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LAS VEGAS LINKED WITH TONOPAH

The Clarks With Their Plan of Empire Development Will Build Railroad Into the Gold and Silver Camps North and South.

This Will Make Our City the Most Important Point in All Nevada for Trade and Exchange and Growth.

The Wonderful Resources of the Surrounding Country Will All Contribute to Our Upbuilding and Progress.

J. Ross Clark Announces That There Will Be No Delay in Pushing the Work and as Portions Are Completed Will be Operated.

The Clarks Are Neither "Too Slow" Nor Adverse to That Which Has the Development and Best Interest of the Vegas Valley for Its Aim.

The wires brought the following cheering information for the Vegas Valley.

Salt Lake, Sept. 20.—Articles of incorporation of the Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad company were filed with the Secretary of State of Utah. The incorporators are William A. Clark of Butte, Mont.; R. C. Kerens of St. Louis, Mo.; J. Ross Clark, R. J. Waters and W. H. Comstock of Los Angeles, and C. O. Whittemore and Pennel-Cherrington of Salt Lake City. The corporation has an authorized

capital of \$4,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 has been subscribed, as follows: William A. Clark, \$1,000,000; R. C. Kerens, \$300,000; J. Ross Clark, \$199,600, and each of the other incorporators \$100.

The officers of the corporation are: President, J. Ross Clark; vice president, C. O. Whittemore; secretary, W. H. Comstock; treasurer, R. J. Waters.

As stated in the articles of incorporation, the object and purposes of the corporation are to construct and operate a line of railroad from a point of connection with the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad at Las Vegas, Nev., by the most feasible and practicable route through the counties of Lincoln, Nye and Esmeralda to the town of Tonopah, Nev., with connections to the mining camps of Bullfrog, Beatty, Rhyolite and Goldfield.

Work to Begin at Once.

When seen in Los Angeles in regard to the proposed new railroad line, J. Ross Clark announced that the construction of the road would be commenced at once and pushed to completion.

"The preliminary survey of the line already has been made," said Mr. Clark, "and grading will begin immediately. There are no great difficulties in the way of rapid progress. There will be no tunneling and but few bridges to build, while the grades are easy. Just how long it will take to complete the road cannot be stated positively, but it might be done within six months.

"The rights of the Pacific Coast Borax company in the surveys and grades of the Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad company will be taken over and utilized as far as practicable.

"It has been decided that as soon as a section of the road of reasonable length is completed, it will be operated in order to shorten the team haul and stage route between Las Vegas and Bullfrog. That is, when the line shall be completed to Indian

Springs from Las Vegas, for instance, it will be put in operation at once, instead of waiting until the remainder of the work is done. Thus the long and expensive team-hauls will be greatly shortened at the outset and will grow shorter as construction of the rail line progresses."

This great enterprise will mean more to Las Vegas than simply the meeting point for railroad traffic. The vast deposits of smelting ore will require easy and cheap access for treatment. Las Vegas, with its advantageous location and assured water supply will become a smelting and reduction point.

This new enterprise and evidence of confidence and faith in the future of Vegas is an answer complete to those who have been proclaiming in headlines "The Clarks Are Too Slow."

Will "The Age" keep on croaking and knocking.

WITH REPUTATION AND PROMINENCE.

The Times incidentally came into possession of an Omaha World-Herald issued February 26, 1905. From this we glean the following in reference to one of our best known citizens and most prominent merchants: "N. A. Kuhn, who has disposed of his extensive drug business to locate at Las Vegas, Nevada, to engage in mercantile enterprises, has been one of Omaha's best and most creditable citizens. Last night a concourse of friends assembled to tender him a greeting of farewell. In the assemblage were many of Omaha's best business factors and most prominent citizens." The World goes on and states that Mr. Kuhn contemplates to return and enjoy life in Omaha after he had grown through mining operations, into the sphere of multi-millionaires but doubts that he will end his pleasant days in the smelter city of Nevada from the fact as the Herald states, "Mr. Kuhn is a man of great energy and forceful ability. With his millions he will be able to attain a seat in the United States senate. This will make him a permanent resident of the now revived Nevada."

Norman A. Kuhn was born in Columbus county, Ohio, about four miles from where Mark Hanna was born and raised. He graduated from Salem high school. His home in the Buckeye state was even in McKinley's district. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, taking the prize in a class of 160.

