

MORMONS IN MEXICO.

Review of the Work Done in the Early Settlement.

PRESENT PROSPECTS AND PROSPECTS.

A Complete Map of the Colony Drafted Especially for the "Deseret News."

When the history of the first two years of the settlement of the "Mormon" people in Mexico shall be written, it will form one of the most interesting chapters in the annals of the early settlement of the West.

Up to the close of the year 1888, the efforts of the First Presidency of the Church to establish settlements in this country had been directed to the lands occupied by the Yagui Indians in the State of Sonora, but after the return of the expedition headed by Apostle Brigham Young, Jr., and their attention was turned to the northwestern corner of the State of Chihuahua. Accordingly, P. M. McDonald and Christopher Layton, in pursuance of instructions from President John Taylor, started on the twenty-first day of July by rail from Salt Lake City, Utah, for the new settlement in this locality. Upon reaching San Jose, a small station on the Mexican Central railroad, about thirty miles west of El Paso, Texas, they found in advance of them John W. Campbell, Joseph Rogers, John Long, and from Salt Lake City, some of them with their families. A trip of inspection was made from San Jose, through the State of Chihuahua, and a favorable report forwarded to President Taylor. Explorations continuing, the site of the new settlement was located in the State of Chihuahua, where the Yagui Indians were still to be seen, and a farm of about 100 acres was secured at San Jose and a crop put in.

Meanwhile, a committee of five, consisting of Apostle Moses Thatcher, P. M. McDonald, Jos. Smith, John W. Campbell, and Christopher Layton had been appointed to purchase land in Mexico, and were now engaged in this country that the way was open, and the movement begun.

The first of a series of troubles resulting from the purchase of the land on the 7th day of April, 1889, while the migration was in the height, about six weeks after the first arrival in the country. There were at the time only three hundred and fifty souls in the settlement, and the land was not yet secured. The trouble was caused by the fact that the land was not yet secured, and the trouble was caused by the fact that the land was not yet secured.

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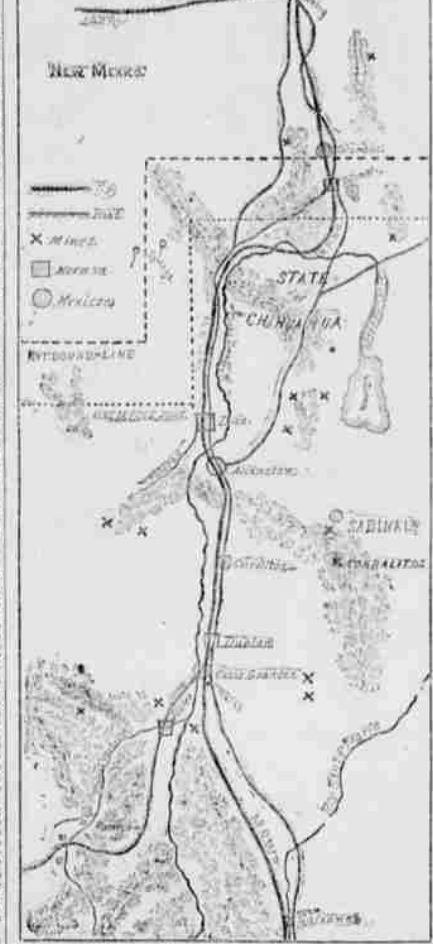
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Map of the Mormon settlement in Mexico, showing the location of San Jose and the surrounding area.

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