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## Death Recalls Early History of Golden

The vanished city of Golden Gate, once a thriving settlement a short distance to the north in the early 60's, is recalled by county pioneers this week upon the death of Mrs. Mary W. Myatt Duncan in Denver, Monday. Mrs. Duncan, who was among the first to live in this locality, was 94 years old.

The daughter of Judge Alexander Myatt of Illinois, she was born at Bond county, Ill., in 1832. She was married to Elisha Duncan, a stockman, in August, 1849. Soon after the marriage, Elisha left his young bride and joined the caravan headed for California. Three years later, his leather bags sagging with gold, he returned on horseback. Followed a few years of rest and prosperity.

The Pike's Peak rush in 1859 caused Duncan to venture across the plains for the second time, again leaving Mrs. Duncan and four small children in Illinois. In 1860, in the Gregory rush in Colorado, he surveyed and built a tollroad through Golden Gate to the Gregory diggings. This road, the first over which loads of extracted ore were transported in those days, was conducted by Duncan and his partner, Judge Alfred Tucker, until 1869.

Mrs. Duncan joined her husband at Golden Gate late in 1860. In 1861 she and her husband were instrumental in moving the capital city from Colorado City to Golden City, and assisted in carrying the valuable records of state from one city to the other.

Mrs. Duncan and her family moved from Golden City to a ranch near Longmont in 1864, where they engaged in breeding stock. In 1866, her husband returned to Illinois, this

time with the cooperation of Chief Rinker of the Denver police, we will round up the 'grasshoppers' and a first offense conviction in Denver will mean that a man cannot go into one of my counties and renew his distilling. The reverse also is true. Chief Rinker has authorized me to say that a separate gallery of bootleggers' photographs will be kept at headquarters, available always to Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek county officials."

Chief Rinker said: "We are catching hundreds of bootleggers every year who get off with a first offense plea and escape the penitentiary, although they have previous records in the five neighboring counties. This has served to make the enforcement of the prohibition law in Denver and vicinity a farce, as far as distillers go. Under the new plan, we assure all bootleggers that the second time they are caught, down they go. They cannot deny identity if we have their photographs and fingerprints on record in Denver.

"It is only a question of time, perhaps of a few months, before we will have a general state bootleggers' identification bureau in Denver, containing the picture of every person arrested for prohibition violation in Colorado, and so classified that immediately one is caught a second time, he will go post haste to the pen."

Colorado employs 40,000 additional people to help "harvest" the tourist "crop."

time by stage, on a business trip. Later they moved to Boulder. For the last twenty-two years, Mrs. Duncan lived in the home in Denver in which she died.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary W. Duncan Perkins, three sons—Guy, John and Robert Duncan, all of Denver—fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.