

# CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE NEW SOUTHWEST - ARKANSAS

## EUREKA SPRINGS.

To the invalid who visits these famous springs in the search after health, and finding it, returns to a happy family, the full history of the Eureka springs would be of great interest; and yet, to the thousands who are making earnest inquiries after the means of securing health, a reference to these celebrated waters will appear like a new revelation. Within a period of only two years these waters will appear like a new revelation. Within a period of only two years these waters have become so widely known, so many are being benefited and cured by their use, and so large an inquiry is being stimulated regarding them, that their particular location, curative qualities, and the most accessible way of reaching them, are of special public interest.

In the mountainous regions of the White river, in the northwest section of the State of Arkansas, and in Carroll County, eighteen miles from Seligman, upon the Arkansas division of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, may be found the location of Eureka Springs. For centuries these waters have flowed away to waste and mingle with other streams, and yet, within a period of only two years, their medicinal qualities have been discovered and appreciated. By their use such wonderful cures have been reached, that their fame spread abroad, and the sick and diseased from all sections of the country hastened to drink from these health-restoring fountains.

So recent has been the discovery of these springs that the United States Government still owns the land from which they flow. The jutting spurs of the Ozark range of hills, and those of the more prominent and abrupt Boston mountains, touch, and nearly embrace each other in the grand and picturesque regions of the springs. Upon every side there are sudden surprises of scenery, the valley and the mountain commanding equal attention. At a distance of only six miles flows the White river in a semi-circle through the rugged mountain passes, seemingly to receive the abundance of water which bursts from a porous rock that volcanic energy forced from its normal resting-place. At an elevation of one hundred feet from the valley of Leatherwood creek, an affluent of White river, and a distance from the summit of a range of hills extending east and west, of two hundred feet, may be found the rocky pocket, which is always filled from the main spring with these wonderful waters. The whole family of springs flowing from this source number about forty, forming the Leatherwood creek. A portion of them, including the main spring, are impregnated with mineral properties, the curative qualities of which have reached to every portion of the country, as already mentioned. In addition to the great benefits derived from a use of these waters, it may, with truth, be urged, that the salubrious air and climate of that region, the majesty and grandeur of its diversified scenery, and the wondrous change from the exactions of industry to the relaxation of a communion with the loftiest and most attractive forms of nature, aids largely in the restoration of the vital energies and fortifies the system against the enervating progress of disease. These waters are not only all that is claimed for them, but they surprise and make glad the invalids who use them. Therefore it is that a brief description of the town of Eureka Springs will be of great interest to thousands throughout the land. The twelve hills and elevations adjacent to the springs are the surface conformations upon which the town is built. It has an age of less than two years, and it has already reached a population sufficient form a city organization and government. The first primitive log cabin was erected July 4, 1879, and two days thereafter a board shanty was constructed by a man from St. Louis, and filled with general merchandise. Very soon the hills about the springs were places for raising tents, and the throng who came to drink of the water from the rock basin were in this way supplied with shelter. Within the period of a month, box-houses began to be erected, and that fall the first hotel was opened. It is not necessary to describe the difficulties of the citizens in making locations, in the general rush which rapidly augmented the population, which resulted from the fact that the United States Government held the title to all of the lands, as before mentioned, but the emergency was so great that a committee of twelve was appointed by the citizens to arrange locations, and the action of which is still recognized. To-day Eureka is a city, having a mayor and council and other officers, public schools and churches, hotels, halls, substantial stores and dwellings. The way to get there is by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, over its Arkansas division from Pierce City to Seligman, and thence by stage or private conveyance, eighteen miles, to the springs. The road is completed to Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a projected road, to be operated by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, from Seligman to Eureka, has already been chartered. The city to which this notice is given is one of popular resort, both for invalids who are in the search after health, and by those who would enjoy the grandest scenery in America.

