TRINIDAD.

The town of Trinidad is situated near the base of a spur of the Rocky Mountains, on the old emigrant route from the States to Santa Fe, and a few miles from Raton peak—a well-known landmark—which gives its name to the defile or pass that for many years has been the gate-way for the immense traffic of New Mexico, and through which are still carried all government supplies for distribution at the various military posts in that Territory, and a part of Arizona.

The situation of the town is picturesque, lying as it does on the banks of the Purcaito or Las Animas river, a stream, whose valley of about 1,500 miles in length, embraces some of the most fertile lands in Colorado. The surrounding hills, covered with the pinon and sabina, relieving somewhat the hard gray aspect of the bold cliffs beyond, present attractions of a superior order. Inexhaustible beds of coal underlie the town, and outcrops of the same are visible in all the neighboring ravines. Copper and iron ores have been discovered in the vicinity, and a proper development of the mineral resources of the mountains contiguous would doubtless insure rich returns to the enterprising capitalists, and the adjacent plain to the eastward, covered with nutritious grasses, affords excellent pasturage for cattle and sheep, a source of no inconsiderable profit to persons engaged in the stock business.

The geographical position of Trinidad gives it a prominence that must sooner or later make it the commercial center of a large district. The town, with a population of 1,000, with its forty stores and shops, with its numberless and slow-joggling freight wagons, with its daily and tri-weekly mail coaches, and the rapidly increasing travel, already attracts attention abroad, and gives promise of a prosperous future. It may safely be said that the six or eight persons who, at the commencement of the last decade, erected a cluster of log shanties where the present town site is, had no idea of the real significance of their feeble invasion of the wilderness.

In the spring of 1860, Rieley V. Dunn, William Frazier, U. P. Curtis and the Archibald brothers built cabins and located fords in the valley opposite Trinidad. Charleston, an old French Canadian and Rocky Mountain trapper, had settled the year previous at the mouth of Gray's creek, about four miles below town, where he caused to be erected the first permanent dwelling in what is now known as Las Animas county. At that time his neighbors where the late B. R. Boyce, on the Upper Huerfano, and Charles Autubis, Calvin Jones, and a few others, on the Lower Huerfano, the nearest one being at what Daniel Boone would have called the "convenient distance" of fifty miles.

In 1862, W. R. Walker, C. Raymond, R. Vigil, J. L. Alires and G. Gutierra staked off a number of lots, built cabins, and thus originated the nucleus of the now thriving town of Trinidad. The Philbrook brothers
established the first store, which they soon disposed of to Felipe Baca and William Hohne, who continued the business, and for two years were the only merchants in the place. J. M. Stoner, J. R. Skelly, W. A. Bransford, A. W. Archibald and Juan I. Allers subsequently engaged in mercantile pursuits, with varied and indifferent success, since they were obliged to depend chiefly upon travelers and immigrants for patronage. When the war created a demand for that article, Hohne, who dealt extensively in grain, filled large contracts, became prosperous, and has since retired to enjoy his fortune.

The town has since advanced rapidly, and the country about it has also advanced in many respects. All branches of trade are well represented in Trinidad. The Messrs. Barraudough, Prowers & Hough, Thatcher Bros. & Co., R. L. Wooten, Jr., M. Beshoar, physician and surgeon, and J. Davis, may be cited as the representative business men of the place. The United States Hotel, the principal and most popular public house in southern Colorado, is a credit to the town. The place supports a weekly newspaper, recently established, called the Trinidad Enterprise. The first grist-mill, operated in the town or county, was built by Jacob Beard, in the summer of 1883; two others have since been completed, and are now running successfully. There are also two saw-mills in the vicinity.

In October, 1866, the citizens of Trinidad and Las Animas county, suffered all manner of indignities at the hands of the Ute Indians, under the leadership of the notorious chief, Ka-ni-ba-cho. These pestiferous nomads, troublesome alike in peace or war, had hatched up some imaginary grievances, and forthwith betook themselves to the war-path. Many exposed and helpless settlers were pounced upon and murdered, their homes despoiled, and their cattle and horses driven away. So little resistance was offered that the savages became more and more violent, practicing their depredations with impunity, and threatening to depopulate the entire region. Finally, a troop of cavalry, from Fort Stevens, under command of Col. Alexander, came to the rescue. The cavalry officers and several of the chiefs met in conference, and the latter positively declined to either make known their grievances or to desist from their outrages. Failing in all reasonable endeavors to pacify the blood-thirsty thieves, Col. Alexander abandoned Quaker arguments and appealed to the sabres and Sharpe's carbines of his men. He gave the band a terrible thrashing, killing many brave, and driving the balance out of the country. In their return, true to their instincts, they murdered and pillaged indiscriminately, but from that day the settlements in southern Colorado have been secure from the depredations of marauding red-skins.

