

PIOCHE NOTES. From the Record of March 5— Yesterday 102 head of sheep arrived in town from Cedar, Utah. These are very fat, weighing from 75 to 90 pounds. To-day Major Peck is expected to arrive with 200 more sheep and 100 beef cattle also from Utah. These animals will be slaughtered and offered for sale at the City Meat Market. Ploche people may rely upon plenty of good beef and mutton at any rate.

The health of Pioche continues good. The winter now closing, which has been marked by an unusual number of deaths. Owing to better housing than people had two years ago, pneumonia, which has been very severe in former years, has hardly been known.

There are four schools in this place—the Grammar school, E. Schepman, teacher, the intermediate school, Mrs. Wait, teacher, the primary school, Mrs. Wilmarth, teacher, and a new school, taught by Mrs. Dakin. Altogether there are about 125 pupils attending these schools, of which ten or twelve are taught privately. Personal observation enables us to speak in commendatory terms of all. Whatever may be said to the disadvantage of our schools, the people take just pride in the education of the youth.

The following remarks of the Editor of the Record apply to Pioche: "Many of the ladies who attend the balls given in this town complain that they cannot wear fine or costly dresses on such occasions. The gentlemen do not wear gowns; consequently dresses of silk and other fine textures which are easily soiled are dispensed with by the ladies. Gentlemen who intend going to a ball should provide themselves with 'kids' if they wish to keep in the good graces of the ladies. A hint to the wise—don't it!"

Within the memory of the oldest inhabitant of this portion of the Sagebrush State, no winter has been experienced so much as this, so that which we have the temerity to hope has passed and gone. Since the early days of December we have had no snow, and the weather, with only brief intervals of fair weather. But it does seem now as if the worst was over. From the first days of December till the first of March we have had the weather that was even passable; but the juvenile population had a jolly time coasting, and those of mature years made the best of it.

The severity of the season has not resulted in any disaster, so far as we are able to learn; stock generally has been able to weather the storm, and as a natural result of the heavy snow of the past we look forward to an abundance of grass and good crops generally. The edition of the "Beautiful Snow" is exhausted, but as it seems not to be in demand just now, we do not regret the circumstance.

From the Record of March 5— We hear of considerable distress among cattle and horses in the Kanarra country, Utah. Seventy head of cattle were found in one place, having succumbed to the severity of the winter. Fourteen horses had been snowed in and had eaten off each other's tails entirely. In Spring Valley, a part of which is in Nevada, stock is doing tolerably well. No beef cattle have died, and of the few which have been unable to weather the storm they were only young cattle and old cows.

Yesterday's interviews and conversations with mining men convinced us of the increased confidence felt by the miners in the future of their industry. That dependent feeling which prevailed a month ago has been supplanted by one of more hopefulness. The recent developments in the American Flag and Portland mines afford the most gratifying proofs that there are more valuable mines in this district than have entered into the calculations of mining experts generally. From all we were able to gather yesterday we were enabled to refer to mining matters here in a more cheerful spirit than heretofore.

Those who are best able to form correct conclusions unite in the opinion that a brighter era is about to dawn upon Pioche.

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