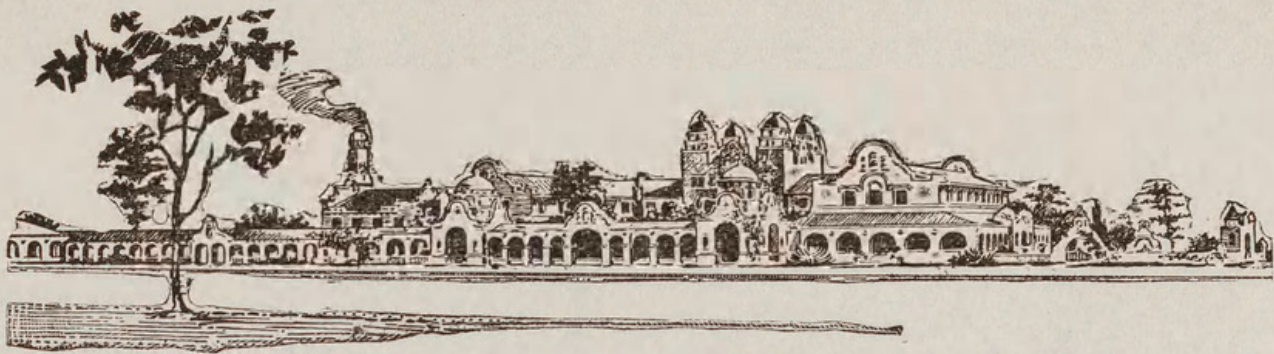




THE ALVARADO

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ALBUQUERQUE N. M.

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Dear Fernald:-

Today I made an all day trip across the desert to some old volcanos 8 miles west of the Rio Grande, with Mr. W. H. Long of this city. While riding across one of the mesas he pointed to a sand-dune a short distance away and told me that Dr. Clements the well known "ecologist" recently made a one day's trip with him over the same road we were traveling and Dr. C. was much interested in the said sand dune. Dr. C. upon his return home wrote a long article on the mesas and sand dunes of this region, their history, and what was going on at the present time, etc. etc.. Mr. Long expressed his disgust in no small terms regarding the calibre of a man who would attempt to write about a place that he had seen for only a few hours at the most, and who didn't seem to know or care what plants grew about the dunes and mesas.

I told Mr. Long that I felt sure he would be interested in an article that you would probably

have published soon. I refer to the article that
you recently read before the W-E Bot. Club. If you
should happen to have any reprints of this article I
am sure you would be placing one of them in
appreciative hands if you should mail one to
"Mr. W. H. Long, 202 Korber Building, Albuquerque, N. Mex."
Mr. Long is primarily interested in wood-rattling
fungi.

For the first time in my life I am having
a chance to see what some of the semi-arid
regions of the southwest look like. The experience
is interesting to say the least. I had my first
taste of the semi-desert at La Junta, Colo., then at
Lamy and Santa Fe N. Mex. On Friday I came down
here where I expect to remain for about a week,
then go on westward into Arizona. At just
this time of year there are few things in bloom
but some of them can be recognized even by a
stranger in the region. I have wished more
than once that you could be out here with me

Sincerely

J Franklin Collins.



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