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Dupont E. clerk, with Prowers & Hough, bds. United States Hotel

Duran A. laborer, r. foot of A

Dunton Riley V. farmer, r. cor. A and Cedar

EDWARDS CHARLES, carpenter, bds. United States Hotel

Ellwood Geo. bookkeeper, bds. Sherman House

Ennis W. S. musician, r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Escor G. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Espinoza J. laborer, r. foot of Main

Ewing J. teamster, r. Pine nr. C

Estrella T. teamster, r. Cedar, bet. E and F

FARRAND C. M. prop. flouring mills, Commercial, below Front

Fisher George, farmer, r. head of Main

Fisher J. B. r. Main, bet. D and E

Fisher W. R. dealer in general merchandise, cor. Main and Commercial

Flaherty Joseph, laborer, bds. cor. Main and Commercial

Flaiming John, stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel

Foulke F. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

Freeman F. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

GALLEGII RITA, widow, cor. Convent and Commercial

Garcia A. r. Main, bet. C and D

Garcia Jesus, laborer, bds. Main, bet. E and F

Garcia L laborer, r. cor. Cedar and Commercial

Garcia O. farmer, with Felipe Bar foot of Commercial

Garcia J. A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. E and F

Garcia S laborer, r. Pine, bet. C and D

Geis A. architect and builder, r. foot of Commercial

Geis V. carpenter, r. foot of Commercial

Geurts Dmirk, plasterer, r. foot of A

Gonzalez D. laborer, r. head of Main

Gonzalez M. A. widow, r. A and Pine

Gouraule A. r. Cedar, cor. B and D

Grasscock Frank, bricklayer, bds. Main, bet. C and D

Guiteras A. laborer, r. head of Main

Guiteras D. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Guiteras M. r. head of Main

Guyot Francis, assistant pastor Church of the Holy Trinity, r. Main, bet. E and F

HAGAR HENRY, gardener, bds. United States Hotel

Hall A. M. drover, bds. United States Hotel

Harlow ———— drover, bds. United States Hotel

Hart E. bds. United States Hotel

Hartwick J. saloonkeeper, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Hatch F. carpenter, r. A, nr. Front

Hatch A. butcher, Commercial, cor. Convent and Front

Hatch T. P. dealer in hardware, tinware, etc., Main, bet. Commercial and First, r. Main, bet. A and B

Hayes S. D. butcher, Main, bet. B and C

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Hough Silas, stock dealer, r. Main, bet. A and Commercial

Hubbard & Archibald, attorneys at law, office, Main, bet. A and Commercial

Hubbard E. J. attorney at law, office, bet. A and Commercial

JACKSON A. (cool), cook, Sherman House

Jackson Frank, saloonkeeper, Main, bet. C and D

Jaffa H. N. (Bierbaum & Co.), dealer in general merchandise, bet. B and C

Jaramillo N. rooms cor. A and Pine

Johnson A. (cool), laborer, r. cor. and Cedar

KELCH MICHAEL, shoemaker, cor. Convent and Commercial

Kelly Michael, laborer, bds. Main, bet. C and D

Kelley P. painter, bds. Sherman House

Kimzey J. D. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Kler Peter, brewer and cooper, r. foot of Commercial

Krogger Louis, carpenter, r. cor. A and Cedar

LAN ANIMAS ACADEMY, cor. A, First and Pine, Rev. E. J. Rice, A. M. principal

Larragoiti Mariano, attorney at law, office, Commercial, cor. Convent and Main

Larson J. D. laborer, r. Pine, bet. D and E

Lara T. (widow), r. cor. A and Pine

Lavy J. clerk, with Maurice Wise

Lopez F. r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Lopez Pedro, miller, Trinidad Flour Mill

Lopez Pacheco, r. C, bet. Cedar and Pine

Lovas J. M. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Loman J. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

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Martin J. D. farmer, r. head of Main

Martin M. D. widow, r. Pine, bet. A and D

Martin Narcisse, laborer, r. C, below Convent

Martinez Maria R. widow, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Massillas J. bds. Main, bet. E and F

May H. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

May J. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

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Mennet A. bookkeeper, bds. Sherman House

Mendes G. r. cor. C and Pine

Messers F. porter, with Thatcher Bros. & Co.

