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A \$10,000 FIRE

Large Furniture Store and Contents Burned to the Ground.

ROY G. BUTLER'S LOSS.

Heroic Efforts of the Brave Firemen Save Other Buildings.

THE NEED OF MORE HOSE.

Monday evening at 9:15 p. m., an alarm of fire was sounded. No sooner had the tocsin sounded than all the citizens who could rushed for the point of conflagration. This was the large furniture store of Roy G. Butler, on Fremont street, just east of Second street. The building and contents were of an inflammable sort. It was of frame construction, dry and in less than no time every portion of the building was a seething mass of flames.

By the time the fire ladders had hore on the ground the fire had broken through the roof and was sweeping along the entire structure, making it a forlorn attempt to check its ravages on the Butler premises. With an inadequate supply of hose all in the inflamed building was foredoomed to complete destruction. The fire ravaged and in vicious vengeance destroyed all.

The firemen, perceiving their inability to save the premises or effects of Roy Butler directed their attention to preventing the spread of the demon fire to adjacent buildings.

The building most in danger was the splendid two-story hotel structure of Mrs. Smith. The Palace Hotel is located on Second street and only about 100 feet apart from the furniture store. The firemen worked like beavers and accomplished the saving of this building. They scaled the roof and covered it with blankets and applied deadends to the side. Upon these portions a stream of water was played as per direction of Chief Lillis. These heroic acts on the part of the brave firemen, with the generous assistance of the citizens, checked the spreading of the flames into other exposed portions of the city.

The furniture building was two stories and 25x80 feet. The owner of the building is Mr. E. E. Neeley and Geo. E. Neeley of Los Angeles, who had it erected for the purpose for which it was used. They stocked it and calculated to do business themselves in the Magic City. But Roy G. Butler, the pioneer furniture man of Vegas, having an eye to the opportunities of this growing and spreading place, made them an offer—purchased their stock and added his own large stock from Ragtown to it, making a furniture supply in the building aggregating more than \$6500 in value. Upon this stock was an insurance of \$2000, making Butler's net loss \$4500.

The cost of the building was \$2500, insurance of \$1000—a loss of \$1500 to the owners.

The tent boarding house of Mrs. Henry Blake on the east of the burned building was taken down, and its contents moved to a safe distance. There was no loss to her account except that was occasioned by the tare of moving.

The cause of fire is unknown. Mr. Butler at the time was up town in connection with some friends when the fire first noticed. Butler has during the dry warm period closed his place of business at 7 p. m. and in his spare evenings indulged the friendly company of friends.

The splendid service of the firemen

is receiving unstinted praise from the citizens and property owners. This is merited, but at the same time these citizens and property owners should recognize the fact that the fire organization is short on hose. 350 feet more of hose should be purchased at once and put in commission with the 150 feet the city now owns. With better equipment the fire ladders can make a better record. Most of the hose used was borrowed for this fire extinguishing.

Andy McGulhan and Al Thackery were heroes in the work of handling the hose and nozzle at the fire. A like tribute is due to Paul Winterbottom, Ikey Blum, and Mr. Lloyd. In fact all were willing and played the part that showed the experience of veteran firemen. Chief Lillis on this occasion illustrated his capacity and fitness to conduct with efficiency a fire department.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

A Good Time Afforded by the Wednesday Evening Club.

On Thursday evening a social dance was given at the Pavilion on Ogden street, under the auspices of the Wednesday Evening Dancing Club. For this occasion there assembled an genial and pleasant combination of ladies and gentlemen as ever indulged in the felicity of "tripping the light fantastic toe."

It was a joyous and sunshiny crowd. Youth and beauty was present exhibiting the spirit associated with the play fellow girlish characteristics. All illustrated those embodiments that makes life a bliss. It was unexcelled and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon those who had the tact and leadership to bring to the surface that fun and pleasure that has such an enchanting effect in any community, for the side of life that requires relief from dull care.

To the observer the merry makers presented a picture of neatly gowned ladies and companionable gentlemen. As these to the airy tunes of the orchestra moved to and fro over the pavilion floor, they presented a vivid and lively picture, one that will long be remembered.

The music was of the best and at this forte Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Cram are artists. The dances will be of weekly occurrences during the fall and winter season, and if these are to be judged by the initiative performance, they will be a marked success. From start to finish it was "on with the dance" and how gay and lively those scenes remain as presented in the quadrilles, the circle two step, the oxford minuet, the rye waltz and lancers. All these presented features that can be appreciated when seen, but not adequately described.

The fortunate ladies and gentlemen present were Miss Adams the Misses Wadsworth, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. and Miss Joy, Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. O'Connell, Miss Fitzwilliams, Mrs. Cummings, Miss Blake, Miss James, Miss Skinner, Miss Connell, Mrs. Koch, Miss Moffit, Miss Yake, Miss and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mrs. M. C. Thomas, Miss Tyler, Mrs. Hicks, the two Mrs. Blakes, Miss Reed, Archie Weaver, (and how gay he was), A. L. Myers, Judge W. R. Thomas, M. O. Thomas, Mr. Collison, Mr. Scott, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Block, Dr. Martin, Mr. James, Fred McFadden, Mr. Bushnell, Mr. Reed, C. L. Keosote, Mr. Cox, E. W. Clark, Mr. Harris, Mr. Beaver, Mr. McKinnis, Mr. Bishop, F. H. Collins, Mr. Botkin, Mr. Harper, W. W. Cahill, F. D. Fleming, G. D. Rasor, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Brandt, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Atogan, Roy G. Butler, Judge Brennan, V. L. Ward, Mr. Herrick, D. V. Noland and Hon. Frank M. Grace.

