

Articles from the *Los Angeles Star*:

“Las Vegas Silver Mines,” L. A. Star, Jan. 5, 1861, 2:2:

“Interesting from the Vegas Mines!!” L. A. Star, Jan. 12, 1861, 2:3:

“The First Vessel at New San Pedro,” L. A. Star, Jan. 12, 1861, 2:1:

“Our Mining Interests,” L. A. Star, Jan. 26, 1861, 2:1:

The road to Coso should be improved; the work can be done for “a nominal sum. [More to come.]

“Late and Interesting News from the Vegas Silver Mines,” L. A. Star, Jan. 26, 1861, 2:2:

[A. Harpending.]

Joel Clayton, “The Coso Mines—Important,” L. A. Star, Jan. 26, 1861, 2:3 (Clayton’s Station, Jan. 22, 1861):

The cheapest and best route for freight and passengers is by ship from San Francisco to San Pedro and then to Los Angeles. Two ox teams are, without difficulty, on their way to Keysville; from the Overland stage route, at Elizabeth Lake, the road crosses no more mountains. This route brings them to within 45 miles of some of the Coso mines.

According to the drivers of a horse team, who arrived in L. A. last week, the only obstacles that he encountered were a few rocks to remove from a cañon for about 6 miles. They estimated that the distance from San Pedro to Coso was a most 225 miles, and that route can be shortened by 25 miles.

It’s not difficult to hire teams to haul for 5¢ a mile; the steamer *Senator*, running from San Francisco, charges ½¢ a pound. Hugh Campbell, who owns a train of ox teams, will haul light or heavy loads.

The farmers around Los Angeles supply an abundance of provisions. Water and grass are plentiful throughout the summer. Good horses can be obtained for from \$20 to \$30 a head.

Clayton will try to find out accurate distances between stopping points.

“The Potosi Mines—Great Discoveries.” L. A. Star, Feb. 9, 1861, 2:3:

“More Discoveries of Silver Ore,” L. A. Star, Feb. 9, 1861, 2:2:

[Telescope Peak?]

“The Recent Discoveries,” L. A. Star, Feb. 9, 1861, 2:2: [Potosi.]

“Freighting to Coso,” *L. A. Star*, Feb. 16, 1861, 2:1:

The transportation of goods through Los Angeles to Esmeralda and Coso has proved so feasible that “a gentleman of enterprise” has sent teams on the road; one team, carrying 8,000 pounds, left Los Angeles during the week. “. . . A little enterprise among our merchants and others will secure to our city and county the advantages of the heavy prospective trade of the Coso and Esmeralda mines.”

“Mining Intelligence,” *Los Angeles Star*, February 16, 1861:

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“The reports of the week from the great mining districts of the lower country, continue favorable.—From the Coso country, we hear of great enterprises being projected; from Potosi, near the Colorado, accounts continue favorable; we have seen during the week, ore from this place, which a gentleman, who is a large share-holder in Washoe, and is a practical miner, showed us was equal to anything turned out of that district.”

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“Coso Mines,” *L. A. Star*, February 23, 1861, 2:1:

“The importance to his community of securing the trade to the Coso mines is now made apparent from the fact that the President of the Coso Mining Company, J. Hitchings, Esq., is now here to make an examination of the route. . . .” He considers the route from Los Angeles the most direct one.

“Coso Mining Company,” *L. A. Star*, February 23, 1861, 2:1:

“This is one of the most responsible mining companies in the State. The company owns several leads, of which the Pioneer, “is not excelled by the famous Comstock.” The company has machinery on the ground, but until its construction, all ore will be sent to San Francisco. The editor has seen seven assays of the ore, made by “the most reliable firms in Los Angeles,” Duncan, Sherman & Co., Blake & Co., and Kellogg & Co., and all the yields were very rich. The assays average \$1,004.26 a ton. In an advertisement, [James] Hitchings [Hitchens] wants teams and pack animals and is selling shares.

“New San Pedro,” *L. A. Star*, March 2, 1861, 2:2:

[More to come.]

“Mining Intelligence—Potosi,” *L. A. Star*, March 9, 1861, 2:2:

“Further from Potosi,” *L. A. Star*, March 9, 1861, 2:2-3:

[Untitled], *L. A. Star*, March 9, 1861, 2:3: [Supervisors to lease City Market to house the courts and county offices. This will relieve the city taxpayers of a heavy burden.]

'Mining News—Interesting from the Desert," L. A. Star, March 16, 1861, 2:2: