. N. Moberly as cashier and W. H. Haley, assistant cashier. In July, 1904, W. H. Haley purchased Mr. Moberly's stock and became cashier of this institution. The bank was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, which was increased to \$50,000 in 1910. In this year the banking quarters were moved to

their present location in the McLearn building from their former quarters in the building now occupied by Comstock & Phelps as a meat market, known as the Cash Meat Market. Since that time the bank has accumulated a surplus of \$10,000 and undivided profits of \$40,000, and the deposits have increased from \$25,000 in 1904 to \$400,000, and at the present time the deposits are considerably above the quarter-million mark. The present officers of the bank are as follows: George E. Harris, president; C. J. Shideler, vice president; W. H. Haley, cashier; J. F. Gregory, assistant cashier; Ward Johnston, assistant cashier. Directors: George E. Harris, C. J. Shideler, B. F. Haley, E. McLearn, George M. Howard.

Below is given the statement of the bank at the close of business December 31, 1915:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$218,947.45
Bonds and warrants... 5,756.22
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 1,800.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00
Banking house furniture and fixtures..... 14,000.00
Other real estate 2,149.82
Due from U. S. treasurer 1,250.00
Cash and due from banks 129,702.06

Total\$398,605.55

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 10,000.00
Undivided profits 33,230.11
Circulation 25,000.00
Deposits 280,375.44

Total\$398,605.55

State of Colorado, County of Garfield, ss:

I, W. H. HALEY, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. HALEY,
Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

C. J. Shideler,
E. McLearn,
Geo. M. Howard,
Directors.

RIFLE CIRCLE NO. 22 LADIES G. A. R.

ORGANIZED AUG. 17, 1905

August 17th, 1905, Mrs. Hattie A. Kinney of Rocky Ford, Colorado, department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, met with a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Kate D. Hutchings for the purpose of organizing Rifle Circle No. 22, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The aims and objects of the circle are to unite with loyalty; love for each other; to practice the precepts of true fraternity towards all sisters of our order, thus emulating the spirit which unites our fathers, husbands and brothers; to honor the memory of those fallen and to perpetuate and keep forever sacred "Memorial Day"; to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in its high and holy mission, and encourage and sympathize with them in their noble work of charity; to extend needful aid to members in sickness and distress; to aid sick soldiers, sailors and marines, and to look after soldiers' homes, soldiers' widows' homes and soldiers' orphan homes; to watch the schools and see that the children obtain education in the history of our country and in patriotism.

When Rifle Circle No. 22, Ladies of the Grand Army, organized the following officers were elected and installed:

President, Nettie Marker.
Senior vice president, Mary Wurts.
Junior vice president, Kate D. Hutchings.

Treasurer, Mary Elliott.
Secretary, Alsie Hutchings.
Chaplain Jennie Graham.
Conductress, Frankie Plummer.
Guard, Hetty Shott.

Charter members of the order were: Nettie Marker, Judith Turner, Frankie Plummer, Emma Austin, Alsie Hutchings, Kate D. Hutchings, Jennie Graham, Hetty Shott, Susan Austin, Maggie Craven, Josephine Cook, Mary Wurts, Nora Calvin, Maude Neal, Eva



W. H. HALEY'S RESIDENCE



DR. W. J. LeROSSIGNOL'S RESIDENCE

Goodrich, Lulu Ramsey, Eliza Schermerhorn.

On Jan. 23, 1916, the following officers were installed:

President, Nettie Marker.
Senior vice president, Susan Downey.
Junior vice president, H. A. Holder.

Treasurer, Nellie Austin.
Chaplain, Josephine Cook.
Conductress, Jennie Graham.
Assistant conductress, Emma Edwards.

Guard, Mary Holder.
Assistant guard, Carrie Eyre.
Patriotic instructor, Mary Wurts.

Musician, Alsie Hutchings.
Secretary, Alice Philips.
Since its organization this circle has lost three members by death: Sister Nora Calvin, Sister Maude Neal, Sister Maggie Craven.

The circle meets the first and third Saturdays of each month in

Odd Fellows' hall.
NETTIE MARKER,
President.

ALICE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

A COMPETENT OFFICIAL

Only Three Changes in Twenty-Seven Years.

—Worthy of special mention is the fact that from the time the first shipments of goods reached Rifle in 1889 until the present time, covering a period of 27 years, there have been only three regularly employed agents in charge of the depot. C. J. Barnes was the first man to hold down the job, remaining for ten years. He was succeeded by H. G. Votaw, and then two years later C. W. Wykes came and has remained for fifteen years, discharging the duties both to the satisfaction of the public and the railroad companies.

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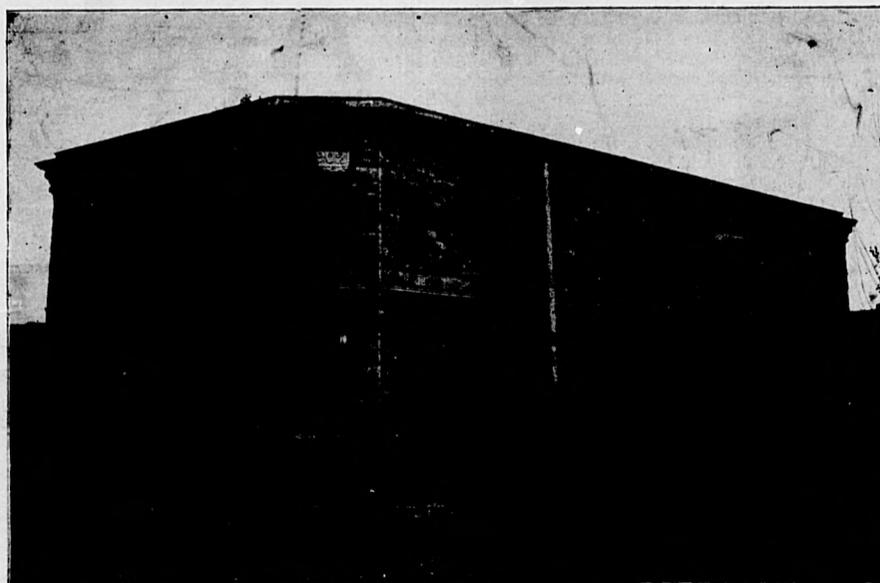
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THE FINEST COUNTRY ON EARTH

HERE undoubtedly will be criticism of this number of the Telegram because more space has not been devoted to the splendid farming communities contiguous to the town, and while it was stated prior to starting on the work of printing this edition that it was the intention to devote the same largely to Rifle and its commercial interests, the writer frankly confesses that the town is largely indebted to the residents of the outlying communities for much of its success as a commercial center. Certainly without the co-operation of the local farmers and stockmen Rifle's growth and prosperity would have been greatly lessened.

For the benefit of the reader who may never have visited this section of the great West, it is desired to present a brief pen picture of the various outlying districts which have reached a high degree of cultivation through the perseverance and energy of a people who richly deserve the many blessings and comforts they now enjoy.

On the south side of the Grand river, approximately sixteen miles southeast of Rifle is situated the great farming and stock-raising sections of Garfield and Divide creeks, where the traveler will find an agricultural development not excelled anywhere on the Western Slope as well as many fine homes, several views of which are presented on another page.

To the west several miles is the Mamm creek valley and district, with its thousands of acres devoted to stock-raising, hay, grain and potatoes, and numerous orchards which produce much fine fruit and add to the well-being of the owners.

Continuing westward, next is the great Hunter mesa with its 10,000 acres of practically level land and which at no far distant day will be in a high state of cultivation by the development of the latent irrigation resources of southern Garfield county and northeastern Mesa county. Adjoining is Crann mesa with a large area of fine farming land already made productive by plow and harrow.

At a higher altitude of several hundred feet and directly south of Rifle is Grass mesa. Here dry farming is practiced with good success, under normal conditions, with wheat and potatoes forming the principal crops, although a considerable acreage of corn is grown with good success. Thirty bushels of wheat and 100 sacks of potatoes per acre are harvested in ordinary seasons.

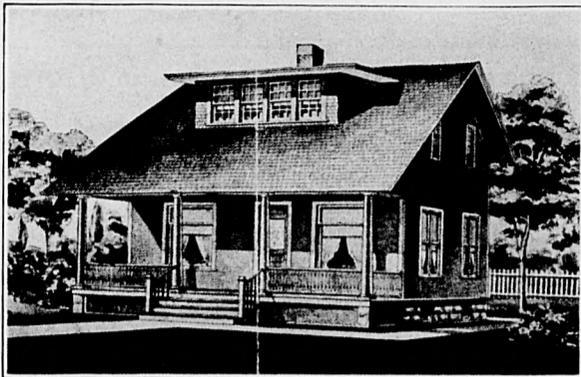
Next on the map is Taughenbaugh mesa and the Beaver and Porcupine creek sections, further mention of which is contained on another page, and then comes the Cache creek and Holmes mesa country—diversified farming sections and where fruit unrivalled in color and flavor is grown in abundance, with never a failure recorded in its history. Garfield county doesn't boast of a better

or more prosperous community than that contained within the boundaries of the Cache creek-Holmes mesa domain.

Westward and directly south of the town of Grand Valley is Battlement mesa with its broad expanse of highly productive land and presenting one of the prettiest

large number of prosperous and contented people. Cactus valley is next reached and is a mighty good country, while the Antlers district to the east has a long record of crop production that has given a competence to many of its citizens.

Seven miles east of Rifle is



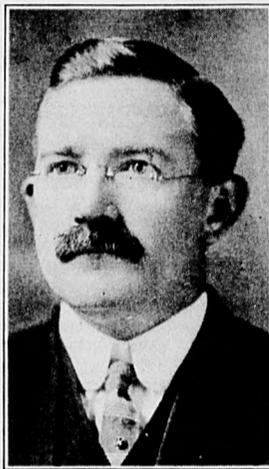
HOME OF R. W. McGUIRK

sights to be found in the Grand river valley. Between the mesa and the town of Grand Valley, that section through which flows the Grand river, contains many fine homes, including that of County Assessor R. W. McGuirk, a view of which is herewith presented. To digress for a moment advantage will be here taken of the opportunity to say a few words concerning Mr. McGuirk. He has long been identified with Garfield county and is numbered among its progressive and prosperous citizens. Dick is among those who have "made good" in the full meaning of these words and that he stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that they elected him county assessor in 1912 and again in 1914.

Crossing over the Grand river to its northern banks and the traveler finds himself in a progressive little city (Grand Valley) and one which is destined to grow and keep pace with the remainder of Garfield county. Between Grand Valley and Rifle, a distance of seventeen miles, there are many fine homes, but the major portion of the land situate between Grand Valley and what is known as Webster hill, six miles west of Rifle, is owned by the Havemeyer interests, and is not extensively cultivated. Between Webster hill and Rifle the land has been cultivated since the early history of the town and is very productive. To the north are Prefontaine and Hubbard mesas, mention of which will be found elsewhere in these pages, and then comes the far famed valleys of West, Middle and East Rifle creeks, as productive a territory as will be found in many days' travel. Fruit growing adds to the income of many of the residents, but cattle, hay and general farming is the principal source of revenue.

Graham mesa joins Rifle on the northeast and is the home of a

Garfield county's newest town, Silt, which is the natural trading center of a rich section of country and where in the years to come many more people will locate and prosper.



CHARLES W. SMITH

Charles W. Smith, who is now serving his second term as county treasurer, first elected in 1912 and re-elected in 1914, is not only a capable public official, but he has long been identified with the commercial interests of Garfield county, being the junior member of the firm of Doll Bros. & Smith. He has made an enviable record as custodian of the county's funds, and not only this, but he enjoys the confidence and esteem of a very large number of friends. Mr. Smith is the owner of several hundred acres of land on Grass mesa, opposite Rifle on the south side of Grand river and in consequence is personally interested in the welfare of this section.

