

The Mariposa route is via the town of Mariposa, 46 miles, thence to Clark's, 31 miles. At Clark's, a road leads to the Mariposa grove of trees—427 in number—the largest being 34 feet in diameter. From Clark's, it is 23 miles to the valley—making, by this route, 100 miles from Mercede.

No. 54 ANNEX. Our Artists—The greater portion of the engraving in this work was executed by R. S. Bross, of New York, and C. W. Chandler, of Ravenswood, Illinois. Nearly all the large views, including "Utah's Best Crop," "Woman of the Period" and "Brigham Young," were engraved from photographs, by Mr. Bross, while the "Orange Orchard," "The Loop," "Crossing the Sangre de Christo Mountains," "Yucca Palm," "Hanging Rock of Utah," etc., were engraved by Mr. Chandler.

The photographs were by Savage, of Salt Lake City, and Watkins and Houseworth, of San Francisco. All these artists, we take pleasure in recommending.

No. 55 ANNEX. Arizona—is a Territory of 122,000 square miles, more than double the size of the State of Pennsylvania, and, if reports are true, contains a wealth of minerals *far* exceeding any portion of the United States. Indian difficulties have had much to do in retarding the settlement of the Territory, but happily they are now at an end, and the proximity of the "iron horse" has had a tendency to direct attention to this heretofore almost inaccessible region, the result of which will soon enable the land of *Arizunna*—"The Beautiful of the Sun"—to come forward and demand admission into the Union of States as one more star in the bright constellation. Spanish Adventurers penetrated Arizona as early as 1540, but no permanent settlement was made until 1560, when the Jesuit Fathers settled with their followers at Tucson. In 1725 there were thirty missions within the present limits of Arizona, besides seventy-one Indian villages in charge of the Jesuit Missionaries. At that time these missions were in the height of their prosperity, and from which time they commenced to decline, owing principally to Indian difficulties. Many of the missions were burned and the priests murdered. Arizona was obtained from Mexico by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in 1843, and by the Gadsden Purchase in 1853.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company were the first to build a railroad to the line of Arizona, and, we believe, possess the ability to complete the line across the Territory from west to east should the Government grant them the privilege. But of the intentions of the company we know nothing further than the common report, that they

have all the material at hand to complete two hundred miles more, just as soon as they are allowed so to do. That the route would be a profitable one and one greatly needed, there can be little doubt, traversing, as it will, one of the richest mineral and pastoral regions in the world.

ITEMS. Gold—It is reported that Sir Francis Drake was the first discoverer of gold on the Pacific Coast. He landed on the coast a few miles north of the Bay of San Francisco, in the summer of 1578, and reported to Queen Elizabeth: "There is no part of earth here to be taken up wherein there is not a reasonable quantity of gold and silver." Yet the discovery was not followed up.

Big Grape Vine—The largest grape vine in California covered about one acre of land, and bore a crop of 12,000 pounds of grapes a year. It was four and a half feet in circumference, and six feet high, before branching out. It was dug up and taken to the Centennial Exhibition in 1876.

"Where Can I Go in the Western Country to Make Money?"—When we are in the Eastern States, that question is one that we are called upon almost daily to answer. Mr. Greeley once advised the young man to "Go West," but did not tell him what to do, to succeed. We answer the question, unhesitatingly: You can make money ANYWHERE in the great West, if you will peel off your coat and go to work. But if you have no money, and are *afraid* or *ashamed* to work, stay at home, if you have one, and let your friends support you. It would take a million such to make *one live Western man*. But if you have any ambition and self-reliance, and will work at the first opportunity—and will hunt around for the opportunity—will *let gambling, whisky and kindred vices alone*, you can make "a bushel of money," in a few years, anywhere. The want of the Far West is good, honest, reliable, steady men. *Make a good reputation*—that is the main qualification. Do not be afraid to wear out a pick, shovel or drill, or to engage in any other honest labor—but don't hunt for a clerkship or expect to be petted, or wait for some one to proffer you nuggets of gold; but remember, it must be your own industry, your own energy, your own good manner, that will bring success.

