

**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.

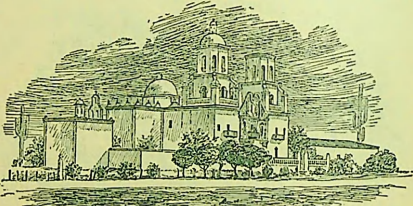
**SAN PEDRO RIVER.** Rises in Mexico; returns to Mexico thru the Gila and the Colorado Rivers.

**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.

**HOTELS—SANTA RITA HOTEL** leads. **CORONADO**, new and moderate. **ARIZONA HOTEL**, new and moderate. Other good hotels **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.



MISSION SAN XAVIER DEL BAC NEAR TUCSON

Mission San Xavier del Bac, 9 mi. south of Tucson, apparently founded 1682 or 1700. The structure is one of the greatest ruins for 60 years, now restored. An impressive picture out of the desert.

**\*FLORENCE.** A center of the Gile 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. Farming 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 reservoirs 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. **EL PORTAL HOTEL**, new and complete; cottages now being planned. **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 440 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—WESTWARD HO**, new. **ADAMS**, long a leading hotel. **SAN CARLOS**, new. **LUHRS**, refurbished, moderate rates. **ARIZONA-BILTMORE**, 6 mi. out in a beautiful setting.

**CAMPS—**Many cabin camps with every convenience.

**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, where the Colorado and the Gila join and the Colorado was crossed to California. The bleak sands and their drab 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 story to the Indians. Many missions were established; 48,000 Indians were reported converted. The Santa Cruz Valley missions below Tucson were the 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 thread 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 Gile River. **CAMPBELL HOTEL**, fair. Free camp. Cabins \$1.00 and \$1.50.

**HASSAYAMPA RIVER.** 9 mi. west of Buckeye. Beginning of desert country.

**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 \$0,000 A. **STOUT'S HOTEL**, new, modern wing just added. Cabin camp \$1.00-\$2.50.

**SENTINEL.** A desert country. **THE SENTINEL**, small country hotel. Camp 50c.