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A REMINISCENCE OF PIONEER DAYS

The late George Ferguson was among the very earliest settlers in Garfield county and in 1883 built the log cabin illustrated above. Mr. Ferguson, in company with the late Jacob Loesch, came to the Grand valley in 1881, locating the ranch now owned by Henry Hasley at Silt, and in 1882 was joined by his family from

Lake City. Messrs. Ferguson and Loesch were engaged in the blacksmith business together in Lake City and when they "pulled up stakes" and trekked Grand valleyward they encountered many obstacles and endured more or less hardship. They came up the valley from the junction of the Gunnison and Grand rivers and arriving at what is now known

as Webster hill, they were compelled to hitch ropes to the tongues of their wagons and let them down the east slope of the hill in this manner and then packed their outfits on horses down the trail. During the early days many a traveler found welcome at the Ferguson home and the "Spirit of the West" was VERY MUCH in evidence in those days.

FRATERNAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE fraternal spirit has not been neglected in Rifle and there is found here an active exemplification of that feeling of brotherhood which unites men into those organizations founded for the betterment of mankind, where men meet on an equality and where the interests of one's neighbors are made his own. This spirit has been the inspiration for the founding of many fraternal organizations, numbering membership from both town and country people, and these societies are uniformly in a prosperous condition, showing a steady, healthy growth in membership and in interest. To the newcomer to the country they offer a pleasant lodge home to those affiliating with them, and extend a hearty welcome to all.

RIFLE LODGE NO. 129, A. F. & A. M.

Rifle Lodge No. 129, A. F. & A. M., was chartered September 21, 1908, with the following charter members: J. F. Gregory, George M. Howard, C. W. Wykes, G. W.

Allen, organized in Rifle on December 11, 1914, with the following charter members: C. B. Coffin, R. O. Smith, R. F. Magor, J. F. Gregory, C. W. Wykes, W. H. Haley, B. F. Haley, Hube McLearn, C. G. Kendall, Wm. Chadwick, J. F. Taughenbaugh, G. W. Taughenbaugh, Leon Clough, Dexter Smith, Geo. M. Howard, C. J. Shideler, H. H. Starker, I. M. Kellogg, R. S. Glenn, T. A. Ouimet, Harry Smith, C. G. Miller, Ray Hollems, J. R. Munro. The charter officers were: C. B. Coffin, H. P.; R. O. Smith, king; R. F. Magor, scribe; J. F. Gregory, C. of H.; C. W. Wykes, P. S.; Hube McLearn, R. A. C.; G. W. Taughenbaugh, 3rd G. W. of V.; Wm. Chadwick, 2nd G. W. of V.; W. H. Haley, secretary; C. G. Kendall, treasurer; J. R. Munro, sentinel. This order holds meetings the first and third Tuesdays in each month, the meetings being held in the Masonic Temple. Following are the present officers: H. P., C. B. Coffin; king, Roy O. Smith; scribe, John R. Munro; secretary, George M. Howard; treasurer, W. H. Haley; captain of

M. Howard, treasurer; Mrs. Dexter Smith, conductress; Mrs. Roy O. Smith, associate conductress; Mrs. Cora Kendall, chaplain; Mrs. Lena Wykes, marshal; J. R. Munro, organist; Miss Inez Byers, Adah; Mrs. Almeda Stauffer, Esther; Mrs. Olive Johnston, Ruth; Mrs. Myrtle Stauffer, Martha; Miss Ella Saylor, Electa; Mrs. Iva Clough, warder; Ray Hollems, sentinel. The present membership of the chapter is 85.

BOOK CLIFF LODGE, NO. 45, I. O. O. F.

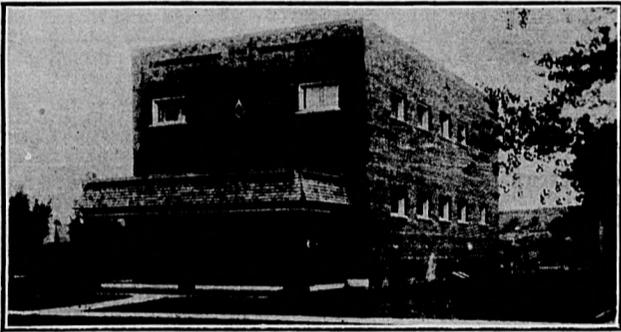
Book Cliff Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., was organized in Rifle on October 17, 1895, with the following charter members: A. C. Wiseman, F. D. Carpenter, D. F. Webster, T. A. Reynolds, D. E. Eakins, E. Gant, C. M. Guiney, G. W. Taughenbaugh, J. B. Elrod, I. N. Groves. This order holds meetings every Saturday night in Odd Fellows hall. The present membership of the order numbers 68 and its officers are as follows: N. G. Reed Scott; V. G., W. A. Tillotson; secretary, G. W. Pittman; treasurer, Frank Squier.

RIFLE ENCAMPMENT NO. 29, I. O. O. F.

Rifle Encampment No. 29, I. O. O. F., was organized and a charter granted on the 29th day of September, 1911, with the following charter members: Jas. S. Coulter, J. Frank Squier, R. L. Price, John R. Munro, Wallace M. Price, Charles H. Hickman, C. G. Kendall. The list of charter officers was as follows: J. Frank Squier, chief patriarch; R. L. Price, high priest; W. M. Price, senior warden; C. H. Hickman, junior warden; J. R. Munro, scribe. This organization at the present time has 58 members and meets the second and fourth Mondays in each month in the I. O. O. F. hall. This is a non-beneficial order and is the highest rank in Odd Fellowship. Following is the list and rank of the present officers of the order: Geo. W. Pittman, chief patriarch; Charles Brenton, senior warden; Otto Coulter, junior warden; Lynn Kennedy, scribe.

ELIZABETH REBEKAH LODGE NO. 46.

Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge No. 46 was organized in Rifle on July 2, 1896, the lodge team from Aspen having the ceremonies in charge, and the following is the list of the charter members: F. D. Carpenter, J. C. Emerson, T. A. Rendle, Mary Elliott, Nettie Webster, Cora W. Carpenter, Georgiana Emerson, Ella Clark, W. F. Elliott, Lou Burch and J. D. Ben-



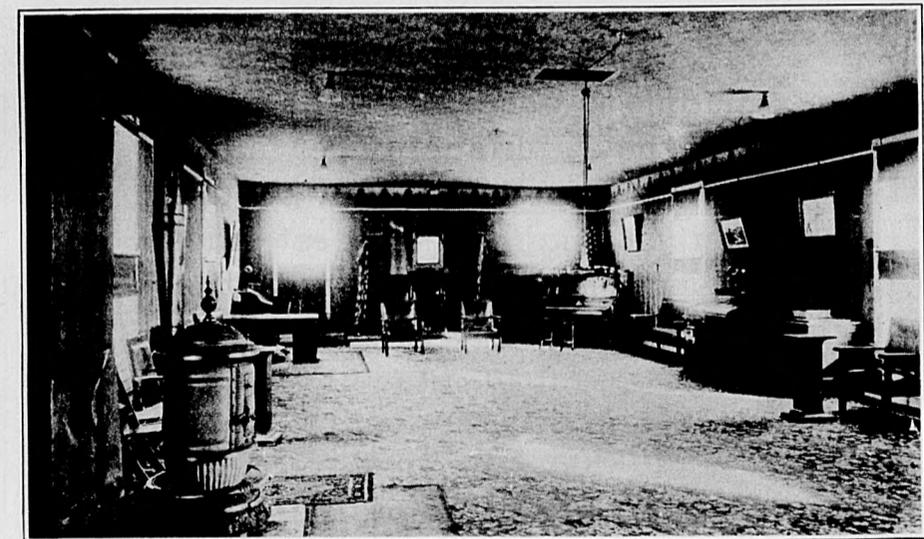
MASONIC TEMPLE

Taughenbaugh, Henry Hasley, B. F. Haley, C. B. Coffin, M. J. Frazer, W. H. Haley, J. L. Cochran, J. P. Schermerhorn, Noah Dymenberg, B. G. Humbert, R. F. Magor, C. G. Kendall, C. H. Rees, O. W. Johnson, Fred Munro, W. J. McDermith, S. E. Moylle, B. A. Price, G. B. Donell, Wm. Chadwick, R. O. Smith, C. J. Shideler, Hubert McLearn. The first officers installed were as follows: S. S. Boughton, W. M.; O. B. Fleming, S. W.; Stanley B. Coffin, J. W. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Masonic Temple. The present officers of the order are: G. M. Howard, W. M.; N. D. Smith, S. W.; L. W. Clough, J. W.; J. F. Gregory, treasurer; R. O. Smith, secretary; Glenn B. Helm, S. D.; Fred Sayre, J. D.; G. W. Allen,

hosts, J. F. Gregory; principal sojourner, C. W. Wykes; Royal Arch Captain, Hube McLearn; master first veil, C. G. Miller; master second veil, H. H. Starker; master third veil, Dexter Smith.

JEWEL CHAPTER NO. 77, O. E. S.

Jewel Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star, was chartered September 25, 1908, with Mrs. Carrie M. Fleming, W. M.; C. B. Coffin, W. P.; Mrs. Minnie Munro, associate matron, with the following charter members: Mrs. Jennie M. Boughton, S. S. Boughton, J. L. Cochran, C. B. Coffin, Mrs. Hattie Coffin, Miss Lelia Coffin, S. B. Coffin, Mrs. Amy Corwin, Mrs. Anna L. Clarkson, Mrs. Ray Dymenberg, Miss Minnie P. Dymenberg, O. B. Fleming, Mrs.



I. O. O. F. LODGE ROOM

S. S.; W. H. Cramp, J. S.; Joseph C. Buckles, Tyler. The present membership of the order numbers 73. The corner stone for the Temple was laid June 27, 1914, and dedicated December 11, 1914, by the grand officers of the M. W. grand lodge of Colorado. The completion of this splendid Masonic Temple marks a forward step in the intellectual, moral and spiritual development of Rifle lodge, also of the entire community. It stands a monument to enlightenment and toleration, to progress and human brotherhood—the greatest and surest safeguards of our country and its institutions.

Royal Arch Chapter, Masons.

Royal Arch Chapter was organ-

ized in Rifle on December 11, 1914, with the following charter members: Minnie S. Frazer, Mrs. Rose L. Hall, B. G. Humbert, Mrs. Emma Humbert, G. M. Howard, Mrs. Anna Howard, O. W. Johnson, C. G. Kendall, Mrs. Cora Kendall, Fred Munro, R. F. Magor, Mrs. Minnie Magor, W. J. McDermith, Mrs. Mary E. Price, Mrs. Theo M. Rees, Mrs. May Selby, Miss Clara Stauffer, G. W. Taughenbaugh, Mrs. Sallie Taughenbaugh, Miss Pearl Taughenbaugh, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, C. W. Wykes, Mrs. Lena Wykes. Meetings are held the first and third Fridays in each month in Masonic temple. The following are the present officers of the order: Mrs. Glen B. Donell, worthy matron; H. H. Starker, worthy patron; Mrs. Ray Hollems, associate patron; Dr. Roy O. Smith, secretary; Mrs. G.

nett. Following is the list and rank of charter officers: Noble grand, Cora Carpenter; vice grand, Ella Clark; recording secretary, Mary Elliott; financial secretary, Georgiana Emerson; treasurer, Lou Burch; trustees, Minnie Todd, Nettie Webster and Isabelle Eakins. This order now has a membership of 53 sisters and 11 brothers, and meetings are held in the I. O. O. F. hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The past noble grands of this order are as follows: Ella Clark, Mary Elliott, Lucy Fravert, Clara Glover, Lillie Hoffmeister, Charlotte Miller, Laura Le Rossignol, Hattie McPhee, Serena Pollock, Fannie Pittman, Clara Price, Lillus Smith, Gertrude Garton, Mary Wurts,

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Blanche Goodrich, Lucy Horan, Blanche Eakins, Georgiana Emerson and Elsie Krater. Following is the list and rank of the present officers: Noble grand, Lillie Hoffmeister; vice grand, Ida Crann; secretary, Louise Hoffmeister; treasurer, Allie Holder; trustees, Charlotte Miller, Hattie McPhee and Lillus Smith.

RIFLE CAMP NO. 301, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

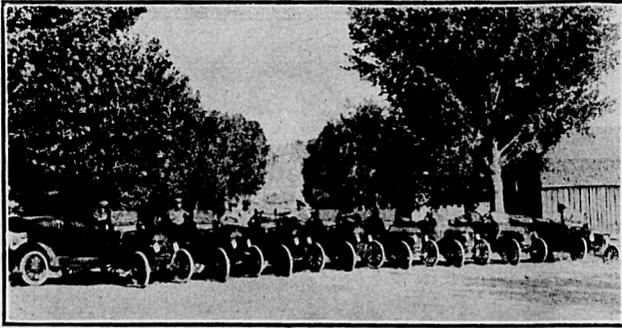
Rifle Camp No. 301, Woodmen of the World, was organized in Rifle on March 18, 1896, with the following charter members: E. McLearn, Sam McLearn, A. Glover, Ed Eakins, E. McPhee, C. O. Austin, J. C. Emerson, Dr. Bennett, George Hubbard, Frank N. Lyner, Andy C. Wiseman. The present membership of Rifle Camp is 105 and the treasury has to its credit about \$1,500. This camp has the largest membership of any fraternal society in Rifle and it is a club of good fellowship and an aid to higher ideals and nobler manhood. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in Odd Fellows hall. Following is the present list of officers of No. 301: Consul commander, Glenn Helm; adviser lieutenant, E. M. Cole; clerk, G. W. Pittman; banker, Fred Sayre; escort, Chas. Knupp; watchman, H. H. Starker; sentry, Wayne Brenton.

MARIPOSA CIRCLE NO. 82

Mariposa Circle No. 82, Women of Woodcraft, was organized June 25, 1897, with a charter membership of twenty-two, viz.: J. C. Emerson, W. P. Kennedy, Emma Kennedy, A. Glover, Clara Glover, A. C. Wiseman, Mrs. A. C. Wiseman, Edwin Tribble, J. E. Dixon, Edna Dixon, Nettie Marker, Ella Gorham, C. W. Fravert, Mrs. C. W. Fravert, Elmer Babcock, Mrs. Elmer Babcock, Clara Vance, Ed. McLearn, E. McPhee, Mrs. Minnie Clark, Hattie Parker and Dr. Harris. The charter officers were: Lucy Fravert, P. G. N.; Nettie Marker, G. N.; Ella Gorham, adviser; Alice Wiseman, clerk; Emma Kennedy, banker; Clara Glover, magician; Hattie Parker, attendant; W. P. Kennedy, captain of guard; Clara Vance, inner sentinel; Edwin Tribble, outer sentinel; J. C. Emerson, C. W. Fravert, Minnie Clark, managers. The present membership of Mariposa Circle is 63, the officers being: Mrs. Nick McLearn, G. N.; Mrs. Ed. Eakins, clerk. This order holds meetings in the Odd Fellows hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

GRAND VALLEY CAMP NO. 9041, M. W. OF A.

Grand Valley Camp No. 9041, Modern Woodmen of America, was organized in Rifle on January 17, 1900, with the following officers: B. H. Thompson, venerable council; John Fuller, worthy adviser; C. M. Jennings, banker; D. H. Piper, clerk; B. F. Miller, chief forester; Dr. Dymenberg, physician; C. H. Miller, Roy Utt, B. H. Thompson, managers; Chas. Engle, sentinel; S. M. Hickman, watchman. This order has a present membership of 48 and meetings are held the second Monday in each month. One of the special features of the order is that each member salutes the American flag upon entering the lodge room. The present officers are: T. M. Hickman, venerable consul; E. McComas, worthy adviser; C. M. Jennings, clerk; J. E. Stauffer, banker; D. E. Eakins, escort; P. J. Sinele, watchman.



SHIPMENT OF FORD CARS RECEIVED AND SOLD BY THE GRAHAM GARAGE LAST SEASON

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA

Mayflower Camp No. 2709, Royal Neighbors of America, was instituted May 8, 1903, with a membership of 26. The present officers are: Catherine Wall, oracle; Clara Price, past oracle; Anna Miller, vice oracle; Blanche Eakins, recorder; Cora Hickman, receiver; Martha McComas, chancellor; Lulu Scott, marshal; C. H. Miller, Eva Stauffer and Mae Wright, managers.

P. E. O. SISTERHOOD

On April 29, 1915, Rifle Chapter P. E. O. was organized with the following charter officers: Mrs. M. Louise Frost, president; Miss Gertrude Todd, vice president; Miss Louise Lacy, recording secretary; Miss Inez Beyers, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Stauffer, treasurer; Miss Laura Shebal, chaplain; Miss Jessie Lanzendorf, guard; Mrs. John Munro, musician, and the above named ladies, together with Mrs. Theo. Rees, Mrs. Helen Smith, Miss Elizabeth Elliott, Miss Mary E. Salmon, Mrs. Zella Allen and Mrs. Eva Oldland, constitute the present membership. This is one of the greatest philanthropic societies existent and one of its principal aims is to furnish funds to deserving young girls desiring to obtain an education, who otherwise might be denied this great privilege. The National P. E. O. now has a membership of 40,000 and is the largest secret society in the world, the membership of which is constituted entirely of women, and among its tenets are the following: (1) Individual growth in charity toward all with whom we associate, and a just comprehension and adherence to the qualities of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth. (2) To seek growth in knowledge and in mental culture, and to obtain all possible wisdom from nature, art, books, study, society, and to radiate all light possible by conversation, by writing and by the exercise of any talent we possess. (3) To aim at moral culture, self control, equisense and symmetry of character, and at temperance in opinion, speech and habits.

RIFLE READING CLUB

A number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. I. N. Kellogg, June 17th, 1903, for the purpose of organizing a Reading Club, the object being mutual improvement, to learn more about our social affairs and to help each other to a better understanding of our state and national governments. After some discussion in regard to ways and means the following officers were elected: Mrs. Eugene Marker, president; Mrs. O. P. Y. Burch, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Fravert, secretary; Miss

Lou Burch, treasurer. Since organizing this Club has joined the Tri-County Federation, also the State Federation, and in that way they find how true is the old adage "In union there is strength." The club has a fine little public library to which they add new books each year and hope to have in the near future one of the finest public libraries on the Western Slope. The Tri-County Federation have a scholarship fund and to this fund this Club generously subscribe each year. This fund is loaned out to help worthy boys and girls who have not the means to finish their education and fit them for teachers. The Club has a present membership of forty. The officers for the club year 1915-16 are: Mrs. J. E. Stauffer, president; Mrs. Horace Pollock, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Fravert, secretary; Mrs. Richard Magor, treasurer.

RIFLE BACHELOR CLUB

The Rifle Bachelor Club was organized in October, 1908, with the following charter members: Ralph Hickman, Ted Borton, Kenneth Lloyd, Wayne Brenton, William Taughenbaugh, Chester Cochran and Herbert Hopwood. The charter officers were Chester Cochran, president, and Ted Borton, secretary and treasurer. This club meets every Wednesday night in their own hall, situated on Third street. It has a present membership of 34, with the following officers: Harry Harp, president; Carl Buckles, secretary and treasurer; Wayne Brenton, sergeant-at-arms. This club are the possessors of a fine piano player, and maintain a basket ball, foot ball and base ball team, and expect to install a gymnasium outfit in their club rooms soon.

RIFLE BACHELOR GIRLS' CLUB

The Rifle Bachelor Girls' Club was organized October 11, 1915, with the following charter members: Stella Calvin, Audrey Emerson, Edna Moore, Wanda Smith, Mable Harp, Dorothy Maxfield, Fabian Monaghan, Florence Parker, Thelma Todd, Goldeth Zeiseniss and Dora Clarkson. The following were the charter officers, the same board serving at the present time: Dora Clarkson, president; Stella Calvin, vice president; Goldeth Zeiseniss, secretary and treasurer; Edna Moore, Wanda Smith, Audrey Emerson, directors. This club has a present membership of fifteen and meetings are held in the Rifle Bachelor hall on every other Monday evening. The motto of the club is "Men may come and men may go, but we go on forever," the purpose of the club being social, educational and athletic improvement.

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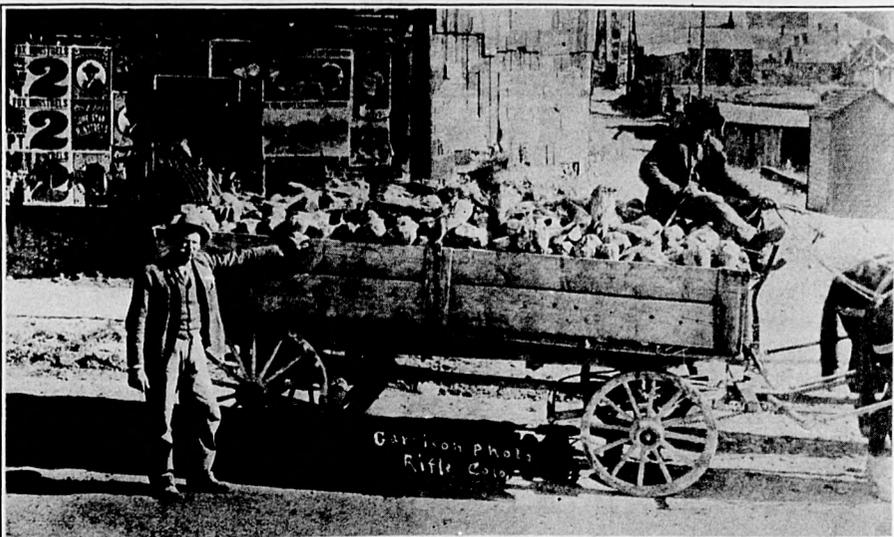
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RECEIPTS RECORD OF RIFLE POSTOFFICE



MRS. PAUL I. GARTON

The Telegram is indebted to Mrs. Paul I. Garton for the following data concerning the business transacted at the Rifle postoffice for a period of nine years—from Jan. 1, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1915, inclusive. Mrs. Garton very acceptably served the people of Rifle as postmistress, following

RIFLE'S postal receipts for the quarter ending March 31, 1907 were \$648.47; for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1915 they were \$1,882.71. Note well these figures.



MRS. SERENA B. POLLOCK

Commissioned postmistress of Rifle by President Wilson, for a term of four years, and entered upon her duties Wednesday, February 9, 1916. Mrs. Pollock's business training is an assurance that the patrons will be served in a capable manner during her tenure of the postoffice.

