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Business Directory

Colorado Springs in 1887

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COLORADO SPRINGS. El Paso County.

This delightful little city is essentially one of homes, where the families of many of the most influential business men of the state reside. It is a temperance town, with charming society and an elegant opera house, built as a place of enjoyment rather than as an investment, by some of the most successful citizens. There are many points of scenic interest within an hour's ride from the city. Among them may be mentioned Unevenne Canons, Austin's Glen, Blair Athol, Queen's Canon and Glen Eyric. No more delightful places can be found in which to enjoy the beautiful in nature and to breathe the health-giving and exhilarating air than these. Colorado Springs was laid out as a health resort, and its fame as a sanitarium is widespread and thoronghly deserved. It is sheltered on the west by the range of mountains, on the East by bloffs, on the north by a spur of mountains called the Divide, and on the southwest by Cheyenne mountain. The town covers an area of four square miles, so there is plenty of ground around most of the houses; the streets are wide and lined with shade trees. The plateau on which Colorado, Springs is built has two water courses, dividing on the north and joining on the south. The ground has a gentle slope from north to south. The gravel which forms the sub-soil is extremely porous, so there is a perfect natural drainage.

Population, 6,000. Elevation, 5,992.

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