



Ditches & bridges at NW corner of 3rd & D in the 1880's. Note Court House at the rear.

at 8th and D and at 5th near Mt. View, with basin behind them, for storage and flood control. Reaching 4th and Mt. View, the current turned the great wheel of the Matthews grist mill.

Bridges were built across the ditches at street intersections, and now and then the local newspapers protested that these had become traffic hazards, and needed repairs. The basins behind the dams were also called to the attention of city fathers. As part of a report of the Board of Trustees meeting on the previous evening, the Weekly Times of Sept. 7, 1878 had this to say:

"The Board passed a resolution requesting the County Supervisors to make an appropriation to assist in filling up the hole at the corner of 8th and D Streets, the obstruction being on the main thoroughfare leading to the mountain mills and the Cajon Pass."

It is also interesting to note here that at that time D Street was the main artery through and out of town to points north.

Apparently nothing much was done about the hole, for the Weekly Times complained about it again on Sept. 13, 1879:

"Last evening a span of horses and a wagon belonging to a Spaniard were precipitated over the bank into the dam hole on D Street. They were crossing the narrow roadway on Eight street when the wheels slipped and the wagon upset carrying the horses with it. Fortunately the driver had time to jump or he might have recorded a more tragic event. As it was, the damage was considerable. We have frequently called attention to the dangers of this place, but we presume it will be left in its present condition until some serious accident occurs, and the town has a heavy bill of damages to foot."

In modern times the course of the creek was converted into a storm drain. (See Page 36)