POSTAL RECEIPTS AT THE POSTOFFICE AT RIFLE, COLO.:

For the quarter ending March 31, 1907.....\$ 648.47	For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1911..... 1,297.33
For the quarter ending June 30, 1907..... 758.78	For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1911..... 1,398.51
For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1907..... 656.54	
For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1907..... 1,155.48	
	For the quarter ending March 31, 1912.....\$1,311.47
For the quarter ending March 31, 1908.....\$1,033.21	For the quarter ending June 30, 1912..... 1,272.04
For the quarter ending June 30, 1908..... 774.11	For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1912..... 1,244.09
For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1908..... 905.32	For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1912..... 1,587.07
For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1908..... 1,042.31	
	For the quarter ending March 31, 1913.....\$1,446.15
For the quarter ending March 31, 1909.....\$1,053.22	For the quarter ending June 30, 1913..... 1,261.99
For the quarter ending June 30, 1909..... 1,031.08	For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1913..... 1,391.29
For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1909..... 1,241.24	For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1913..... 1,524.54
For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1909..... 1,450.58	
	For the quarter ending March 31, 1914.....\$1,392.45
For the quarter ending March 31, 1910.....\$1,415.26	For the quarter ending June 30, 1914..... 1,501.28
For the quarter ending June 30, 1910..... 1,071.01	For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1914..... 1,636.00
For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1910..... 1,149.85	For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1914..... 1,855.28
For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1910..... 1,521.97	
	For the quarter ending March 31, 1915.....\$1,616.02
For the quarter ending March 31, 1911.....\$1,279.86	For the quarter ending June 30, 1915..... 1,592.95
For the quarter ending June 30, 1911..... 1,188.24	For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1915..... 1,490.55
	For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1915..... 1,882.71



W. R. LEE

For a period of more than two score years William R. Lee has been a resident of Colorado, twenty-nine years of which have been spent in Garfield county. Mr. Lee came to this state in 1875, from Ohio, where he was born, and located at Las Animas. The following year he went to California Gulch, now Leadville, and engaged in business, remaining two years, and the year 1887 found him a resident of Glenwood Springs. In February, 1890, Mr. Lee came to the Rifle country, purchasing from George Starkey his relinquishment to 160 acres of land in the lower Beaver creek country and proved up on the same under the homestead law. Later Mr. Lee sold this ranch to P. C. Horn and in 1906 the town of Rifle bought the same in order to obtain the priority rights for its waterworks system. Immediately after selling out to Mr. Horn, Mr. Lee bought the Mackey ranch of 160 acres, then the James and John O'Connor tracts of 80 acres each, as well as proving up on 160 acres adjoining, under the desert act. All of this land (440 acres) is now owned by the Colorado Orchards Development Company, of which Mr. Lee is general manager. W. R. Lee is therefore not only a pioneer resident of the upper Grand valley country, but he has always been numbered among its loyal boosters and contributes his full share to its upbuilding and prosperity.

BEES AND HONEY

By John Stotts.

While the impression prevails that bee keeping is an old business, and although the bees have long been robbed of their honey, practical bee-keeping is the newest among agricultural activities except fur farming.

In 1851 Langstroth invented the movable frame hive which made beekeeping commercially possible. This invention left the hands of the great master in so perfect a form that even the details remain practically unchanged by most of our beekeepers of today.

This invention was followed by the invention of comb foundation in 1857 by Johannes Mehring and of the honey extractor in 1865 by which the honey is thrown from the combs without destroying them.

These discoveries and inventions were the beginning of practical commercial beekeeping and have made it possible for men to keep thousands of colonies and to devote all their time and energies to beekeeping. One man reports having received over \$10,000 cash receipts in a single year. Dr. C. C. Miller gave up a \$2,500 salary to engage in beekeeping. One year his average from 72 colonies was \$39.97 per colony, or a total of \$2,877.84. This is an exceptional case, of course, and the bees were under the management of a man with 60 years' experience with bees.

Garfield county's present efficient bee inspector, Mr. J. H. Gardner, reports as his best crop

from 100 colonies of bees, 376 supers, which, at \$3.00 per super, would bring \$1,128.00. The best yield he has had from a single colony was 9 supers. Not so bad when you stop to consider that the colony itself represents an investment of only from \$5 to \$7.00.

Garfield county has at present 6,000 colonies of bees, producing in 1915 4,000 cases of comb honey and 550 5-gallon cans extracted honey. Eighty-five per cent. of this crop was shipped, the other 15 per cent. being used in the homes of our own people. Western Slope honey has a reputation second to none in the markets of the world. Truly the beekeepers may feel proud of the grand part which his bees perform in the economy of that part of nature which most concerns man and most generously ministers to man's wants.

COL. ROBERT EYRE.

For 33 years Robert Eyre has made his home here in the Grand valley, coming from Buena Vista in 1883 and pre-empting 160 acres of land two miles east of Rifle, which he still continues to own. Mr. Eyre came to Colorado in 1864, remained a year, and then returned to his farm in Iowa. In 1879 he again came to this state, locating in Denver, and later moved to Buena Vista. He has accumulated a comfortable competence and is highly esteemed by a legion of friends.



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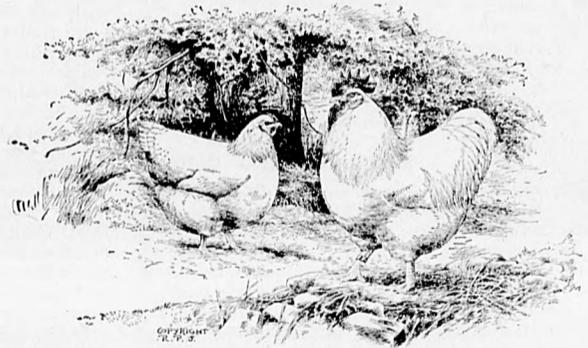
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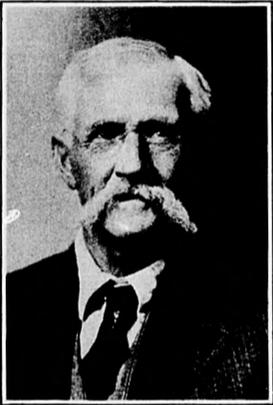
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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY OF RIFLE

RIFLE business institutions well meet the requirements of the country as a trading point, there being carried here well selected stocks of goods in all lines, meeting the needs of the agricultural section surrounding. As a market point it has excellent facilities, many livestock buyers operating here and many thousand head of cattle, sheep and hogs are shipped from this point to the Denver and Kansas City markets yearly, also hundreds of tons of sugar beets, grain, potatoes, apples, etc. It business men are of a high class, men who are permanent fixtures and whose activities are most useful in the promotion of business and public affairs. The Telegram mentions many in these columns, who are representative of all, and as there is much in these mentions which has to do with town and other conditions, a reading of each is essential to gaining a comprehensive idea of Rifle, its business and its people.

SMITH & PORTER.

This popular grocery store was recently moved into more commodious quarters on Railroad ave-



J. S. PORTER

nue, where they carry a large and up-to-date stock of fancy and staple groceries and complete



W. A. SMITH

stock of shelf hardware. This firm is also extensive dealers in grain and ranch produce, also shipping cream in large quantities.

THE RIFLE LAUNDRY.

A. J. McDonald is the proprietor of the Rifle Laundry, which is located on Third street, and in the matter of workmanship "Mae" is unexcelled by any of the large city laundries. This en-



A. J. McDONALD

terprise enjoys a large patronage and it is the intention of Mr. Mc-

Donald to greatly enlarge his quarters and add a large amount of the latest improved laundry machinery to better facilitate the handling of his rapidly increasing patronage.

ENNIS & FROST.

Ennis & Frost, the Hardware Men, is one of the younger firms of Rifle, but in this establishment, which is located on Third



GEO. H. ENNIS

street, you will find one of the best appointed and up-to-date hardware stocks in this section of the state and they are rapidly taking their place at the front

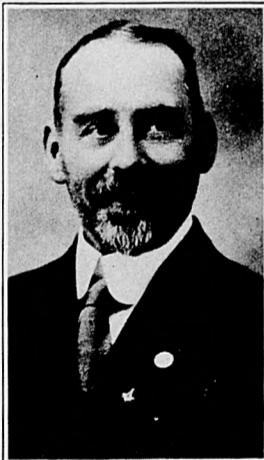


WALTER FROST

as one of the leading business firms of Rifle. Mr. Ennis is also the popular superintendent of the Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co. At this store is also located the city scales.

GEO. M. HOWARD LUMBER CO.

This is one of the leading industries of Rifle and enjoys a large patronage from the surrounding country as well. They carry a full line of lumber and building material, and their yard and large store house are well



GEO. M. HOWARD

prepared for caring for the stock in the best manner. Their connections with mills and factories are such that they can render the best service. Geo. M. Howard, the president and manager, has been a resident of this section for many years and is one of Rifle's foremost citizens.

THE REX THEATER.

Very few places of the size of Rifle boasts of an up-to-date moving picture theater equal that of the Rex. Rifle's popular "movie" house, situated at the corner of Third street and West avenue, operated by Thomas & Wells, and under the able management of

Jesse Wells. Only pictures of the highest quality are screened here. Leo Welch is the operator in charge of the machine. This theater also has one of the finest dance floors in this section of the state.

THE PURE FOOD GROCERY.

Last spring C. R. Hollems severed his connection with the Munro Mercantile Co. and opened the Pure Food Grocery on Third street. To say that the people of Rifle and vicinity appreciate this innovation in the grocery line it



C. R. HOLLEMS

is only necessary to note the ever-increasing patronage of this store, which is everything that the name implies. It is at all times the intentions of Mr. Hollems to carry nothing but the best lines of goods.

HAMPSON BROS. & VALDEZ.

This mercantile firm is one of the best known in Colorado, having stores in Salida, Rifle and Grand Junction. Hampson Bros. & Valdez established themselves in business in Rifle in January, 1909, with C. K. Hampson as resident manager, and the same month also became identified with the commercial life of Grand Junction. The local store enjoyed a splendid patronage from the beginning and beyond question is one of the best appointed in the Grand valley, carrying a large stock of groceries. Special attention is given to the meat department.



THE LATE CHESTER HAMPSON.

Chester Hampson, who so ably conducted the Rifle store for several years, became ill in May, 1915, and was taken to Salida for an operation for appendicitis. While his condition was serious, no apprehension was felt concerning his ultimate recovery, therefore his death, which occurred on May 27, 1915, was a great shock to his legion of Rifle friends. He was a popular member of Rifle Camp No. 301, Woodmen of the World, and foremost among the members striving for the good of this order. He was also a member of Book Cliff Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F.

THE CASH MEAT MARKET.

This popular market is under the management of Comstock & Phelps and is located at the corner of Railroad avenue and Fourth street, where will be found one of the most complete and up-to-date meat markets in this section of

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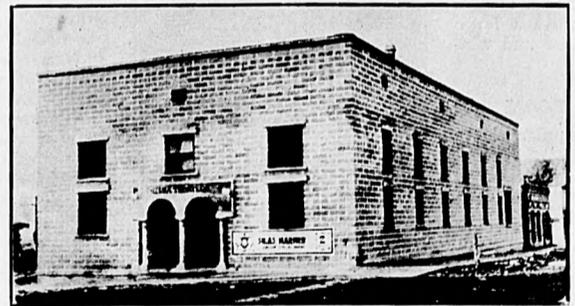
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the valley. U. S. Inspected and local meats are their specialty, beside carrying a complete line of canned goods, etc.

COL. J. C. SHOTT.

"When I Cry, Others Buy" is the slogan of Col. J. C. Shott, the well known and popular auctioneer. As an auctioneer he has operated extensively in this vicinity, crying sales of all kinds until he is known to every part of it, and even the horses and cattle wonder where the sale is when they see the Colonel pass. When in need of a first-class "crier" don't overlook the Colonel.

DONELL'S SPECIALTY STORE.

One of the leading and most up-to-date stores in Rifle is Donell's Specialty Store, located on Third street, of which G. B. Donell is the popular proprietor. This store makes a specialty of ladies' and children's wearing apparel, and enjoys a large pat-



G. B. DONELL.

ronage in this line. Mr. Donell is a close student as to the needs and desires of his customers and is always ready and willing to serve the public to the best of his ability. He is a firm believer in the use of printers' ink, and each month issues a small 8-page trade publication known as "The Specialist," the subscription price being "Your Good Will."

MEEKER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

The Meeker Transportation Company, of which Thad S. Harp of Rifle is the manager, operates two large motor trucks between Rifle and Meeker for the hauling of freight, express and baggage, also passengers. Their rates are very reasonable for this 40-mile trip. "Thad" is always on the job and enjoys a large patronage both summer and winter.