He has been active in the American Pharmaceutical association. At the Providence meeting in 1886 he was elected vice-president, being the youngest man ever elected to that position.

While very young he purchased a prescription drug store in Omaha and successfully conducted the same for 26 years.

In the organization of the Omaha Commercial club he took a leading part. During his residence in Nebraska he was a member of the executive committee of this organization. The club has a reputation more than nation wide for the great work it accomplished in the upbuilding of Omaha and the attention it attracted to Nebraska resources. In Las Vegas Mr. Kuhn is doing equally good; in all things concerning the welfare of this town and valley he is foremost.

He is an influential factor in southern Nevada and the future will verify the prophesy of the Omaha World-Herald. We need more Kuhns.

HAS FUTURE PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

Handsome Bob Mahoney, son of P. H. Mahoney, president of the Potosi Mining company, was in Vegas full blown Saturday. Bob came on business. He is right bower to his father in the management of the greatest lead mine in Nevada today. He has the vim and energy that denotes one of the newly created mining magnates of the famous products of the present Nevada. Besides his business qualities and future, he is a jolly good fellow and counts his friends by the score. He is now graduating into the practical miser.

WELL KNOWN MINING MEN.

Joe Kelly and W. H. Harris, two of the best known mining men of the Pacific mountains, are at present making Las Vegas their headquarters. Kelly and Harris have traversed the Sierras and Rockies until they have become weatherbeaten in the service of having those ridges and mountains give forth their wealth.

Joe Kelly has not only been successful in attaining a competence, but is still full of that vim and vitality that means the uncovering of more fortunes that will enrich commerce and make prosperous its possessors and dependents.

W. H. Harris is known to every old-time prospector from Alaska to Mexico. In the march for fortune he has had his ups and downs but happily he was the father of Goldfield. Being a ground-floor man that bonanza maker smiled its best upon him and as a consequence, he is "up" again and instead of carrying his pack he is buying good properties and directing others to uncover new finds. The two deserve success.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Under the direction of Howard Tuttle the grading and oiling of the streets is progressing as rapidly as any reasonable person can expect. Public improvements and work of the sort being done to beautify Vegas and make conditions more pleasant, always take time.

The water mains are being laid and the extensive improvements assured in the start by the townsite promoters and owners will be completed in due time. Notwithstanding the kickers' brigade who were so very sure that none of this work would be done, it is being done, will be finished and will for all time be a notice to these pessimists that they are but a block on the wheel of progress.

The whole situation at Vegas is a source of congratulation and with all the improvements contemplated the average will have a pleasant "flood-tide."

PLACER MINING.

Dr. Hewlettson and partners, Messrs. Hall, Jessup and Weaver, are the fortunate owners of a very rich placer holding a few miles up the river from Colville.

The owners have ordered machinery for a dredging plant commensurate with the requirements of working the same on a scale that means the employment of numerous men.

It is reported that the owners have refused a cash offer of \$15,000 for the property.

SURPASSED PREVIOUS EVENTS.

The O-be-Joyful Club, the happy creation of the fertile efforts of the popular and highly esteemed Mrs. M. C. Thomas, entertained themselves and their friends Wednesday evening with the most delightful social dance of all the pleasant dances and social confabs given in Vegas. Mrs. Thomas is resourceful in those means and measures that provide pleasure of the genuine sort for those who may be within the sphere of her artful capacity.

Wednesday evening was particularly a happy event and everyone on merry makers' side feels under grateful obligations to the patron of the occasion for the nice, jolly, good time had.

The O-be-Joyfuls will have their weekly indulgences of pleasure and sunshine. Their directress knows how to manage so as to extort the most out of genial life.

IT IS A GREAT MINE.

One of the great mining properties and best producing mines in Southern Nevada is the Potosi mine, operated by the Mahoney brothers.

This is one of the great lead properties in Nevada. The ore bodies exposed in its workings are immense. It is the highest grade lead and zinc mine in the world.

In underground work some thirty-five men are employed. These mine every 24 hours 25 tons of ore that averages over 65 per cent lead or zinc and from 20 to 30 ounces of silver.

P. H. Mahoney personally directs affairs, and that grizzled miner, Al Morgan, is superintendent of active work.

The mine has a history and the surroundings and location have romance such as will bring forth at some future time a story commensurate with the Indian lore of the place and big cave. But the Potosi mine is a great mine.

