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"DO IT NOW."

These are times in which it becomes everyone to rally those forces that will contribute a greater measure of energy towards making Las Vegas the splendid city and home of prosperity. It has attained a position in which the fungus growth has outlived its aims.

Being on a solid basis from which a natural development will take its forward movement it becomes the part of its substantial and leading citizens to unite their efforts in the direction of bringing into fruition the latent resources that bound and underlie the Las Vegas valley.

These resources, a gift of Nature, need but the intelligent handiwork of a thrifty and enterprising community to bring about those results which will make Las Vegas what its location has destined it to be.

With the New Year in sight it is well to comprehend these opportunities and with a masterful effort transform the dormant features into militant agents for the common advantage. Go at it.

MAY HER LIFE BE PROLONGED.

As we go to press there is a little lady lying close to death's door. That as a mere statement does not mean much to the average reader. There are countless numbers of good, true women and death is as common as life. But there are hundreds of men, some of them old and weather-beaten and still spending their nights with no roof save the heavens, and by day still plodding over the desert or climbing the mountain in their pursuit of the hidden mineral that is to

give them wealth and ease and power who if they knew of the illness of this little lady would not pillow their heads without first recording a heartfelt wish for her recovery.

The lady referred to is Mrs. Helen J. Stewart; than whom no one in southern Nevada is better known or more generally loved and respected.

In the good old days, before railroads or autos were thought of in southern Nevada and when what is now Overland avenue, and on which Mrs. Stewart resides, was the overland route to California, when the Stewart ranch was not only a resting place for the tired, dusty and oftentimes footsore traveler, but was a veritable oasis in an inhospitable and dangerous desert, this lady, educated, refined, with a cultivated mind and most charming personality, presided over, and dispensed the splendid hospitality of the famous ranch to which came sojourners of every type, but all of whom hastened their arrival with the anticipated pleasure and reluctantly took their departure with keen regret.

To all alike, to the titled foreigners making a trip full of adventure and spiced with danger, to the illustrious "Pathfinder" himself, to the buoyant and successful gold hunter, but most especially to the tired, discouraged and unsuccessful one, she was always the same charming, hospitable and sympathetic hostess, and with all she was and is a perfect type of the desert frontier. Wife, mother, manager, mistress of herself and of her household. Self-reliant if need be. Respected and beloved by all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

The Times joins with hundreds of others in the earnest hope that she may soon recover health and that so useful and valuable a life may be prolonged for many years yet to come.

GOOD LAW.

"No member of the Board of County Commissioners shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any property or in any purchase or sale of property purchased for the use of the county, or in any property belonging to the county, nor in any contract made by the county for the erection of public buildings, the opening or improvement of roads, or the building of bridges, or for other purposes; provided that the board may purchase supplies for the county, not to exceed thirty dollars,

in the aggregate, in any one month, from one of their number, when not to do so would be a great inconvenience, but the member from whom said supplies are purchased shall not vote upon allowance of said bill, and a violation of this Act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, and shall be cause for removal from office."

The attention of the grand jury is called to the above, and which law ought to have been rigorously enforced and complied with, but was it?

HAS THE TRUE RING.

The Western Topics, a mining journal devoted to the interests of mining and finance, has made its appearance. It is a neat, well edited and creditable paper. It is the successor of what was formerly the Mining Topics. The new issue is so commendable and worthy of support that the Times takes pleasure in commending it. It also congratulates Editor and Manager Beringer upon the successful launching of this creditable representation of the spirit of the west.

In the present issue it is brim full with matters of interest to the average Nevadan. Olinghouse, Bullfrog and Las Vegas occupy in a racy readable style most of its pages.

"KIND WORDS."

From The Caliente Express:

"As the breath of dew on the tender plant, they fall gently upon the drooping heart refreshing its withered tendrils and soothing its burning woes. Bright oases they are in life's greatest desert. Who can estimate the pangs they have alleviated or the good works they have accomplished?"

"Long after they are uttered do they reverberate in the soul's inner chambers and sing low, sweet liquid strains, that quell all raging storms that may have before existed. Ah, when the heart is sad, and like a broken harp, the sweetest chords of pleasure cease to vibrate, who can tell the power of one kind word? One little word of tenderness gushed in upon the soul will sweep the long neglected chord and awaken the most pleasant strains."

The undefiled and the fallen, we mean, those who are the target of every mind, and of every eye—the officials of Lincoln county.

Were they to be favored of those sweet sentiments as expressed in the above paragraph, how pleasant their thoughts would be in these trying times from what they have been for the last few months.