O. K. LUNCH ROOM

One of the most popular places in Rifle for the "boys" is the O. K. Lunch Room, of which Elmer Farrier is the popular proprietor, being located on Third street.



ELMER FARRIER

This place makes a specialty of chili, lunches and home-made pie and enjoys a large patronage. Open every day in the year from early morning until midnight.

GARRISON BROS.

Garrison Bros. have a finely appointed photographic studio on Railroad avenue, and as to the quality of their work, one has to glance at the many photos and views contained in this issue, most of which were executed by this firm especially for this edition, to be convinced that their work is the acme of perfection. Fred Garrison, who has ac-

tive charge of the studio, is a pioneer in the photographic business in this section and in his line is an artist of no small ability. He is capable assisted in the studio by his wife, this lady also being an experienced photographer. They also handle cameras and supplies and make a specialty of developing and finishing for amateurs.

GRAHAM GARAGE.

The Graham Garage is located at the corner of Main street and Railroad avenue, Elmer Graham being the genial manager. Last fall the old wooden garage was moved back and a modern up-to-

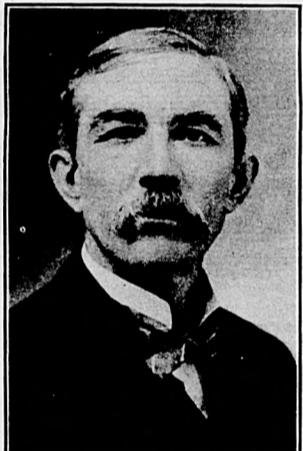


ELMER GRAHAM

date brick garage was erected to enable Mr. Graham to better handle his increasing patronage. The garage is fire-proof and is heated throughout by steam. Mr. Graham is selling agent for the Ford, a large number being sold by him last season.

FRANK BREGENZER.

The subject of this short sketch is one of the best known business men in Rifle. For several years he was identified with the W. R. Thompson Saddlery Co. in this



FRANK BREGENZER

town, later opening an up-to-date harness shop and saddlery on Third street. Frank makes a specialty of the manufacture of high-grade saddles, which are in great demand.

CHARLES W. FRAVERT.

Mr. Fravert is one of the best known contractors in Western Colorado, making a specialty of constructing waterworks and electric lighting systems, and when a job is completed under his supervision it is a generally accepted fact that no part of the work has been slighted. Mr. Fravert constructed the lighting system for the town of Longmont and built



CHARLES W. FRAVERT.

the transmission line for the Rifle Light, Heat & Power Co., extending from the power house

on Rifle creek to the town, a distance of thirteen miles. One of the best pieces of highways in this state, extending for many miles in both Garfield and Rio Blanco counties, is a monument to his thoroughness and his services are also frequently in demand in bridge repairing and construction.

MORRISON & KRATER.

These gentlemen are the proprietors of a large and well appointed pool and billiard parlor on Third street and those interested in this pastime will find this a popular place to pass a pleasant hour. They also carry a large and complete line of tobacco, candy and cigars, and enjoy a liberal patronage.

THE RIFLE CLEANING WORKS

This establishment is operated on Third street by C. S. Mitchell, who is very popular among the boys and he enjoys a large patronage in his line. He is also representative for Ed. V. Price and



C. S. MITCHELL

The City Tailors and handles orders for a large number of suits and overcoats for these tailors every year. "Cype" is also a musician of ability, playing cornet in the local band.

THE RIFLE REVEILLE

This weekly publication was established September 6, 1889, by H. J. Holmes; purchased by H. B. Swartz in the summer of 1890, the latter, however, having been associated with Mr. Holmes in its publication for several months prior to buying the plant. A couple of years later J. W. Armstrong acquired a half interest and for a year or longer the Reveille was published by Armstrong & Swartz, the latter continuing as editor. Then the late C. L. Todd purchased the Armstrong interest and in December, 1894, H. B. Swartz disposed of his interest to Frank P. Warner, and with his family moved to Aztec, N. M. Mr. Warner was widely known as the writer of both poetry and verse under the non de plume of Dan De Foe. W. P. Kennedy, now assessor of Goodwin county, Idaho, and for one term assessor of Garfield county, owned an interest in the paper for a time, and then in September, 1903, H. B. Swartz returned to Rifle and again became associated with Mr. Todd in the publication of the Reveille. The firm of Todd & Swartz continued until the spring of 1907, when the Rev. Horace Mann became editor and proprietor. On May 1, 1909, Mr. Mann disposed of his interests to Fred L. Tomlin, the present owner and editor.

C. M. JENNINGS

One of the town's best boosters is C. M. Jennings, who has a real estate and insurance office on Third street. Mr. Jennings has the agency for several of the best insurance companies in the country and does a large business in this line, besides handling loans and rentals. He is also justice of the peace. Charley is a leading member in Rifle's lodges and a firm believer in the use of printers' ink.

THE MUNRO MERCANTILE COMPANY.

This company was incorporated in October, 1900, with a capital stock of \$10,000, which has since been increased to \$50,000. The first officers were William Dougan, president; George E. Clarkson, vice president; Fred Munro, secretary and manager. The Munro store is the second largest in Rifle, having a total of 12,500 feet of floor space, and a com-

Winchester Hotel

RIFLE, COLORADO



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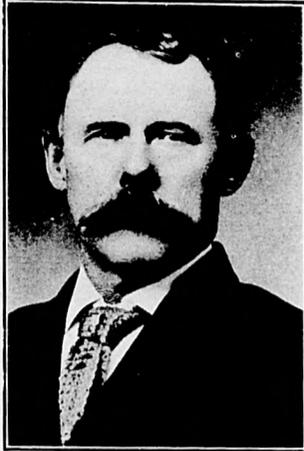
RIFLE,

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plete line of general merchandise is carried, including furniture. This company was the first to introduce the cash system in Rifle.

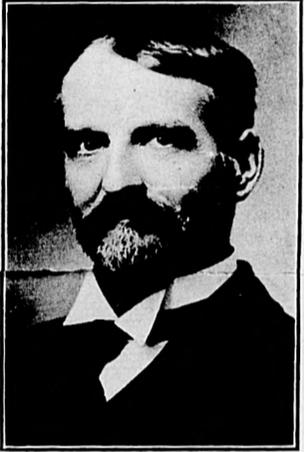
THE RIFLE TELEGRAM.

The Rifle Telegram was established Friday, January 23, 1903, by L. L. Cummins and B. F. Miller, as a five-column, eight page all-home print newspaper, and from that date to the present,



GEORGE E. CLARKSON
President Telegram Publishing Co.

covering a period of more than thirteen years, has never used what is called ready-print (canned) service. About two years later the Telegram Publishing Company was incorporated and the first annual meeting was held on January 23, 1905. In the fall of 1905 H. M. Carlin entered the employ of the company and in



H. B. SWARTZ
Editor Rifle Telegram.

January, 1906, became editor and manager. January 20, 1913, E. McLearn disposed of his interests in the company to H. B. Swartz and resigned as president, Geo. E. Clarkson being elected in his place. On October 1, the same year, H. B. Swartz became managing editor and the present stockholders of the company are George E. Clarkson, H. B. Swartz, Louis Hoffmeister, J. L. Cochran and O. B. Fleming.

LEE TREMBLY.

The subject of this brief sketch is a well known contractor and builder and does a large business in this line. He is also a mem-



LEE TREMBLY

ber of the board of trustees of Rifle and takes a great interest in the upbuilding of the community.

RIFLE FRUIT & RODUCE ASSOCIATION.

The Rifle Fruit & Produce Association was formed early in the year 1905 and in March was incorporated for \$25,000, with Geo.

E. Harris as president; W. W. Tichenor, vice president; R. F. Magor, secretary; M. E. Morrow, treasurer. The company makes a specialty of potatoes and apples and in addition carries a complete line of groceries, a stock of furniture, and handles Parlin & Orendorf, International Harvester Co., Colorado Moline Plow Co. and Emerson & Brantingham farming tools and implements. Bulk seeds are handled in large quantities, and fence wire is also carried in stock by the Association. The present officers are: George E. Harris, president; George M. Howard, vice president; C. H. Durant, secretary; P. C. Horn, treasurer; R. F. Magor, manager.

PAUL I. GARTON.

One of the "hustlers" among the younger business fraternity in Rifle is Paul I. Garton, who conducts a clothes cleaning establishment in the rear of The Toggery on Third street, where



PAUL I. GARTON.

you will find him always on the job ready to serve you to the best of his ability. He is a sign painter and illustrator of note, the cover design of this issue being his handiwork.

DR. ROY O. SMITH.

Dr. Roy O. Smith is one of the leading professional men of Rifle and has well appointed and up-to-date dental parlors in the McLearn block. The doctor has recently installed some of the lat-



DR. ROY O. SMITH.

est appliances known to the profession and enjoys an exceptionally large practice, having the only dental parlors in Rifle. He is also a leading member in Rifle lodges.

THE FAY GORHAM STABLES.

Fay Gorham, proprietor of The Fay Gorham Stables, situated on West avenue, is one of the pioneers in this section. In the early days he worked for F. M. Collins, the proprietor of the first livery stable in Rifle, situated on Third street. He was the jehu who handled the ribbons, watched with careful eye Uncle Sam's mail and transported tourists back and forth between this point and the White river country. The Fay Gorham Stables are the headquarters for the freighters plying between this place and Meeker.

A. GLOVER.

A. Glover came to Rifle from Glenwood in 1889, and in 1892 embarked in the jewelry business. In 1898 he erected a handsome one-story stone business block, which was destroyed in the big fire in 1902. He immediately commenced rebuilding, the handsome brick structure which he now occupies being the result. He is an experienced jeweler and carries a large stock of goods. The Rifle Circulating Library is also quartered in his store.

DRS. MORELOCK AND LIPPINCOTT.

No science or profession made known to the world in recent years has made the remarkable advances and attained the wonderful results that have come to osteopathy, and a science that a



DR. RAYMOND MORELOCK.

comparatively few years ago was in its infancy now finds its practitioners in any town and city of consequence in the country, Rifle being no exception. Drs. Morelock & Lippincott are both graduates of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo. Dr. Morelock has practiced in Rifle



DR. A. A. LIPPINCOTT.

for several years, while Dr. Lippincott is a new arrival in this section. They have well appointed offices in this city, besides a branch office in Grand Valley, under the charge of Dr. Lippincott, also at New Castle, with Dr. Morelock in charge.

DR. W. J. LeROSSIGNOL.

There is no man who stands higher in the community where he resides or exerts a greater influence among his fellow men as a rule than the family physician. Dr. LeRossignol is a man who, besides being a phy-



DR. W. J. LeROSSIGNOL

sician of even more than ordinary success and skill, is of a public spirited turn of mind and works for the upbuilding of the public good and interests as well as his own. He is a man of great vim and energy, a constant student, and is thoroughly successful in every way.

DR. J. T. BEALL.

Dr. Beall is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Rifle and enjoys a large practice. He has well appointed offices in the Rifle Sanitarium, located on Third street.

WINCHESTER HOTEL.

One of the most popular hotels in the entire Grand valley is the Winchester, located on the corner of Railroad avenue and Main street, of which "Mine Host" W.

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RIFLE, - - COLORADO

R. Lee is the genial proprietor. "Billy," as he is commonly known among the traveling fraternity, is a pioneer of this section and as a hotel proprietor is proclaimed by all to be "it." In the selection of a clerk Mr. Lee showed his fine business judgment in placing Ed. M. Cole (Coley) behind the counter, as his smiling face is always there to welcome the numerous patrons of this favorite hostelry.

THE RIFLE PHARMACY.

The Rifle Pharmacy, situated at the corner of Railroad avenue and Third street, is one of the finest appointed drug stores on the entire Western Slope, and under the able management of Claude Graham, is one of the most popu-



CLAUDE GRAHAM

lar stores in Rifle. Their prescription department is in charge of an experienced pharmacist and they handle nothing but the highest class drugs. They are also headquarters for the famous Nyal Remedies.

