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## ENGINE NO. 2 FOR NEW ROAD

The Completing of Bullfrog Branch by Month of May Exacted a Larger Working Force and Increased Facilities.

Approximately a Mile a Day Has Been Completed to the Present, But Hence It is to be Increased by One-half.

The General Office Building of the L. V. & T. R. R., is Completed and Ready for Occupancy by Manager Grace and Force.

A mile a day. It is railroad building towards Bullfrog. By tonight the Las Vegas and Tonopah line will be in operating shape for fifteen miles. The grade is taking on the lines that point to being ready for the tracklayers for thirty miles more. Up to the present the graders have only been able to prepare a mile a day for the material force. But with increased force and the last batch of 100 teams, with scrapers, plows and drifters the contractors will have ready for the finishers one and one-half miles per day.

The company in order to push the work and keep abreast with the prophesy of being in Bullfrog by May or June have found it necessary to increase their motive capacity and as a result a new engine, a great big wheeler, and of greater power than No. 1 has been added to the support of the material gang. Two engines,

No. 1 and No. 2, are now actively engaged in pushing the work.

It is getting there and according to the geography of Nevada first and of the whole world second Bullfrog will be on the map as a greater than Butte and a richer than South Africa—the Clark road will be the influence or alchemy that will bring this about—because it brings these resources and riches into communication with the outside world, and permits the immense bodies of second grade ores to be worked at a profit.

Daily shipments of ties and steel rails are received.

The hospital is open with Drs. Cheek and Martin in attendance.

The general office building of the Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad is almost completed and will be a pleasant headquarters for General Manager Grace and his corps of clerks and helpers. By tonight this neat new structure will be fitted and completed for occupancy and henceforth the manager will be located at Buol.

The dirt is flying and the boys are humming along in its trail with a vengeance pronouncing to all the world Bullfrog by May, or we do not know our business.

### HAS EVERY BONANZA FEATURE.

G. A. Lane Brings Gold Rock to Town That Sets Everybody on Excitement, So Rich, You Know.

Excitement during the past week over the rich gold strike made up Boulder canyon, in the McClanahan Mining district, on the Colorado. The man who cast abroad the wild fire that associated with rich auriferous discoveries is Mr. G. A. Lane.

Mr. Lane is a veteran prospector and mining man. He has been in every section of the west where the hard rock miner has found a lodgment. But from the man to the

showings. He brought about 150 pounds of a spar quartz iron mineralization that showed the free gold and chloride in abundance. It was so rich as to make the boys wild to rush to the field of the new find. On boring this ore one gets many colors. The writer saw a piece horned that showed values of over \$1,000 per ton. Mr. Lane has called his find the Tip Top group. He has three claims.

These claims or district are so located as to make it worth one's life to get to them. Cliffs and canyons and defiles are such that it takes the experienced man to get to them. In order to reach Boulder canyon one must have a boat and row up the Colorado river from Colville for eight miles and then a climb and crawl up the high cliffs for a few miles. The topography is rough and terrible and the untrained mountaineer has no business in these quarters. But there is no doubt of the ultimate development of rich producing mines in this district, even though it is inaccessible for the average man at present.

The district is of the volcanic order. It has tremendous siliceous porphyry dykes, in fact has all the geologic features in which mineral is found in abundance.

While the ore carries much free gold it is a proper subject for the cyanide process if the silver and gold in the none free state is to be saved. There are no metallic contents that make it refractory to the cyanide treatment.

It is a country that requires capital and courage. The old-time prospector furnishes courage and paves the way and capital will follow.

The Times is specially gratified at the good fortune of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, our hope is it will mean an enormous fortune for these good and hardworking people.

Albert Jason, another old time prospector and honest, hardworking man, has good and promising claims a distance beyond the rich showing of Mr. Lane.

### MENTIONED FOR CONGRESS.

Key Pittman Recognized as Possessing the Ability to Represent Nevada at Washington.

A man of brain, one of those who carve their names in strong letters upon the history of any community is Key Pittman, attorney, mining man and enterprising Nevada citizen. He is mentioned by his friends as a suitable man to succeed Congressman Van Duver at Washington. Pittman ranks high in his profession. Is recognized as a man of keen ability and is one of those strong factors who are shaping industrially and politically the destiny of the Sage Brush state.