Kind words for such, would be but the drinking of a delicious thought, grand in mind painting and to a palate of refined taste to a tittle realm of pleasure, undefiled.

The dormant mind of a county officer cannot conceive the splendor of a sentiment so sublime that can picture the want of "kind words" such as these. Splendid dream, gorgeous in sublimity, and exquisite in bespangled beauty. Oh! how those men would delight to bask in phantom realms of those sweet thoughts, were they uttered but by the constituency whom they have betrayed, and to be showered with memories of many such "kind words" as we have this day appropriated from the columns of the "Nevadan."

Sweet? yes! But to give to them the sympathy of those "kind words" would be but wasted folly. They are for deserving men—not for officials of which we speak.

WILL RETIRE FROM CONGRESS.

Congressman Van Duzer, the excellent representative in the lower house of congress has announced that he will retire at the expiration of his present term of office. It is truth to say that he has been faithful to and regardful of the best interests of the state of Nevada.

Whoever his successor may be, it is hoped will maintain his enviable record.

SENATOR GEO. S. NIXON.

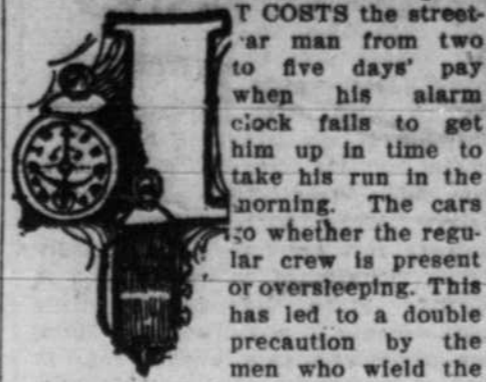
From The Caliente Express:

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Message of the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt," communicated to the two houses of congress at the beginning of the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress. The document is an able one and we are under personal obligations to Nevada's representative in the highest deliberative legislative body on earth, for the compliment—Senator George S. Nixon.

We trust that this able representative of Nevada will kindly remember this circulating medium in the future with other public documents as he has in this instance.

EACH USES TWO ALARM CLOCKS

How Street-Car Men Make Sure of Getting to Work in Morning.



IT COSTS the street-car man from two to five days' pay when his alarm clock fails to get him up in time to take his run in the morning. The cars go whether the regular crew is present or over-sleeping. This has led to a double precaution by the men who wield the metal levers on the front of cable and trolley cars and those who ring up the nickels. The double-alarm clock system is now in vogue with most of the men. One timepiece is set to go off a few minutes later than the first.

"I missed once in fifteen years," said a burly gripman, "and that was when my 'kid' had been playing with the clock and the hands stuck. I started using two of the sleep chasers after that."—Chicago News.

TO HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS.

Indians Plan to Help Dead Man in His Journey.

Many strange Indian tribes live around Hudson Bay. The Creek and Nascopie Indians are among these tribes who have a peculiar custom in regard to their dead. As soon as one of their number is dead, the surviving relatives place the dead one in a box which they beg from the Hudson Bay company. In this box are placed, with a loaded gun, a powder horn, a tobacco pouch, a flint stone for striking fire, the snowshoes for travel and an ax.

This box is then carried to the top of the nearest hill and set there with stones upon the top of it. For ten days it is left undisturbed, and then the relatives remove the gun and other valuables, believing that by that time the dead one has reached the happy hunting grounds and has no further use for them.

DARNS STOCKINGS ON MACHINE.

Invention of Denver Woman Will Net Her Much Money.

The inventive genius of a Denver woman promises to revolutionize the process of stocking darning.

Mrs. Agnes G. Maynard is responsible for the invention. The inspiration for the invention which those who know say will net Mrs. Maynard almost \$1,000,000, came to her one day while she was working at her sewing machine.

"Suddenly," said Mrs. Maynard, "I began to wonder if the same scheme could not be applied to stocking darning. I had always darned table cloths and napkins by stretching them across the hoops, and then, with finest cotton thread, had worked the machine back and forth until the hole was entirely closed."

The stocking darning is a small band of steel about three-fourths of an inch thick, and in circumference is about six and a half inches. One edge has tiny prongs which hold the material



In place like the second hoop in the embroidery set, and on the other edge are bars scarcely thicker than an ordinary pin, which project and hold down the part of the stocking which is not being mended.

The darning can be used on any sewing machine made.

Turtle on One Farm 109 Years.