GUNDER OLSEN.

After working for several years in various shops in Rifle, Gunder Olsen launched in business for himself and opened a blacksmith shop in the old stage barn at the corner of Main street and West avenue. Mr. Olsen is a master workman in this line and receives his share of the patronage.

STAUFFER'S PHARMACY

In 1902 J. E. Stauffer came to Rifle from Gunnison and opened a drug store known as Stauffer's Pharmacy. Mr. Stauffer is a native of Pennsylvania, whose early life was largely spent on a farm in Kansas. He served his apprenticeship in a drug store in Kansas. He graduated from the

State University School of Pharmacy in 1897, coming to Colorado the same year. Mrs. Stauffer is also a graduate pharmacist and is a member of the firm.

THE TOGGERY.

H. C. Wilson & Son are the proprietors of The Toggery, located on the north side of Third street. Very few country towns boasts of an up-to-date store as The Toggery, which carries a large and complete line of gents' furnishings, including a popular line of boots and shoes. This is headquarters for "cow-punchers" outfits, Mr. Wilson making a specialty of the same.

DR. R. H. PAXTON.

Dr. Paxton is a late addition to the medical fraternity in Rifle, having moved here from New Castle last fall and taking over the practice of Dr. W. F. Berry, who retired from practice to enter the automobile business in Grand Junction.

THE E. McLEARN MERCANTILE CO.

The E. McLearn Mercantile Co. was incorporated January 23, 1900, with a capital stock of \$25,000 by E. McLearn, Daniel Densmore, Everett McPhee and Samuel McLearn, and the first officers were E. McLearn, president; Dan Densmore, vice president; E. McPhee, secretary and treasurer. The company has one of the finest store buildings in the state, with a total of 15,000 feet of floor space. The stock consists



JAMES McLEARN

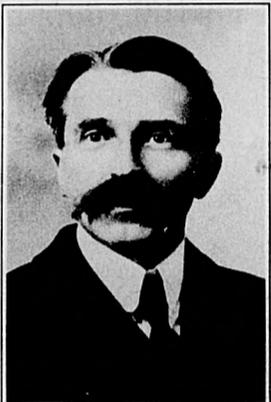
Secretary E. McLearn Mercantile Company.

of general merchandise, including almost every article manufactured, and if they "haven't got it in stock they'll order it for you."

They carry an immense stock of furniture and a large array of farming implements and wagons, making a specialty of John Deere Company implements. This company also has a well appointed harness and saddlery department. The present capitalization is \$100,000 and the officers are E. McLearn, president; Daniel Densmore, vice president; James McLearn, secretary and treasurer.

THE RIFLE BAKERY.

Strangers upon coming to Rifle often express their surprise at finding such an excellent bakery in a town the size of ours. In 1901 Mr. Hoffmeister chanced to come here from Glenwood, where he was then employed, and quickly decided that here was the op-



L. HOFFMEISTER

portunity to build for himself a good business in a thrifty town with prospects for future greatness. Mr. Hoffmeister is a first-class baker and his trade has steadily increased. He also carries a choice line of fancy groceries, tobacco and cigars.

THE RED BARN.

Al. Westfall is the proprietor of the Red Barn on Railroad avenue, which place enjoys a large patronage. Al takes great delight in owning stylish saddle horses and he is a familiar figure riding through our business streets mounted on one of his "classy" mounts.

F. A. LEE.

About a year ago F. A. Lee purchased the tonsorial parlor located in the Telegram building, opposite the Winchester hotel, where he is always "at home" to his many patrons. Bert has worked in many of the large cities of the west, is a native son of the

valley, and a skilled wielder of the razor. He has a fad for birds, and if he don't talk to you, his parrot will.

P. W. DIVELBISS.

Mr. Divebiss is one of the leading contractors and builders in Rifle and has a carpenter shop at the rear of the Winchester hotel, on Main street. He formerly served Garfield county as sheriff with credit both to himself and county.

B. T. KIRK.

B. T. Kirk is a first-class painter and paper hanger and is one of the enterprising young business men of the town. He has traveled extensively over the country following his trade and no contract is too large or small for him.

W. M. LOCKARD.

W. M. Lockard has a jewelry store and repair shop on Railroad avenue. Mr. Lockard is a workman of rare ability and makes a specialty of all kinds of repair work, besides dealing in typewriters. He is also "there" when it comes to the art of engraving.

WALL & WALL.

P. M. Wall and his son, N. A. Wall, doing business under the firm name of Wall & Wall, are the legal advisers of this community and they have a large practice in this line. They also do a large business in the real



N. A. WALL

estate, loan and rental line. N. A. Wall has been the town's efficient legal adviser since the incorporation of the same, having handled their legal business with great credit both to himself and the town.

CASEY'S SHOE SHOP.

People come and people go, but N. T. Casey is always to be found on the job, repairing footwear at the same old stand on the south side of Third street. Rifle would not seem like home without Casey, for when it comes to repairing boots and shoes, it would be hard to find a man who can put it over him. He is also mayor of South Rifle.

BRENTON'S BOARDING HOUSE.

One of the popular private boarding houses is that conducted by Mrs. R. C. Brenton, at the corner of Fourth street and East avenue. This place makes a specialty of home-cooked meals.

P. C. THURMOND.

P. C. Thurmond is one of the best known civil engineers in this section of the state, and has done a large amount of this work both for Rifle and surrounding towns. His services are always in demand.

UNION TRANSFER COMPANY.

The Union Transfer Company, of which J. A. (Jack) Goodrich is the genial proprietor, practically has a monopoly on the transfer business in Rifle and this company is well equipped for this class of work, having a large dray for heavy work, a fine picture of which we reproduce in this issue, a light team for express work and an auto truck for "quick" delivery. Roy Dodson, the well-known ball player, is his able assistant and a "shufloor" of no mean ability.

MRS. M. McLAUGHLIN.

Mrs. McLaughlin last spring opened a private boarding house on Railroad avenue, near the Masonic temple. Mrs. McLaughlin is a pioneer in Rifle as the dispenser of home cooking and those who enjoy home-cooked meals like mother used to cook are liberal in their patronage of this popular eating house. This lady also has furnished rooms with bath to rent.

A. L. FRITZLER.

"Andy" is one of the best known and enterprising business men of Rifle, being proprietor of a transfer. He is one of the pioneers of Rifle and as a drayman he is always to be found on the job, rain or shine, with his "pony express." We produce in this issue an excellent picture of Mr. Fritzler and his pet team.

THE ENTERPRISE GARAGE.

This up-to-date garage is located on Third street and is one of the busiest places of business in Rifle. Perkins & Haines are the hustling proprietors. They recently installed one of the latest acetylene welding machines



O. S. PERKINS

and are prepared to do all kinds of repair work. Burning carbon out of cylinders and storage battery repairs are among their specialties. This firm is agent for Goodyear and Firestone tires, also being the official "Hupp" Motor Car Service Station.

MISS DAISY BLEVINS.

Miss Daisy Blevins has an up-to-date millinery establishment in Donell's Specialty Store on the north side of Third street and she makes a specialty of displaying millinery to please the most fastidious.

CITY BARBER SHOP.

This popular tonsorial parlor is owned and managed by Fred Sayre, being situated on Third



FRED SAYRE

street. Fred is a pioneer in the tonsorial business in Rifle and it requires two assistants to handle the patronage of this shop. Mr. Sayre is also a licensed undertaker and embalmer, manager of the local base ball team, prominent lodge member, and a "hale fellow well met."

THE REX HOTEL.

The Rex Hotel, situated on the north side of Third street and owned by C. M. Donell, is run under the management of Miss Pearl Raynard and is a very popular hostelry and enjoys a large patronage and the meals served here are "par excellence."

MRS. IDA MAY LINDER.

Mrs. Linder is the proprietress of an up-to-date millinery establishment on Third street styled "The Style Shop." She at all times carries a choice line of merchandise of this class and enjoys a large patronage. She also carries a choice line of toilet preparations.

DR. C. O. HERR.

Dr. Herr is the only licensed veterinarian in Rifle, with an office at the Fay Gorham Stables on West avenue. The doctor is one of the busiest professional men in Rifle and his services are in great demand all through the Upper Grand Valley section.

T. A. OUMET.

Mr. Oumet is the proprietor of a large and well equipped blacksmith and machine shop on Railroad avenue. He formerly ran a garage in connection, but has disposed of the same and now devotes his entire time to the blacksmith and machine work. He is ably assisted in this work by A. R. Hulbert, who is also a skilled machinist.

V. M. PUGH.

V. M. (Rusty) Pugh is the proprietor of a large blacksmith and machine shop, situated direct opposite The Fay Gorham Stables. Mr. Pugh is an experienced workman in his line and enjoys a large patronage. He has fitted his shop with the latest improved machinery for handling all kinds of repair work, especially that of motorcycles, automobiles, etc. As a horseshoer "Rusty" is hard to beat. He has an interesting announcement elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Pugh is a firm believer in publicity, and also champions the cash basis system of doing business.

THE RIFLE INVESTMENT COMPANY.

This company was organized in the fall of 1906 with a small capital, the ten members of the same agreeing to pay \$10 a month, and in this manner create a loan fund.

It was successful from the start and the assets are now about \$27,000. Messrs. George E. Clarkson, W. H. Haley, R. F. Magor, J. R. Munro and George M. Howard constitute the directorate, Geo. E. Clarkson being president, R. F. Magor, vice president; J. R. Munro, secretary, and W. H. Haley, treasurer.

DR. P. A. HOLDEN

Dr. P. A. Holden, Chiropractor, is the latest addition to the medical fraternity in Rifle. He came to Rifle from Leadville, Colo., a short time ago and has decided to make this city his permanent residence. He has opened offices at his residence, Pittman house, on Main street.

LOVELL'S BOARDING HOUSE

This popular eating place is located on Fifth street, near Railroad avenue, and enjoys a large patronage. Home-cooked meals are specialized. Mrs. Rose Lovell is the proprietor.

SECOND-HAND STORE

Cummins & Walsh are the proprietors of a well stocked second-hand store on Third street, where will be found everything from a needle to a hay stack.

PASTIME POOL ROOM

The Pastime Pool Room on Third street has recently been remodeled and re-opened under the management of Boise & Burke. This place of business is everything that the name implies.

RIFLE DAIRY

The Rifle Dairy has a practical monopoly on the milk business in Rifle and has a large patronage. C. O. Austin is the genial proprietor and an excellent picture of Mr. Austin and his delivery team will be found elsewhere in this issue.

RIFLE MACHINE SHOP AND GARAGE

Wm. Hargrave is the proprietor of a well equipped machine and automobile repair shop located on Third street. Mr. Hargrave is a skilled machinist, has the latest improved machinery and does a large business in his line.

OSCAR BERGLUND

Early in the present year Oscar Berglund purchased from N. N. Dutton the latter's coal mining property and now operates the same. Rifle Gap coal is extensively used in Rifle and vicinity and Mr. Berglund has established a reputation for making prompt deliveries.

R. SQUIER & SON

R. Squier & Son handle Harvey Gap coal exclusively and keep a number of teams constantly em-

ployed supplying the demand for the output of this mine. It doesn't make any difference how little the order or BIG the same may be, they'll fill it.

IRA HARRISON

The people of Rifle and vicinity, whenever needing the services of an expert cement man and stone mason always call on Ira Harrison, knowing that his work always gives satisfaction. Building cisterns and all work requiring the use of cement is his specialty.

THE RIFLE SANITARIUM

This institution, owned and conducted by Dr. J. T. Beall, is modern in every respect and a credit to the town and community. It was built in 1907, a two-story brick structure 42x60 feet, with large operating room, rooms for ten beds, five living apartments, two bath rooms, sleeping porch, hot water plant, electric lights, acetylene lighting plant, and garage adjoining.