Mestas M. A. laborer, r. Front, nr. A

Meyer Frank, butcher, Main, bet. B and C

McClure Troy, millwright, r. Main, bet. A and B

McClure Nathan, (cool), barber, Main, bet. B and C

McBride George C. tailor, r. Main, bet. D and E

McDonald Wm. baker, Main, bet. A and B

Mescalard B. K. farmer, r. cor. Pine and Second

McKeevey T. F. miner, bds. United States Hotel

McLane A. constable, r. Cedar, bet. A and B

Miller G. stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel

Miller J. W. bds. United States Hotel

Mitchell E. P. dealer in stores, tinware, etc., Commercial and Main

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TARANGO T. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Taylor D. L. stock dealer, r. Cedar and First
Takoma Maria R. r. Pine, bet. A and B
Tiller Ralph R. shoemaker, cor. Commercial and Convent
Templeton J. E. stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel
Thatcher Bros. & Co. dealers in general merchandise, cor. Commercial & Main
Thompson Geor. stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel
Toft Samuel, r. Oak and First
Trujillo Maria A. Mrs. dressmaker, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
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Pacheco P. carpenter, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
Padilla A laboror, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Padilla Carlos, musician, bds. cor. Commercial and Convent
Padilla D. r. cor. Land Cedar
Padilla Jose B. laborer, bds. C, below Convent
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Reed M. C. surgeon dentist, office, cor. B and Main
Reid A. usher, porter, with Maurice Wise
Roche Bancroft, laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B
Rodriguez J. carpenter, r. Main, bet. C and D
Rielinstro W. G. prop. United States Hotel, cor. Main and First
Rivera J. B. laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B
Rivera L. laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B
Robinson O. carpenter, bds. Sherman House
Rodriguez A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
Roland Abner, butcher, Main, bet. C and D
Romero A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Romero Bias, shoemaker, r. C, bet. Cedar and Pine
Romero Francisco, carpenter, r. cor. Commercial and Convent
Romero P. porter, with Prowers & Hough
Romero G. laborer, r. cor. O and Cedar
Romero J. L. laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar
Rose John, waiter, United States Hotel
Rote John S. clerk, with B. Biensman & Co.
Rovila Jesus, laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar

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Sales V. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
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Samora F laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar
Samora M. D. widow, r. cor. C and Cedar
Sanchez Celeste, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
Sanchez E. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
Sanchez Teodoro, silversmith, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Sanchez T. silversmith, r. Commercial, bet. Convent and Main
Sanfidal P. patricia Mrs. seamstress, cor. C and Commercial
Sanfidal Manuela, widow, r. foot Main
Sanfidal Juanito, widow, r. foot of A
Scott P. clerk, with Prows & Hough
Serrano Maria C. widow, r. cor. C and Pine
Segura I. Mrs. seamstress, r. head Main
Segura Pedro, miller, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Sherman House, Main, bet. C and E
Sherman Lewis, bds. Sherman House
Sherman P. B. prop. Sherman House, Main, bet. B and C
Sielken F. Sherman House, Main, bet. B and C
Simpson G. S. r. Main, bet. E and F
Simpson Robert, carpenter, r. cor. Eust Main
Skelly John, stock dealer, rooms cor. C and Main
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Smith Lewis, r. cor. Commercial and Convent
Smith E. B. prop. billiard saloon, cor. C and Main
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Valdez F. printer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Valdez Maria A. widow, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Valdez Rafael, blacksmith, cor. C and Cedar
Varela M. farmer, r. foot of Commercial
Vigil E. laborer, bds. cor. C and Cedar
Vigil M. laborer, r. foot of Commercial
Vigil Pablo, laborer, r. Front, nr. A
Vigil S. bricklayer, r. foot of Commercial

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Weber Henry, carpenter, bds. cor. Commercial and Convent
Webster F. laborer, bds. Sherman House
Webster S. A. carpenter, r. cor. D and Cedar
Whiting J. H. barkeeper, bds. Sherman House
Wilson John, carpenter, bds. Main, bet. C and D
Wilson J. laborer, bds. Main, bet. A and B
Wise Maurice, dealer in general merchandise, etc., Main, bet. B and C
Wooten E. L. Jr. dealer in general merchandise, cor. A and Main
Wright W. carpenter, bds. Sherman House
Wylie S. H. barkeeper, bds. Sherman House