A land turtle with an authenticated history of over a century lives on the old West farm, in Oley township, several miles from Boyertown.

Daniel West, a grandson of the first man by that name to settle in Oley, when 18 years old, found the turtle in 1796 and cut the date and his initials in its shell. After his death in the fall of the year, the inscription "1796—D. W.," was renewed from time to time by his brother John. He died in 1838 and the renewal of the inscription was then continued by his son, Daniel West.

His death occurred ten years ago, and regularly every summer since then the old turtle has been seen on the West farm, generally in the meadow.—Philadelphia Record.

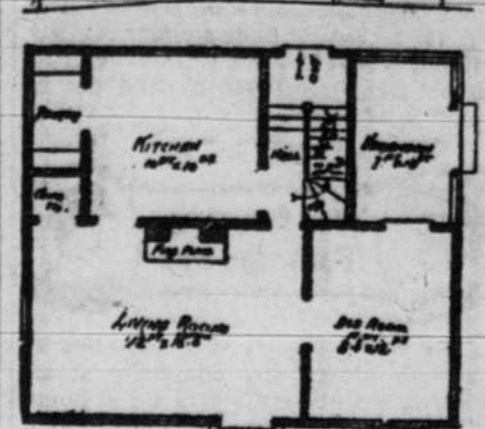
Transferred Court to Hotel.

After giving the janitor of the building a good "dressing down" the other day for his economy of coal, Judge Jelly of the Hingham (Mass.) court, fearful of pneumonia, adjourned his session to a nearby hotel.

NEAT AND INEXPENSIVE HOUSE

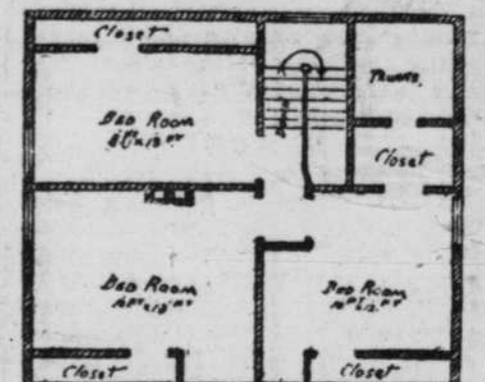
Can Be Built Complete for the Small Cost of \$875.

The accompanying sketch and ground floor plans are for a suburban cottage that should serve many who desire to build a neat, inexpensive dwelling. It is 24x27 feet and is set on cedar posts or brick piers. The walls are built of 2x4 inch studs, covered with building paper and matched siding or clap boards. The roof and gable ends are shingled with stained shingles in two shades of green, to give it a mottled appearance. The clap boards are painted a creamy



Ground Floor Plan.

white, while the casings or trimmings of doors and windows are pure white. The cottage has a fire place in the living room, also a fire for kitchen stove. The inside is plastered and trimmed in the usual way. The approximate cost of the building would be about as follows: Brick work for cellar, walls, piers and chimneys, \$75;



Upper Floor Plan.

carpenter work would cost about \$600; plastering, \$125; painting and glazing, \$75; making a total of \$875.

Fireproof Paint.

What is a good fireproof paint to use on buildings?

An excellent fireproof paint for a shingle roof is red iron oxide with boiled linseed oil for the first coat, finished with a second coat of raw oil. This is a dark brown color and the most durable of all kinds of paint, as the oil and the iron oxide make a chemical combination which is absorbed by the wood or unites with a metal roof. The quantity needed is based on the fact that one gallon of the thin first coat will cover four hundred square feet, and the second heavier coat will require a gallon for two hundred and fifty square feet. If the roof is of shingles it is desirable to paint these on both sides before they are laid on the roof. They will last twice as long as if painted only on one side after the roof is laid. A quick way of painting the shingles is to dip them in the mixed paint.

Making Concrete Tile.

Please explain the making of concrete culvert tile? How are the bottom rings made? I find trouble in removing the bottom rings.

In making concrete tile there should be several extra rings for every set of molds. The molds can be removed in six or eight hours (if concrete is properly tamped in the molds), but the tile has to remain standing on the rings for about forty-eight hours. But if one has the leisure time and can wait that length of time one set of rings will do.

Concrete tile should not be taken off the rings until the concrete becomes set hard enough so that it will not break; forty-eight hours should be sufficient time for the concrete to set, so that they may be handled. After the tiles are removed they should be kept wet for several weeks and out of the sun.

A Literary Note.

"I don't think the editor read a line of my story."
"Neither do I; I notice that his magazine comes out as usual!"

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