THE RIFLE ICE & STORAGE COMPANY

Very few towns the size of Rifle contain an ice and storage plant such as that in operation here, and it is an enterprise deserving of the undivided patronage of the citizens and business men of Rifle. The company was incorporated Dec. 8, 1902, with a capital stock of \$25,000 which has since been increased to \$50,000, and is strictly a local enterprise. It has a storage capacity of 20 tons and ice plant of 10 tons capacity daily. The present officers of the company are: Geo. E. Clarkson, president; Ed. McLearn, vice president; Geo. M. Howard, secretary; W. H. Haley, treasurer; these gentlemen and J. W. Chamberlain comprise the board of directors.

A GREAT FRUIT FARM

Seventeen years ago, on February 14, (St. Valentine's Day) G. A. Wetzel filed on the land which today is one of the most productive ranches not only in the Cache creek section, but in Garfield county. Prior to that time Mr. Wetzel was engaged in railroading, running out of Salida, but Mrs. Wetzel's health necessitating moving to a lower altitude they selected the Upper Grand valley as a good place to make their future home, and making the filing on the date above mentioned led them to name their place the Valentine Ranch. Gus Wetzel succeeded as a farmer and fruit grower from the first, and not only this, but no finer flavored, larger or finer colored fruit is grown in the Rocky mountain region than that which Gus Wetzel harvests EVERY year. He also grows great, big juicy watermelons and canteloupes not excelled anywhere and his exhibits of peaches on Apple Pie Day have thus far always been awarded first prize.

The Toggery

Men's Furnishings that will please you in quality and price. Florsheim Shoes for the man who cares.

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That will please you. Your wardrobe kept in order by careful cleaning and pressing promptly performed.....

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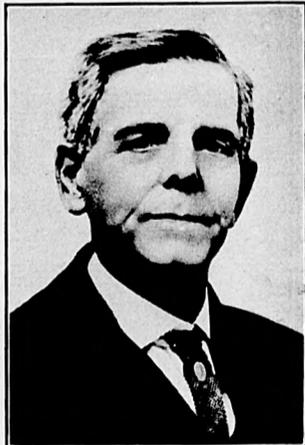
At The Toggery

PAUL I. GARTON, PROP.

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A writer in the Good Book said in the long ago that the "first shall be last," and it happens that while Al. Zieseniss was among the first arrivals in this part of the valley, he is last among the pioneers whose names appear in this souvenir number—not intentionally, however, but due solely to the fact that Al. procrastinated in the matter of furnishing the data necessary in writing a sketch of this kind. Al. Zieseniss journeyed to Colorado in 1883 from Cowgill, Mo., and came to Garfield county by way of Grand Junction. There was only one settler living along the banks of Rifle creek at that time and the entire country contiguous to Rifle was one broad expanse of sage and chico brush. It is his boast that his house built in the Upper Grand valley was the first to contain a board floor, the material being hauled over from Meeker, and thus it was that the first dance in the history of the Rifle country was held at his home. Al. was the first police officer in Rifle and it was a strenuous job at times. The coming of the railroad in 1889 brought with it the usual turbulent element of humanity, but Al. was equal to every emergency and he and fear were not even on speaking acquaintance. During his 33 years' residence in the Upper Grand valley Al. Zieseniss has been identified with a number of business enterprises; his word is as good as any man's bond; he has extended a helping hand to many in need and has contributed largely to Rifle's advancement.



JUDGE J. L. COCHRAN

Judge J. L. Cochran, Rifle's senior justice of the peace, has been a resident of Rifle for nearly fourteen years, and while this number of the Telegram contains nothing of a social nature the editor is going to deviate in this one instance and state that Judge and Mrs. Cochran will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 10. They were married in Sigourney, Iowa, in 1866, following the close of that memorable struggle between the North and South, in which Judge Cochran participated as a member of Company I, Fifth Iowa Infantry.

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R. C. CALLEN

Mr. R. C. Callen of Divide creek is not only one of Garfield county's most progressive and prosperous stockmen, but he is among those who have given freely of their labor to the state in reclaiming it from an arid waste as well as adding largely to the welfare of his home community. Mr. Callen emigrated from Iowa to Colorado in 1878, locating in Denver, and two years later was a participant in the exciting scenes staged in and about Leadville. During the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 he was in the employ of the PL Company, which continues to the present time engaged in the livestock business in Garfield and Rio Blanco counties. Following this employment Mr. Callen returned to Leadville and engaged in the mercantile business, and also served as undersheriff of Lake county for seven years. In 1883 Mr. Callen bought the John Redmond ranch of 325 acres on Divide creek, and the following year came to Garfield county to reside. A close personal friendship has existed between Mr. Callen and District Judge Cavender of Leadville since 1888 and as a result a co-partnership was formed under the title of Callen and Cavender. Mr. Callen next purchased the John Hay and Whittaker Jayne ranches, thus giving the firm title to more than 700 acres of land, of which 500 acres are under cultivation. Messrs. Callen and Cavender own approximately 1300 head of cattle and Mr. Callen has been uniformly successful in his conduct of the firm's affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Callen have a very comfortable home with many of the modern conveniences, and the ranch equipment, including buildings, is up-to-date in every particular.

In 1915 Mr. Callen was appointed a member of the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners by Governor Carlson, a position which he fills with credit to himself as well as acceptably to those engaged in the livestock business.

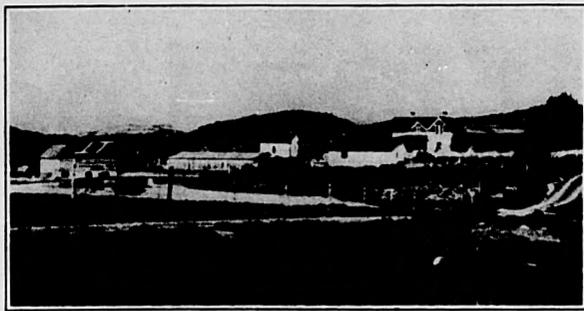
"THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST"

When Mr. and Mrs. Callen were blessed twelve years ago by the arrival of a daughter at their home they elected to name her Nancy and the little lady was presented with five heifer calves by the happy father. Miss Nancy is now attending school in Canon City and pays all her own expenses from her personal bank account, and in addition to a substantial cash balance, the increase from the five heifers numbers about 40 head.



JUDGE CHARLES CAVENDER

Hon. Charles Cavender, district judge of the Fifth Judicial District, is one of the best known and ablest members of the Colorado judiciary. He is serving his second term and has a host of friends who believe that he is eminently qualified to become a member of the State Supreme Court. Judge Cavender has extensive financial



"HOME" RANCH OF C. J. SHIDELER

Pre-eminent among the successful farmers and stockmen is Charles J. Shideler, of Divide creek, a view of whose comfortable home place is given above. "Charley" as he is familiarly known to hundreds of friends and neighbors, came to Colorado from Indiana, his native state, in 1877 and locating on White river became sheriff of Rio Blanco county at the first election held in that county. In 1885 Mr. Shideler became a resident of Garfield county

interests in Garfield county, being the junior member of the firm of Callen and Cavender, and a strong friendship between the two men has existed for a great many years. Last year Judge Cavender built a fine bungalow on Divide creek and visits this county occasionally to enjoy brief respites from the arduousness of his judicial duties.

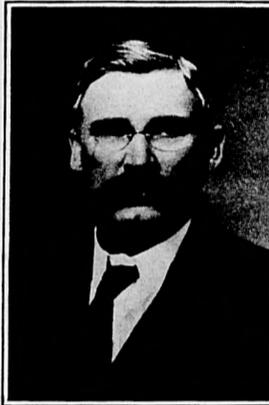
HON. EDWARD T. TAYLOR

Hon Edward T. Taylor is Garfield county's most distinguished citizen as well as one of the most able members of the National House of Representatives, and not only as a member of congress but during the years he served his constituents in the state legislature, in both branches, he introduced and secured the passage of measures which aided immeasurably in the upbuilding and advancement of Colorado. Congressman Taylor's boyhood days were spent upon a farm and no doubt this early environment led to his long years of devotion to



the requirements of a large rural constituency. A monument to his tireless energy is the great state highway from Denver to Grand Junction, for which he secured the initial appropriation of \$40,000, and he is also the author of a number of constitutional amendments conducive to the welfare of the people of Colorado. Upon his promotion to a larger field of endeavor Mr. Taylor's ability was acknowledged by his colleagues with the result that he became a member of three great committees closely allied with the development of the West—public lands, irrigation and mining. Largely due to his efforts the three-year homestead law was enacted, and also the following: Second homestead and desert land entry law, isolated tract law, law granting three years extension of time to desert land entrymen, under certain conditions; absolute title law, an act granting to the State Agricultural College 1,600 acres of land for experimental work, the summer homestead law, 640-acre grazing homestead law, and scores of others of which while not the individual author, he aided greatly in securing their passage. While the figures are not at hand to enable the giving of Mr. Taylor's majority in this county at the elections in 1908 and 1910, in 1912 he secured 2205 votes, or a majority of 1384, and two years ago 2294 votes, or a majority of 1332, an eloquent attest to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens and NEIGHBORS.

locating on Divide creek, and has since continued to live in that favored community. In addition to his extensive cattle and land interests, he is also vice-president of the First National Bank of Rifle and a stockholder of the First National Bank of Glenwood Springs. Mr. Shideler owns 1,000 acres of land and about 700 head of cattle, and has not only "made good" as a business man, but he has contributed largely in the prosperity and upbuilding of Western Garfield county.



COUNTY JUDGE R. J. SMITH

As this edition of the Telegram is devoted largely to Rifle men and Rifle institutions it would not be complete without a short sketch of Hon. R. J. Smith, pioneer citizen of the county and for more than seven years past judge of the County Court. Prior to his election as a member of the judiciary of the state Judge Smith served as Rifle's police magistrate for a number of years and was also justice of the peace for a still longer period. Always identified with the best interests of the town and community, and in recognition of his capacity for the wise and serviceable administration of official duties he was elected county judge in 1908 and re-elected in 1912 by the splendid majority of 489. He has been a fair and impartial judge and his probity in the conduct of probate matters is unquestioned.



COUNTY ATTORNEY TAYLOR

One of the most widely known members of the legal fraternity residing in Garfield county is Hon. Charles W. Taylor, junior member of the law firm of Taylor & Taylor, Glenwood Springs. Mr. Taylor has very acceptably served the people of Garfield county in an official capacity for a number of years as county attorney, a position which he holds at the present time, and in addition thereto enjoys a large and lucrative legal business and practices in all courts. C. W. Taylor not only lives in the greatest state in the Union but he is at all times loyal to its interests and has given freely of his services in advancing the welfare of Garfield county and his home community.

