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***TOMBSTONE.** Once a turbulent city as men sought the riches in silver buried in the mountains; \$40,000,000 were taken from the mines. One pocket produced about \$840,000, known today as the Million Dollar Stope. Tombstone now is a mine of interest to men of literature for it was one of the last stands of the Wild West where men fought and schemed and left behind tales now told by gray-bearded men to enrich the history of the Anglo-Saxon conquest of the West.

Mountain spring water at Tombstone. Several country hotels, ARCADE leads. Cabin camp, good. See A. H. Gardner, OST Vice-President for any information about Arizona.

NOGALES

Branch at Tombstone for Nogales, the modern city of 15,000 people in both the United States and Mexico, the line fence thru a main street. Nogales is the gateway to the rich western coast of Mexico. The road is fine and the scenery splendid. From Nogales to Tucson the road is up the Santa Cruz Valley. The missionary fathers built some of the earliest and greatest works in that valley above and below Nogales. The old Mission ruin of Tumacacori is passed and the Mission San Xavier del Bac is south of Tucson by another road.

ST. DAVID. Beginning 12 mi. west of Tombstone the irrigated valley of San Pedro River is reached, settled by Mormons and set with numerous artificial lakes shaded with big trees. Their village of St. David is 19 mi. west.

SAN PEDRO RIVER. Rises in Mexico; returns to Mexico thru the Gila and the Colorado rivers.

BENSON. In the San Pedro Valley, settled by Mormons. Artesian well irrigation. Two country hotels. MANSION HOTEL leads. Two cabin camps.

VAIL. 30 mi. west of Benson, a settlement. Colossal Cave 5 mi. north has been explored for 40 mi. Admission and guide \$1.00. Open camp sites are plentiful in the south and western country.

***TUCSON.** A city of refinement and retaining the charm of the old Spanish atmosphere. It is set in a desert rich in the mystery of the fantastic cacti growths, mountains rear their peaks thru the sands and Nature lavishes her colorings. Irrigated districts are developing extensively. The University of Arizona is at Tucson, chaste and refined in its structural development. The padres two centuries ago built one of their greatest missions, San Xavier del Bac, 9 mi. south, founded about 1700. The present building, erected later, is well preserved despite its struggles and disasters. South toward Nogales is the old Tumacacori Mission, now a National Monument, and around Nogales are others. The Santa Cruz Valley was the fourth great mission center, following St. Augustine, El Paso-Santa Fe, and San Antonio, Texas. Irrigation for 10 mi. westward, then desert. Stock with supplies.

SANTA RITA HOTEL leads. **ARIZONA HOTEL**, new and moderate. Several other good hotels including **CONGRESS** and **TUCSONIA**. Cabin camp managed by Chamber of Commerce thru lessee, northwest 1 mi., 50c per car, cabins \$1.00 to \$1.50. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

***FLORENCE.** A center of the Gila River irrigation enterprise. Coolidge reservoir is under construction and another desert land is to blossom into richness. A half of these waters are for the Pima Indian Reservation, a part of the Nation's care for these people. Florence is old, many Spanish-Americans. Copper and silver mining near. Farm-

ing and stock raising. 10 mi. southwest over a good road is the prehistoric ruin, Casa Grande. (Great House) of unknown history. **HOTEL FLORENCE.** Free camp space and a cabin camp.

GILA RIVER, 2 mi. west.

SUPERSTITION MT. 33 mi. west and to the north. Indian legend that it is the abode of evil spirits.

APACHE TRAIL JUNCTION. 34 mi. west, 46 mi. to Roosevelt Dam.

DESERT WELLS, 42 mi. west, settlement and supplies.

SALT RIVER VALLEY. Suddenly the irrigation district of the Roosevelt reservoir is entered. The desert changes to life. Cotton, figs, oranges, olives, dates and other products grow in richness and the eucalyptus and pepper trees add their beauty.

MESA. A pretty valley town of 3,500 people. **METS HOTEL**, modern. Cabin camp.

TEMPE. East from Phoenix, 9 mi. State Teachers' College, Condensed milk factories. South 3 mi. Government Date Farm, fruit Oct. to Dec. **CASA LOMA HOTEL**, fair. Free city camp on Salt River, fair. Cabin camp.

SALT RIVER. West side of Tempe.

***PHOENIX.** Capital of Arizona, a winter health resort, commercial center of the noted Salt River irrigation district. Phoenix is growing fast. Americans are there from every state and are building a fine American city. There are 400 mi. of paved roads and streets in the valley. The fields grow all kinds of produce. The drives are a refreshing experience. Roosevelt Dam is 90 mi. east.

Hotels.—ADAMS leads. **LUHRS** and **SAVOY**, moderate priced and good. Two cabin camps and one auto camp, east side; one cabin camp west 14 mi., good. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club of Arizona.

THE GILA TRAIL

The general course of the Gila River is now followed to Yuma, the Colorado River crossing into California. The Gila joins the Colorado at Yuma. The bleak sands and the dead surroundings are a monotonous journey, but they are soils that only await irrigation to transform this desert as others have been. Down the Gila the barefoot padres plodded carrying their stores to the Indians. Many missions were established; 48,000 Indians were reported converted. The Santa Cruz Valley missions below Tucson were their seat of effort; from and thru that section the conquistadores marched to conquer and settle California and the padres to plant the missions along the Pacific Coast. A Spanish expedition over this trail in 1776 settled San Francisco. Later the restless Americans flowed along this river trail in the gold rush and the pioneer days, and it was the route of the stage coach and mule trains and Yuma a stage station. The Gila River was a threat of life across the desert. Gen. Kearny marched this way in 1846. John C. Fremont and Kit Carson traveled it. The amazing Mormon battalion passed this way from Missouri to San Diego. The Apaches fought with desperation and courage, but the West was conquered.

BUCKEYE. A valley settlement. The Buckeye and the Arlington irrigation districts are passed, watered from a brush diversion dam up the Gila River. **CAMPBELL HOTEL.** Free camp. Cabins \$1.00.

HASSAYAMPA RIVER, 9 mi. west of Buckeye.

GILA RIVER. Crossed at Gillespie Dam 20 mi. west of Buckeye; new bridge opened July 1927.

GILA BEND. Irrigation from Gillespie Dam now waters about 10,000 A. below Gila Bend; there is capacity for 80,000 A. **STOUT'S HOTEL**, well kept. Cabin camp \$1.00. Also free camp.