

CORRAL DE LUZ, or THE JUDSON WARM MINERAL SPRINGS

The name, Corral de Luz, which was given to this section of country by the Spaniards, was owing to their having been an extensive corral built here by an Englishman named Luce, who used it for corraling his large band of horses which he had pasturing here - the general rule among the Spaniards being to name every section after its particular use or peculiar location. It was therefore called Corral de Luz (the corral of Luce).*

It is a very beautiful section of country, situated between the Santa Rosa and Santa Margarita Grants. Its form is that of a basin, being environed on three sides by the Santa Rosa range of mountains, having its outlet on the south through the Santa Rosa canyon into the Santa Margarita River Valley. Its character is low undulating hills separated into ranges by three little valleys, in which are beautiful groves of liveoak and sycamore trees, and also living streams of mountain water meandering through them. There is also fine timber scattered promiscuously over much of the hill-lands, which contrast favorably with the bold and rocky mountain peaks, making highly picturesque and romantic scenery. The soil in the valleys is a rich sandy loam, remarkably adapted to fruit and vine culture, as well as all kinds of vegetables and cereals. The upland is a sandy soil with quite an admixture in places of decomposed granite. Subsoil is generally clay, remarkable therefore for holding surface moisture. Some of the valleys and also some of the uplands are susceptible of irrigation if it should be needed.

Thus far irrigation has been found unnecessary, there being a great excess of rainfall here over the average in San Diego County. While in some parts of this county but little more than seven inches of rain fell in the winter of 1881-2, here there was twenty-two inches, insuring excellent returns to those who had cultivated cereals, and a vigorous growth to trees and vines planted.

Every indication of vegetation proves most conclusively that there is very seldom, if ever, a scarcity of rainfall in this vicinity.

Little improvement has been made by settlers until recently, as it has generally been supposed that under the original survey it was within the confines of the Santa Margarita Grant, but the final survey left it all outside the grant boundaries; it has since been settled and is now being rapidly improved. It undoubtedly will prove to be very valuable for fruit culture. The climate is delightful, being noted for its mild and even temperature and its healthy and invigorating effects. Persons who have been diseased with consumption and catarrh have been restored to full health by its genial influence.

JUDSON'S MINERAL SPRINGS

One of the chief attractions of this locality is Judson's Warm Mineral Springs, which are located in the upper end of the Santa Rosa Canyon, five miles from De Luz Station on the Calif. Southern Railroad.

They are celebrated for making many very remarkable cures in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, deafness, and for all characters of humors. They have been highly esteemed by the Indians for many years.

They are free from mineral poison, containing principally sulphur, magnesia, iron, carbonic acid gas, and several other ingredients in smaller quantities. Their temperature fluctuates from eighty to ninety

* This account is false. See article by Fallbrook Historical Society "Origin of name of De Luz".

degrees, making them pleasant for bathing but not debilitating the system; on the contrary, their virtue in effect is to purify and tone up the system. They are becoming very popular as a summer resort, by business men and families who desire to camp, bathe, hunt, and rusticate in the mountains, amid pleasant scenes, in order to recuperate. As yet, little inducement has been offered individuals and tourists.

Accommodations for Visitors

It is the intention of the present proprietors to make suitable arrangements for accommodating visitors, and to improve and make it one of the most pleasant and attractive resorts to be found in the State.

Fern Canyon, only a short distance from the springs, has been acknowledged not to be excelled in southern California for its diversity of scenery and beautiful ferns. The most delicate and the largest are here found.

It is in this canyon that the proprietors intend building some extensive carp ponds. There is fine hunting ground here, deer and quail being very plentiful. There has recently been a gold mine discovered near here in the mountains, it is being developed with very good results. Several other quartz ledges have been found by prospectors, but not yet developed having though very good indications of gold and silver.

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Lemon Judson of Corral De Luz, San Diego Co. Calif. was born in Burlington, Vermont, Nov. 27, 1807. His father carried on an extensive business of tanning, also harness-making, shoemaking, and farming. These gave a great diversity of employment for Lemon in his youth. Naturally strong, ambitious, and apt, he acquired a remarkable knowledge of all these, at a very early age. He had one brother older than himself, who, having ill health from his childhood, never was called upon to attend to the arduous duties connected with their business. The greater responsibilities therefore fell upon young Lemon, who acted in the several capacities with such good judgment, honesty, and punctility, that he won the esteem and confidence of those who had business with him.

At the age of twenty-one, he was married to Miss Philina Bacon, a high-minded and ambitious young woman who was a playmate of his childhood, and but one year his junior. At this juncture he wisely considered it best to do for himself, having already served his father faithfully until of age. He was now duly compensated for his fidelity by his father, who gave him two fine farms to work for himself, containing in all 700 acres of land. Upon these in two years, by industry and economy, he accumulated sufficient means to buy a large tannery in Henrysville, Lower Canada, to which place he moved, and engaged in his new enterprise. By strict attention to business, and unabated zeal and energy, he built up an extensive business among the French, not only tanning, but in harness and boot and shoemaking, which he also carried on with his tannery. Prospects were bright for an independent fortune in the near future, when the Canadian Rebellion of 1838-9 broke out. The country was in arms, and as a consequence every department of business suffered. The people were unsettled, and would not buy but the bare necessities. A very large stock soon accumulated on Mr. Judson's

hands, and he found he was obliged to curtail his running capacity; he was also compelled to hold his immense stock nearly two years, in order to realize anything near the first cost. He not only lost heavily on this account, but by many leaders of the Rebellion, who were owing him, and had to flee from Canada to save punishment. After having disposed of his leathers, he was induced by the unsettled condition of the country, to sell out at a sacrifice.

He then moved to Indiana, and settled at Bristol, Ilkhardt Co., in 1840. Two of his eldest sons, namely, John and Andrew, had come to California in the meantime. Their reports of the Golden State were so flattering, he was finally influenced to sell and follow them. He came with his family by water, and landed in San Francisco February 2, 1856. He at first lived with his sons near Bloomfield, Sonoma County; but finding the climate too rigorous, moved to Healdsburg, and lived there about a year, when he traded for a farm in Tomasles Valley, Marin County. Soon finding this coast climate too rigorous, he sold his farm, and bought the old Blucker Rancho Homestead, comprising 600 acres of excellent land, situated in the head of Blucker Valley, Sonoma Co. Upon this he resided until his removal for health, to San Dieguito San Diego Co., where he still owns a fine farm. He also has another one at Corral de Luz, where he now resides. It is upon this farm that the Judson's Warm Mineral Springs are located, which are much noted for their remarkable cures, and picturesque scenery among the mountains. He is now seventy-five years old, but is yet quite active and robust; he has raised twelve children, only five of whom are living, including three sons, John, Homer, and Frank.