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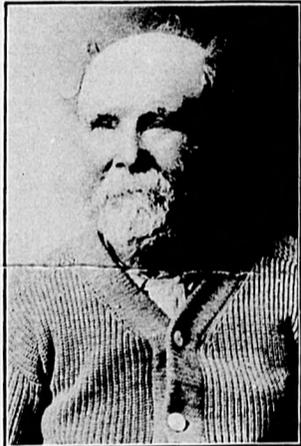
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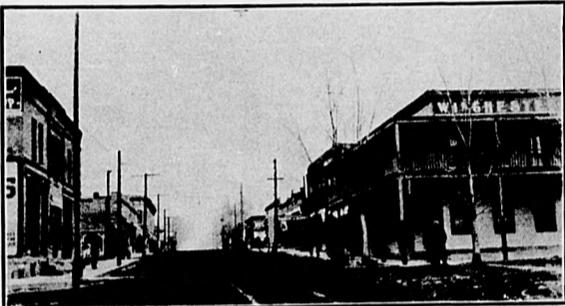
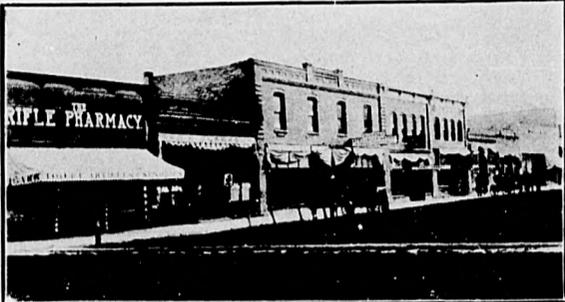
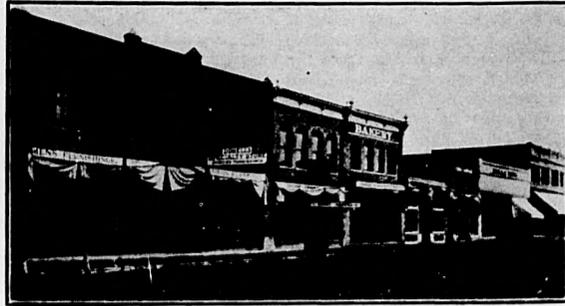
As it pertains to the citizenship as a whole and the younger generation in particular the office of superintendent of schools is far from being the least important elective county office, and it should be of interest to the prospective homeseeker to know that the leadership in educational matters in Garfield county is in very capable hands. Mrs. Tippet Westerman, the present superintendent of schools, is widely known in educational circles as a capable official and under her direction the schools of the county have attained a high degree of efficiency. Mrs. Westerman taught in the Rifle schools for three years and in 1910 was elected county superintendent, re-elected in 1912 and again in 1914, and therefore her present term expires at the close of 1916.



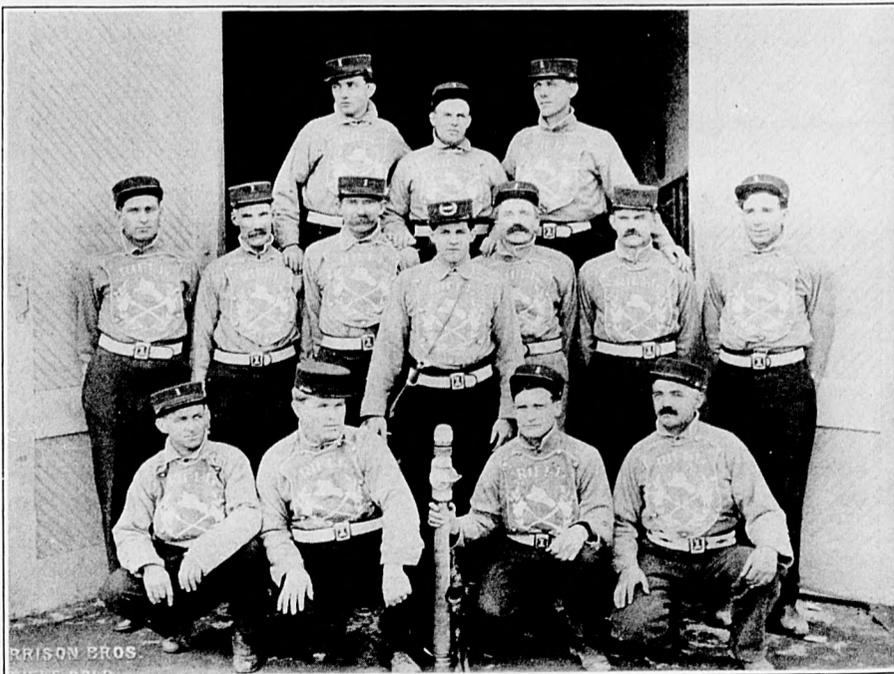
"PADDY" EGAN

Mr. Egan is one of the pioneer residents of the Upper Grand valley section.

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The Rifle Volunteer Fire Department, an excellent picture of which is presented herewith, was organized March 16, 1907, with the following charter officers and members: Thad S. Harp, chief; Louis E. Brown, assistant chief; K. D. Hutchings, foreman; Ed. Eakins, secretary; L. Hoffmeister, treasurer; Glenn B. Helm, C. O. Austin, Ernest Cherest, executive

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meister, Chas. Hickman, K. D. Hutchings, Glenn B. Helm, Hube McLearn, F. C. Maxfield, V. M. Pugh, Don C. Pittman, Fred Sayre, Lester Soule, R. J. Smith and Leo Welch. Meetings are held in the town hall on the first Monday in each month. The following are the present officers of the department: V. M. Pugh, chief; Lester Soule, assistant chief; D. E. Eakins, secretary.

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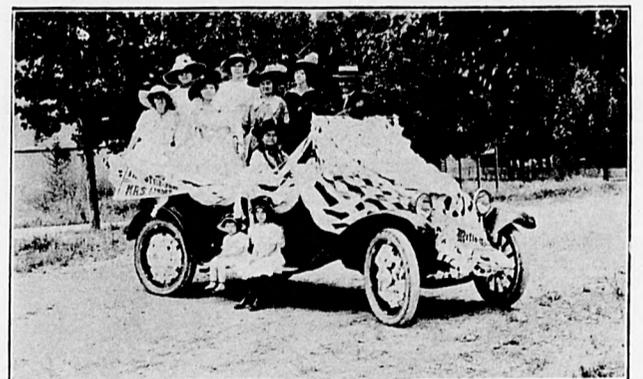
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E. M. COLE
Secretary The Rifle Apple Pie Day Fair Association



Woodmen of the World Float, Apple Pie Day Parade, 1915

RIFLE'S first celebration of a public character was held in 1891, the title chosen being that of Watermelon Day, for even in that early day period of Western Garfield county's history and development both watermelon and cantaloupes were grown in large quantities. The plan for the first celebration included the free distribution of all the melons. Rifle's guests could eat, speech-making and dancing and a good time generally. The Glenwood band furnished the music and al-

acres) was purchased from Al. Zieseniss and the enterprise was launched under the most favorable auspices. To put it mildly, however, more optimism than discretion or judgment, financially, was displayed, with the result that too great a burden of indebtedness was contracted and in a couple of years the association gave up the ghost. The expenditures included the erection of a large exhibit hall, a goodly number of pens and stables for livestock and the building of a half-mile race track which was pronounced by horsemen at that time to be one of the best in Colorado. Some mighty good harness and running races were held and people came from far and near and Rifle was certainly a "good old

tests, calf-roping and plenty of music. In 1909 the first event of this kind was staged and it was the biggest kind of a success. Every year since Apple Pie Day has continued to be the big annual affair in Garfield county and in 1915 the largest crowd Rifle has ever been called upon to entertain was present. Instead of one day as in the beginning a two days' program is now carried out, a feature of Seventh Annual Apple Pie Day (1915) being a big street parade, participated in by the school children and various patriotic and fraternal societies, with prizes awarded for handsomest and most unique floats. Views of two floats are contained in this issue — Woodmen of the World and that

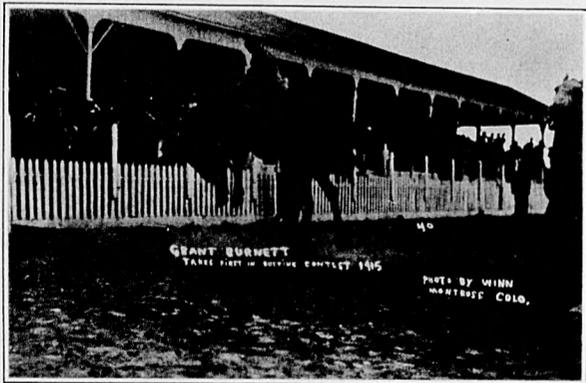


though there was more or less rain during the day, the "celebration" was voted a genuine success.

The following year Watermelon Day was again celebrated, but on a more elaborate scale than in 1891, and there was also a much larger attendance. The program included a barbecue dinner, open air dancing and addresses by prominent people. Hon. H. W. Hallett gave a short address of welcome and the then Hon. Carrie Lane Chapman made a fervent appeal in behalf of equal suffrage. This was the first public address in favor of the enfranchisement of the women of Colorado made in Garfield county. Another feature of the occasion was a baby contest, with a handsome prize to be awarded to the prettiest baby. There were between fifteen and twenty entries and after due deliberation the committee of three, (we can recall only the names of two at this time, Bernette T. Napier and Miss Lila Kilduff) awarded the prize to Fanny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong. Among the first frame buildings erected in Rifle was that known as Peace hall, on Third street, about where Ennis & Frost's hardware store is now located. The late Judge Peace, then numbered among Glenwood's most prominent citizens, was the owner of the same and here was exhibited a fine display of fruit, vegetables and grain, for the purposes of demonstrating the agricultural possibilities of this part of the Grand valley.

burg" on the occasion of holding these annual fairs. Notably were there large delegations here from Glenwood Springs, Meeker and Aspen. While the patriotism of the people of this section is just as pronounced as that existent anywhere in Uncle Sam's domain, following the holding of several Fourth of July celebrations in Rifle, a sentiment became manifest favoring giving this date to neighboring towns and having a fete day entirely different in character. Various suggestions were offered and finally it was decided that Rifle should have an Apple Pie Day, the distinguishing feature of which would be a great feast of apple pies and coffee, together with a program of field and athletic sports, horse racing, bucking con-

representing Mrs. Linder's Style Shop. Fifteen hundred pies and great quantities of coffee were served at noon of the first day, Thursday, September 2, and the view on this page shows the ladies in charge of the serving and other features of the big feast in readiness for the coming of the hungry multitude. Be it said at this point that the hearty co-operation of the ladies of Rifle and vicinity is absolutely essential to the success of Apple Pie Day, and this has been freely granted. Showing further the progressive spirit which has always prevailed in Rifle, title has been acquired by the town to 10 acres of land for park purposes and a large grand stand erected with a seat-



RIDING A BAD ONE

The people of Rifle and vicinity being nothing if not progressive, even at that early day, decided that the success of the two watermelon days warranted the forming of a "County Fair Association," and this plan was carried out. A tract of ground a mile and a half west of town (18

A feature of Apple Pie Day is the bucking contest, and some "thrillers" occur each year. Grant Burnett was the champion in 1915, and he also distinguished himself by winning first prize both at Montrose and Durango. He also rode in competition with

the best man in Irwin Bros.' Wild West combination at Grand Junction and was pronounced by the newspapers of that city as the best rider taking part in the big show. The picture above shows Grant riding a vicious one over at Montrose.

ing capacity of about 500. On these grounds many of the field sports are held, as well as the bucking and roping contests and races. The Rifle Apple Pie Day Fair Association was regularly incorporated under the state laws of Colorado in 1912 and is therefore eligible to receive funds from the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners for the payment of premiums on Colorado-bred stock, as well as an annual appropriation from the county. The present officers of the association are Frank D. Squier, president; E. M. Cole, secretary; W. H. Haley, treasurer, and these gentlemen together with Messrs. H. Eiche and George W. Pittman constitute the board of directors.

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The town of Rifle is fortunate in one particular respect, and an important one. Within one hour's ride by car there is good trout fishing, and in the midst of most beautiful natural surroundings. Thirteen miles north of town is located Rifle falls and a couple of miles beyond is the great Box canon within which are numerous spots ideal for camping purposes or in which to idle away as many hours as one may desire. Those who do not care to camp and lunch out in the open will find hospitality awaiting them at Rifle Falls Ranch, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Zerbe, and visitors from a distance desiring an outing in the hills of Grand Old Colorado will not regret spending a week, two weeks or an entire summer as guests at this fine mountain resort.

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The Denver Live Stock Market is Colorado's greatest commercial institution. It furnishes a broad outlet for all classes of live stock every business day of the year.

In 1915 more cattle, hogs, sheep and horses were sold in Denver than during any previous year in the history of the market.

New facilities and improvements are being provided in the packing houses as well as the stock yards, looking to continued growth of the market.

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