An analysis of the water of these celebrated springs is appended. The following is a copy of an analysis by Professors Potter and Riggs, of Washington University, of St. Louis, Missouri. Each gallon of 231 cubic inches contains the following:

Chloride . . . . .	0.19 grains.
Sulphate soda . . . . .	0.09 grains.
Bi-carbonate soda . . . . .	0.15 grains.
Sulphate potash . . . . .	0.13 grains.
Bi-carbonate lime . . . . .	4.43 grains.
Bi-carbonate magnesia . . . . .	0.47 grains.
Iron and alumina . . . . .	0.08 grains.
Silica . . . . .	0.31 grains.

Total solids . . . . . 5.85 grains.

Free ammonia 0.15, and albuminoid ammonia, 0.07 parts in a million.

The following is an analysis of the Eureka water (from the basin) by Messrs. Wright & Merrell, celebrated analytical chemists, 310 North Eleventh street, St. Louis, Missouri:

Total solids per gallon, .220 grammes, equal to 3.397 grains, of which there is of carbonate of lime in solution .104 grammes, equal to 1.606 grains. Soluble silica, .007 grammes, equal to .108 grains. Organic matter composed of crenic acid (according to Mulder), .26 grammes, equal to .4 grains. Extractive matter, .074 grammes, equal to 1.1141 grains. Loss, .009 grammes, equal to .138 grains.

The gaseous contents, as ascertained by Prof. Juan H. Wright, M. D., an eminent analytical chemist of St. Louis, who made the examination at the spring, is 28.52 cubic inches in each gallon of water.

Experience, which is the only practical test, has determined that the medicinal virtues of these waters are specially valuable for the cure and eradication of cutaneous diseases of all kinds, cancerous difficulties, rheumatism, sore eyes, dyspepsia, kidney complaints, catarrh, diseases of the liver, ulcers and asthma. It is claimed that they greatly benefit and purify the system if they do not effect a complete cure of many other diseases. The springs can be visited in safety at any season of the year, the winters being mild and delightful, which the altitude of the city above the sea level renders the summers no less desirable, the nights being especially refreshing and cool because of the purity of the air and a genial breeze.

### **ROGERS.**

The situation of this town is upon the line of the Arkansas division of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, 335 ½ miles from St. Louis, and eighteen miles from the Missouri State line, in the county of Benton, which is in the extreme northwestern portion of the State of Arkansas. The adjacent country is immediately west of the Boston mountains, and spreading westward, in the form of rolling prairies, rich valleys and fertile hillsides, finds only an imaginary boundary upon the eastern line of the magnificent Indian Territory. The soils are rich and productive, yielding abundantly at the touch of industrious husbandry. Therefore, in that section of country, which is being rapidly developed, the town and railway station of Rogers was established. In honor of Mr. C. W. Rogers, who has long been connected with the expanding commercial importance of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, and at present the Vice-President and General Manager of that great corporation, that town was named. It had neither house, habitation nor being until March 20, 1881, when it was surveyed and a settlement was established. It is now an incorporated town with a population of 586, which is receiving daily accessions. Its rapid growth is one of the surprises of the present age, not unusual, but a sequence of the expanding railway facilities which are now penetrating every section of the New Southwest. Already it has a public school with an average attendance of thirty-six, one private school, one church (the first Congregational), one hotel, a post-office, several merchants, and the industries which are found in towns having an existence of many years. Upon the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, of the present year, there was not a single house upon the ground now occupied by that town, as already mentioned, and which has now fifty buildings. A railway is projected from that point, branching from the line of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, to the famous Eureka springs, the construction of which will be completed during the present year. The town of Rogers is the shipping -point for Bentonville, the county-seat, which is only six miles distant, and for all of the products of Benton County, among which may be noticed that of cotton. That staple has been drawn by teams from that section of country a long distance to find transportation facilities to a market, but now it is practically within the reach of a limited number of hours to St. Louis. A directory of the town of Rogers is not appended, because its growth is so marvelous and rapid, that even a month may work changes that years do not effect in an Eastern town.