Our Next Governor.

Frank Clark, the next governor of Nevada, returned from his trip to Bullfrog. Frank reports conditions in the great Nevada mining district as extraordinary and the mineral showings phenomenal.

NEW BUILDINGS

Business Blocks and Buildings of All Sorts to be Erected this Fall.

WILL BE A BUSY SEASON

Wagner, Miller, White, Eisenhart and Others Will be Abreast With Times.

WILL HAVE PERMANENT HOMES HERE.

Even in the hot weather Vegas is preparing for a renewal of activity in the building line. It promises to be an epidemic of construction and indications are that more residences and business blocks of all sorts and descriptions will be built during the fall than what has been built up to the present time. The builders can prepare for an extremely busy season this fall and winter. The winter in this climate is the favored season for building.

Since May, one hundred and forty-five residences and business buildings in the Clark townsite have been erected. These are distributed in all directions but mainly are along Main, First and Fremont streets.

Amongst those who are having plans prepared and getting into shape to drive ahead with full force in the improvement line, in the near future are: John Wagner, who will erect a public house, two stories, full modern improvements, on Main street near Fremont. The building will occupy a ground space of thirty by seventy feet. It will be when completed conducted as an hotel. It will cost \$6,000.

John F. Miller, the California oil magnate purchased the lots on corner of Fremont and Main street. Miller never does things by halves. His success in life is to know how and to do it. In this case he is applying this characteristic and as a consequence Las Vegas will be embellished with a neat two story structure on said corner. It will be a hotel building and its dimensions will be forty by sixty feet. Making it a hostelry second to no other in the south Nevada.

Another who is in the sphere of moving along with the Vegas stride towards that goal that will make this south land city the leading commercial and population point in Nevada is Robert White. This will be a two story, fire proof construction business block of forty by sixty feet.

Clayson & Griffith in accordance with the demand of their largely increasing business and that spirit of enterprise so manifest on all sides will have a furniture building fronting on Fremont street equal to their requirements. It too will be forty by sixty feet and when finished and fitted up will be an emporium for furniture such as Vegas will be proud of.

The Fulmer and Herrick block is nearing completion and will be occupied by the Kuhn Mercantile company.

John H. Eisenhart believes in being abreast with the times. He too will in the near future erect a building on Main street, block 3, that will do credit to his enterprise and bestow a palm upon the man who has wisdom sufficient to recognize the great commercial future of Vegas.

Such are only a few of those who are seeking returns for capital at Vegas. Many residences are being sketched and figured upon for buildings that will make homes worthy for permanent residents of this valley.

SEEK AN INJUNCTION.

The Hotel Clause Agreement to be Determined at Pioche.

Legal papers were served on J. S. Wagner, J. F. Miller, Oleson & Reinard and D. Peeco to appear in the District

Court at Pioche on the 14th of August to show cause why they were not violating the agreement entered into with the Las Vegas Land and Water Company when they purchased lots from the townsite company, in the matter of selling liquor on the premises.

The issue enjoined is whether the hotel proprietors are conducting a public hostelry or not in accordance with the provisions of said agreement. The one party contends they are complying with the purport of the agreement and the Land and Water Company claims that the spirit and purpose of the agreement is violated by the parties ruled into court. The company asks for a perpetual injunction against the parties named in the bill of complaint to restrain them from selling liquors.

Some fine points of law are involved in this case. It is of such importance as to make the decision of the court of far-reaching effect.

HAD A SPLENDID TIME.

It Was an Expression of the Sunny Side of Life.

A cheerful assemblage of friends and one of the most delightful social happenings and of happy interest was the dinner that Mr. F. D. Flemming the druggist gave Saturday evening at his finely equipped drug store. The menu and the affair was most notable. It was a case of splendor. Good will and cheer was present. The select ladies typified that natural object so closely allied with art and at all times an incentive to the ideals that makes the conditions of life a blessing.

A spirit of courtliness and chivalry dominated the excellent gentlemen who did honor to the occasion. The fashion and details that is associated with mental brilliancy and the demeanor that is such a charm in life played a full part around this festive board. Toasts and the best effect of conversation during the enjoyment of the good things supplied by the popular host was the order of the evening.

Beneath the dazzling light the effect was one of harmony with the spirit and appearance of the happy participants. The ladies who charmingly graced the event were Mrs. Williams, Miss Skinner, Miss Williams and Miss Squire. The gentlemen whose intellect commends admiration and is a sure sign of the part they play in this community, were W.

W. Cahill, the confidential representative of the Pacific Borax and Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Company, G. M. Rasor, a genius in civil engineering, Frank Brandt, a rising financier and banker; Fred Shannon, who in his profession is widely esteemed, C. P. Reed, manager of the Ryholite and Las Vegas Lumber Company, and the host and business factor, Mr. F. D. Flemming.

RICH IN COPPER.

It Looks Like Having Millions in It for the Boys.

Local parties are the fortunate possessors of mining claims near Nippeno that have great promise. The principal value are in copper but the by products gold and silver are of considerable value also. These claims were located by C. E. Smith. The showings are simply enormous, so great as to place beyond comprehension the possibilities of this find. Eleven claims are in the group.

Grab samples assayed show \$4 in gold, \$50 in silver and 27.11 per cent copper. The owners are Dr. Keyes, F. D. Flemming, Frye & Thackery and C. E. Smith.

Hopes With Benefactor.

All southern Nevada is hoping for the complete and speedy recovery of Senator W. A. Clark. Today the mountains and plains of this south land respond with the prosperous hum of successful people because Montana's great senator like a true philanthropist and with business courage gave the people through the San Pedro railroad reasonable communication with the outside world.

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