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The Old via the New

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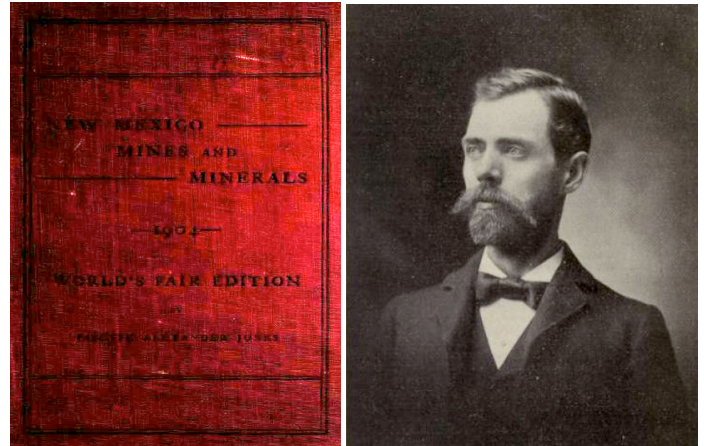
Featured This Month

New Mexico Mines and Minerals: World's Fair Edition, 1904 by Fayette Alexander Jones.

The book starts with a brief history of the mining that took place before the coming of the Europeans and during the Spanish domination. According to the author, there were only two mines worthy of the name during that period, the famous Turquoise mine near Los Cerrillos that was used by the natives long before the coming of the Europeans and a nearby gold mine worked by primitive means during the Spanish domination. He considered the rest of the ancient mining as equivalent to what was currently called prospecting.

The second, and major, part of the book is a brief summary of all of the mining districts in New Mexico. The author was a mining engineer and was directly involved with a large fraction of the areas discussed, both as a participant and as a government representative in various capacities. The descriptions were written at a time when the history of the mines was common—sometimes firsthand—knowledge of the people in the area and in some cases the discoverers and developers of the mines were still available.

The book is very enthusiastic about the prospects of



mining in New Mexico. One of the more exuberant comments being: "The trough of the Rio Grande is thus seen to be a vast storehouse of gold." He does not, however, minimize the difficulty of successfully developing a mine. He tells of as many failures as successes, and discusses the reasons he thinks that they did or did not succeed.

The final part of the book is a discussion of the other resources he sees available in New Mexico. This section extends its scope from the metal ores emphasized in the mining district summaries to include such resources as iron, coal, salt, clay, brick, stone, cement, plaster, mica, gems, precious stones, petroleum, radium, mineral waters, wells, and river waters.

I found the book surprisingly interesting. It is a blending of historical, geological and economic information imparted in a way that explains many of the things I have seen wandering about the countryside in New Mexico and giving an interesting virtual tour of areas I have yet to visit.

Review by Joe Diel

Notes from the Library Board

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library will be held on **Friday, February 13, 2015, at 1:15 pm at the HCC.** See you all there!

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New at the Library

Fiction

Solar by Ian McEwan
The Black Prince by Iris Murdoch
Lovers at the Cameleon Club, Paris 1932 by Francine Prose
The Time of the Angles by Iris Murdoch
A Severed Head by Iris Murdoch
A Delicate Truth by John Le Carre

Juvenile Fiction

The Edge of the Water by Elizabeth George

Science Fiction

The Martian by Andy Weir

Mystery

Back Fire by Catherine Coulter
Poison Flower by Thomas Perry
Robert Parker's Bull River by Robert Knott
Stone Cold by C J Box
Daddy's Gone a Hunting by Mary Higgins Clark
Cross My Heart by James Patterson
The Chase by Janet Evanovich
Never Go Back by Lee Child
River Road by Jane Krentz
Bones of the Lost by Kathy Reichs
Final Cut by Catherine Coulter
Cradle to Grave by Eleanor Kuhns
The Devil's Light by Richard North Patterson
Deadliest of Sins by Sallie Bissell
Vertigo 42 by Martha Grimes
Worthy Brown's Daughter by Phillip Margolin
Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline

Classics

Lost Borders by Mary Austin

Nonfiction

The Republic of Imagination by Azar Nafisi
The Turquoise Ledge by Leslie Marmon Silko

Films on DVD

24 Hour Movie Binge [17 movies!]
Ain't in it for my health: a film about Levon Helm
Deadly Code
Fireproof
Hot Tub Time Machine
Funky Monkey
Instructions not Included
This Means War

Music CDs

Country Legends, Discs 1, 2, and 3

eBooks

New Mexico Mines and Minerals by Fayette Alexander Jones
History of New Mexico, Volumes 1 and 2 by George B. Anderson
Historical Sketches of New Mexico by L. Bradford Prince
A Concise History of New Mexico by L. Bradford Prince

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Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

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