### **FAYETTEVILLE.**

The present temporary terminal point of the Arkansas division of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, is Fayetteville, the official capital of Washington County, Arkansas, which is beautifully situated upon a broad

elevation, 160 miles northwest of Little Rock, and 354 ½ miles from St. Louis. Its location is in the northern central portion of the county referred to, and west of the main fork of White river. It has a present population of about 1,500, and it contains a system of public schools which is admirably adapted to the educational advancement of its youth. In this connection it is proper to mention the Arkansas Industrial University, which is located in that town, and was founded in 1872. Its management is under the direction of experienced and competent professors, and the institution has attained a high position and wide reputation. In that town, which now feels the fresh energies and impulses of railway facilities, there are elements which will develop the industries and the commercial progress of a city several times its present magnitude. Already it has one bank, seven churches, a fine court-house, general stores and a full representation of the trade industries.

The scenery about Fayetteville is at once grand and picturesque, and the opening of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway to that point will induce large numbers to visit that section of Arkansas. Its clear waters, genial climate and altitude render it an inviting winter resort for invalids. Such is the condition of a prosperous town, which is now entering upon a new career, the future of which is filled with promise.

### EUREKA SPRINGS.

Its situation is in Carroll County, Arkansas, in the mountainous regions of the White river, in the northwestern section of that State. It is reached by the Arkansas division of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway by way of Seligman, and thence by stage eighteen miles. On page 26 (page 1 of this transcription) may be found a full description and history of that city.

#### Directory.

CITY OFFICIALS:—John Carroll, mayor; W. H. Jones, S. B. Grigg, H. H. Moose, Geo. Bruding, Geo. Maddox, councilmen; Henry Glitsch, city attorney; J. J. Kirk, city marshal; F. A. Packard, recorder.

LODGES:—Masonic; I.O.O.F.; Knights of Pythias.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:—Methodist (North); Methodist (South); Episcopal; Baptist; Catholic; Presbyterian; Campbellite.

SCHOOLS:—Four public.

NEWSPAPERS:—Herald (semi-weekly), Grace & Cunningham, proprietors; Echo (semi-weekly), Nickells & Sons, publishers and proprietors.

Assner Chas., blacksmith.

Baldrege & Lawandowshe, cigars and tobacco.

Barnes G. W., grocer.

Barnes R. M. Jr., dentist.

Barnes W. M., notions. Beaver & Faulkner., livery.

Balkemore & Douglass, saloon.

Bowers P., furniture.

Bressler D. W., grocer and confectioner.

Brim & Co., H. N., drugs.

Brite & Weeks, grocers.

Brown C. W., books and news.

Brown W. J., general merchandise.

Boyd & Waldron, laundry.

Burton H. M., prop. Metropolitan Hotel.

Buckner L. Livery.

Butler Dorsey, livery.

Barnes & Taylor, real estate.

Baker Mrs. Lou., physician.

Baker & Payne, real estate.

Boynton L. L., physician.

Black E. J., attorney.

Calhoun, Frank, prop. St. James hotel

Campbell H. A., grocer.

Campbell S. M., grocer.

Carroll John, grocer and saloon.

Carthage House, John Prigmore, prop.

Chastine Benj., saloon.

Chinn G. W., grocer.

Clark & Hutchens, general merchandise.

Clark J. G., groceries.

Cunningham Mrs. J. C., dry goods and millinery.

Conner A. W., hotel.

Cowan & McGuffin, dry goods, etc.

Conover & Warren, barber.

Conant & Lane, Seligman state line and livery.

Cross & Diver, stage line.

Cross & Fulkerson, attorneys at law.

Darity B. F., grocer.

Davis & Freeman, general merchandise.

Dayton Jas., mattress manufacturer.

Delzer Mrs. F., bakery and confectionery.

Dickey W. W., hardware and groceries.

Donaldson J. C., lumber.

Dunnaway & Son, general merchandise.

Deverell R. S., barber.

Davis J. D., physician.

Ducker J. O., physician

DeWitt L. B., ticket agent St. Louis & San Francisco Railway.

Eureka House, R. W. Jackson, proprietor.

Earl J. C., physician.

Elkins L. W., grocer.