He is extensively interested in mines and mining and as an attorney occupies a niche in the profession that ranks him with the best. An ardent admirer and advocate of the brilliant attainments of Pittman at Las Vegas is P. J. Sullivan, the prominent carpenter contractor of this section.

Sullivan has nothing but praise for the sterling qualities of his well known friend, Key Pittman. He just thinks that Pitt is the man for the place and declares if he should be elected that he will make a record for ability and statesmanship that will entitle him to the encomiums of history such as are your Tom Corwins and Thaddens Stevens praise by the historian.

The feeling and measure of enthusiasm that Mr. Sullivan entertains for his friend is an index worthy for the best, from the fact that P. J. is a man of keen insight and one of those fair, able fellows whose judgment and appreciation of the qualities of good men is a No. 1.

### IT WAS A DANDY.

And Popular People Succeeded in Winning the Prize.

From The Caliente Express: The people of Caliente had one of the dances of the season in the Warren Hall Monday night. A feature of the dance was a contest for a cake, in a "cake walk" contest, and the prize was won by Lloyd Denton and Mrs. H. Rice.

By those who were present the dance was voted by all the most enjoyable and pleasant entertainment of the season.

Always the Best—The butter and eggs at Johnson & Ward's. Try them and be convinced.

### HAVE PLACER AND QUARTZ.

Well Known Vegans Are the Owners of Mining Property That Looks Like Riches.

Elmer Whothen, Ed Brumbly, C. M. Smith, R. J. Camden, S. M. Getchell, et al., owners of valuable placer and quartz claims along the Colorado river belt, are highly elated over their returns from the assays.

The El Bloncho group is a quartz porphyry proposition. There are seven claims in this combination. The lead or mineralized vein matter can be traced along the line of claims. At the point of working the outcrop gave a return value of \$2.52. It is a tunnel proposition, their second return an average of face of working of \$7.40 per ton. This sample was from a point sixteen feet from mouth of tunnel. The last sample, an average of face and thirty-one feet from mouth of tunnel gives a return of \$19.23 per ton. As depth is attained the ratio of increase in values is such as to cause enthusiasm. Every mining man conversant with the geology of the river territory knows what this feature means and indicates. As plain as the nose upon a man's face, this is a command to these well known characters to pursue their work and bounteous nature will reward them for their trouble by giving them returns that will make them rich and the happy possessors of a mine that will enrich the marts of commerce. The Las Vegas Ruby is a placer claim. It is owned by the El Bloncho crowd. This placer showing is of the sort with handling upon a scale that means fame and fortune for those who can install dredging machinery to handle it on a large scale. Samples from this placer ground show values of from \$2.40 to \$12.80 per cubic yard. Upon such a return and capable of being operated on a big scale there would be "millions in it." Win it.

### GOOD PROSPECTS.

A Prospector Who Brought in Some Fine Specimens.

From the Caliente Express: William Hergis returned from his mines during the week and he brought with him several good-looking samples from his mines. He has eight in one group, in which he places his greatest confidence. The leads will vary all the way from four to six feet, and he says that they carry their values very regular.

Mr. Hergis believes that he has some very good properties, and as he is a hard-working man the development of the properties have not been conducted along the lines that he would like.

As all of the leads lay only about six miles from Senator Clark's road, he says that as soon as he has a little more work done he will be able to commence shipping and then all of the cares will be off his shoulders. As for the ultimate result he has no fear.

### ARE NEATLY LOCATED.

The Popular Telegraph Boys Are in Their New Home, Second Floor Depot Building, and Happy.

B. W. Forrester, W. A. Nash and R. M. Stagg, operators, and Carl Huddleston, one of Vegas' bright lads, and of the messenger force, are truly proud and happy in their new home. It is such an improvement over the old rag dump in use heretofore that they can well afford to exhibit the glee that the youngster does when he has his first pair of red tops.

Everything is in keeping with modern up-to-date arrangements. Electrical science, with its known devices to facilitate rapidity of good service is apparent here. The office is a genius of arrangements. The facilities and machines are such that the boys who work them express their delight at the ease and comfort afforded. Then, too, the operators—Forrester and Nash and Stagg, and Carl thrown in—are as genteel and clever a combination of good accommodating fellows as one wants to meet. They are courtesy and fidelity combined.