L. B. Joy, from Ulysses, Idaho, is visiting his son the assayer. Mr. Joy Sr. is 72 years of age but as sprightly and youthful in action as a man of 30. He feels that the Vegas valley presents a sphere where a man of his youthful capacity and energy can make a new start and make a real winning in the race of life.

CLARK'S UNITED VERDE A WINNER

Senator From Montana Offered Twenty-five Millions for Property.

HAS FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ORE BLOCKED OUT

William E. Curtis, writing of the famous United Verde copper property in Arizona, says:

Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, was offered \$25,000,000 in cash by an English syndicate not long ago for the United Verde copper mine, and he told me he refused it because he did not know what to do with the money. It is said to be difficult to invest \$25,000,000, although few people ever attempted such a task. Senator Clark has had considerable experience that way—more than most of us. There are other reasons why he would rather have the mine than the money.

Wonderful Mine.

Some idea of the value of the property may be gained from the fact that since operations began in 1884 more than ninety million dollars' worth of ore has been taken out of it, and Clark's engineers assert that \$50,000,000 has already been blocked out, ready to be removed as fast as desired or the facilities will permit. Of this, a block of 12,000,000 is supporting the machinery which must be removed first. I do not know where a more valuable foundation for a hoisting plant can be found.

What It Cost Clark.

The United Verde property consists of 200 acres of land and a controlling interest cost Senator Clark \$25,800 in 1888. It is situated at the town of Jerome, on the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railroad, about 40 miles south of Ash Fork station on the Santa Fe line to California. Jerome is a town of about 1,500 inhabitants, and nearly everything in it belongs to the mining company, of which Charles W. Clark, the son of the senator, is manager. He is assisted by several experienced men. Jerome is reached by a narrow gauge road, 26 miles long, which also serves several other important mining properties in the neighborhood. The town was named after "Larry" Jerome, a famous bon vivant of New York, who used to have some interests out here. Jerome park near New York city, was also named after him, and two of his daughters married into the British peerage.

Clark Principal Owner.

Senator Clark owns 98 per cent of the United Verde mine, and, according to popular opinion, his income from it averages about \$600,000 a month. He can make as much more as he likes, but is satisfied with that. The mine produces an average of 40-

000,000 pounds of copper a year. Last year the output was 46,600,000 pounds which, at 15 cents a pound, was worth \$6,990,000, and this is said to have been clear profit because the by-products—the gold and silver found with the copper—more than paid running expenses. But really nobody down here knows anything about it. There is no mining inspection law in Arizona and no reports are required. Senator Clark talks freely to his friends, but does not allow his managers to enjoy that privilege, and nobody except the workmen in the company is permitted to the enclosure without a personal pass from him. He has several other well paying mines in the same neighborhood, but they are not worked to their full capacity. The Enquirer mine, three miles south of the United Verde, is popularly believed equally valuable.

It is a satire upon human fate that Senator Clarke bought the United Verde for a gold mine, and admits that if he had supposed it was a copper property he would have "turned it down." It was offered to a dozen different parties before he leased it and he says he was not proud of the trade at the time. The mine was discovered by Capt. John Boyd, a veteran prospector, in 1873, and was developed by two Chicago men—John O'Daugherty, an amateur assayer, and his brother, Edward O'Daugherty, a medical student, who came down here for his health. They discovered and developed several other prospects in the immediate neighborhood, including the now famous Copper Chief and Iron King mines. They organized the district and incorporated two or three mining companies in the seventies and early eighties.

PIOCHE WITH ONWARD TIDE.

The cheering information comes from Pioche that the first whistle in years is blowing in that once famous mining camp. The operations are on what is known as No. 5 of the Meadow Valley lead.

It is the initiatory of operations that points the pathway of this long abandoned camp with the hues of success and fortune. It is the stepping stone, the entering wedge that will achieve greater fame and wealth than was the lot of this great producer during the early seventies.

This statement is not based upon optimism, for it is known that the old camp has greater fortunes in its low grade deposits than were ever taken out of its rich chutes. Capital, by virtue of the beneficent effects of the Clark railroad, is seeking its Midias field here. Every feature that sustains the science of mineralogy, has its lodgment in the great Pioche mineral belt.

Courageous and practical mining will make Pioche a money maker; make it the Butte of Nevada and a source for great profits and the employment at good wages of that splendid manhood, the miner of the west. Pioche needs no boom. Nature easily reveals its opportunities.

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