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Falconer J. W., Theatre Comique.  
 Fife Sam'l, notions.  
 Frost S., general store.  
 Field H. D., groceries.  
 Grand Central, A. W. Connor, proprietor.  
 Gay John., saddlery.  
 Gay R. J., saloon.  
**GITSCH & WHARTON**, attorneys at law.  
 Glitsch H., city attorney.  
 German T. P., law and real estate.  
 Gibbs A. J., physician.  
 Goodman & Smith, upsholster.  
 Harbin J. G., general merchandise.  
**HANCOCK HOUSE**, J. T. Waddill, proprietor.  
**HARRISON M.**, physician.  
 Hobert & Breeding, general merchandise.  
 Henry N. S., hardware.  
 Herman & Eaton, publishers "Herald."  
 Herman J. D. C., general store.  
 Hogue J. M., drugs and liquors.  
 Hough S. F., hotel.  
 Hyler J. C., attorney.  
 Howard S. W., physician.  
 Hyatt E. P., justice of the peace.  
 Howell J. T., attorney.  
 Irvine A. J., butcher.  
 Jefferson & Brown, saloon.  
 Jermegar D. B., furniture.  
 Jackson R. W., hotel.  
 Johnson & Willis, saloon.  
 Jenkins Bros., hardware.  
 Jones W. H., barber.  
 Johnson W. W., physician.  
 Jackson J. H., saloon.  
 Kaufman & Black, clothing.  
 Kepper & Wait, groceries.  
 King Bros. & Carlock, general merchandise.  
 Kirk & Whitcomb, grocers.  
 Lloyd L. M., hotel.  
 Lyles H. T., grocer.  
 Landaker P., grocer.  
 Linzee E. M., real estate.  
 Mansfield J. S., grocer.  
**METROPOLITAN HOTEL**, H. M. Burton,  
 proprietor.  
 Martin & Hufford, grocers.  
**MOUNTAIN HOUSE**, Evers & Jackson,  
 proprietors.  
 Moore Mrs. A. M., dressmaking.  
 Mattox J. O., general merchandise and saloon.  
 Miller John, grocer.  
 Montgomery T. H., & Bro., general merchandise.  
 Morris & Wood, saloon.  
 Neil & Proctor, grocers.  
 Newman A. J., prop. Southern Hotel.

Nixon Mrs. M. E., millinery and dressmaking.  
 Nixon R. O., grocer and confectioner.  
 Northcut & Duncan, general merchandise.  
 Owens F. D., physician.  
 Patterson B., baker.  
 Patterson B., prop. Pettigrew House.  
 Perry Henry, general merchandise.  
 Prigmore John, hotel.  
 Priestly J. Q., grocer.  
 Pettigrew Z. M., postmaster.  
 Pulham Colonel, attorney at law.  
**PICKETT J. H.**, shipper of Eureka spring water.  
 Rackerby Bros., general merchandise.  
 Rife, Brashier & Co., drugs and groceries.  
 Robertson & Bros., general merchandise.  
 Robinson J. W., bootmaker.  
 Roth & Brown, clothing.  
 Rudolph B. A., general merchandise.  
 Rhoads L., attorney.  
 Reese W. A., physician.  
 Samstag, Chas., grocer.  
 Shelton C. E., blacksmith.  
 St. Charles Hotel, Mrs. E. A. Marshall, proprietor.  
 Smith J. F. grocer.  
 Smith, Rife, & Co., groceries.  
**SOUTHERN HOTEL**, A. J. Newman, proprietor.  
 Steimalt L.G., grocer.  
 Stewart W. N., grocer.  
 Swartz P. L., general merchandise.  
 Thornton K. B., general merchandise.  
**TIBBS, J. S.**, SHIPPER OF Eureka basin water.  
 Tobin John, clothing, etc.  
 Torbert Granville, feed, etc.  
 Tucker Jas. W., groceries.  
 Tucker J. M., general merchandise.  
 Trailkill J. W., physician.  
 Van Winkle P., lumber.  
 Waddill J. T., proprietor Hancock House.  
 Willis & Adams, contractors and builders.  
 Wells & Britts, groceries.  
 West & Co., grocers.  
 Wisconsin House, E. R. Bradbury, proprietor.  
 Wilson A. T., grocer.

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