### THEORIES ABOUT THE EARTH'S INNER HEAT.

The heat of the sun never penetrates more than 100 feet below the earth's surface, and at which depth the thermometer remains at 52 degrees throughout the year, whether in

the Arctic or tropical zones. Downward from 100 feet, every sixty-six feet, means a gain of one degree of heat and at 10,000 feet it is estimated water would boil. At a distance of thirty miles all rocks in the crust would melt. It is improbable that the same rate of temperature increase continues to the earth's center, because that would give a heat vastly beyond conception. We know that in the borings of mines heat increases with depth.

The large number of hot lakes and geyser springs, numerous volcanoes in various parts of the world, are certain indications that a vast amount of heat still lies beneath the earth's surface. Not long ago supposition was that the interior of the earth was a vast ocean of molten rock, surrounded by a cold crust, but later knowledge of physical laws has led to the belief that the earth is more rigid than a globe of steel of similar size. If the earth was a globe of molten material surrounded by a thin crust it would be continually pulled out of shape by the attraction of the moon and great tidal waves would be created on the surface by the surging molten mass within.

While the interior of the earth is rigid, an exceedingly high temperature nevertheless prevails, and it continues in a solid state only by intense pressure. If it were possible suddenly to strip off the cold exterior crust the solid and heated interior would instantly become molten. It is most probable that there are local pools and reservoirs of molten materials in and under the crust. Whenever there is a local disturbance caused by the shrinkage of the crust and a release of pressure, we may suppose that pools of liquid rock are formed. Through fissures in the earth's crust such molten masses have in the past ages been forced up and spread over the surface.

The lava beds of Arizona, New Mexico and other western points, the Fallsades of the Hudson river, the Giant's Causeway in Ireland and numerous other occurrences are remnants of ancient lava flows.—Ex.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Justice Maynard of This City a Member of the Board.

From the Caliente Express: The teachers' examination took place at the county seat on the 8th and lasted until the 11th. There were seven applicants and all passed, with the following percentages:

Miss Sarah Wedge, 100; Miss Irma French, Muddy, 96; Miss Eloise Turnbaugh, Panaca, 94½; Miss Effie Smith, Dutch Flat, 94½; Ralph Rice, Spring Valley, 92½; Carley Barton, Muddy, 86½; Miss Mable Crumby, Pahranghat.

The board of examiners consisted of Judge W. D. Maynard, Miss Sarah Wedge and County School Superintendent Ben Sanders.

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### VIEWED R. R. CONSTRUCTION.

A Leading Citizen from Rhyolite Goes Home With Confident Assurance That Transportation Trouble Will be Over Soon.

F. O. Frazier, president of the Rhyolite Board of Trade, and associated with the most solid banking institution of the Bullfrog country, was at Las Vegas for two days during the present week. Mr. Frazier was aglow over the great mineral showings of the great Nevada mining field. He prophesied a greater gold production annually out of the extensive Bullfrog belt than what the Rand of South Africa produces. He declares that they have the showing and mineral evidences to justify this prediction.

His knowledge of this inland mining district made him extremely anxious for all the information in connection with the Clark railway building north.

To carry the good tidings back to his people that the road is being built with all possible rapidity, he took the opportunity afforded by courtesy of Manager Grace to take a ride on engine No. 1 over the ten miles of railway open for service and see for himself what is and how they are doing it. Minutely he observed these operations and was prepared when he left to make a full detailed report to the citizens of Rhyolite.

On his return from detour of inspection Mr. Frazier was full of enthusiasm and confidence that the road would be into Rhyolite at time prophesied. As he put it, "they are doing things and with such rapidity as to guarantee that the Bullfrog country will be shipping thousands of tons of ore by June to the outside for treatment."

His rosy views and knowledge of the Nevada mineral resources permitted the further prophesy that Las Vegas in not a very distant future would become the reduction and smelting point for all the ores of the surrounding territory. In this Mr. Frazier has certainly more than a prophetic vision, he has the knowledge upon which to base so advantageous a conclusion.

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After enjoying the ocean breezes and the aromatic laden atmosphere of sunny California for the last month Mr. Martin Hamilton, well known, popular and a delightful companion, returned to his favorite post at the Arizona during the early part of the week. His many friends were pleased to greet him and say "I am glad you are back."

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