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WILL BE SOURCE OF BOUNTIFUL

New Industries Are Perfected That Mean Much for Las Vegas' Future.

A Strong Financial Concern From Nephi, Utah, Will Erect Plant and Manufacture Plaster at This Point.

This Will Mean an Enlarged Pay Roll and a Consequent Ratio of Increased Prosperity.

C. O. Whittemore, next to the Clarks, the great energetic character in developing the resources of South Nevada, was at Vegas during the early part of the week attending to business and giving directions to affairs that in the near future will conserve the best interest of the citizens of the desert city and valley.

His confidence, and it is like the declaration of an oracle from the inner council, is of the unbounded sort, so far as the future of this section of the country is concerned. Enterprises are conceived that in a material and prosperous sense will redound to the benefit of all southland.

An immediate prospect in view is the plaster manufacturing plant to be capitalized and financed by the Nephi, Utah, concern that is the largest manufacturing corporation of high grade plaster of paris in the country.

The experts of this company have been over the ground and natural deposits of gypsum in the Vegas valley and pronounced this point the most advantageous from whence to supply

the entire Pacific coast trade with best grade plaster.

The Vegas article is superior. It has the call with the men who know and measure results by the dollars and cents that such products produce.

The magnitude and scale upon which the new manufacturing enterprise is conceived means the employment of numerous wage earners and the money in circulation necessary to maintain a thrifty and enterprising community. In addition to this specific case there are other projects on foot that are bound to materialize, financed as they will be by the best known capitalists of the country, and that will mean Las Vegas as a "bee hive" full of honey and gratification for those who recognize the opportunity of holding on to a good thing.

The sun rises in splendor over the Vegas and the silver lining now will become a source of bountiful for those who braved the early disadvantages of this section.

THE MINING WONDER.

Manhattan Has Marvelous Features and is the Liveliest Mining Camp in the Country.

John J. Owens, the well known mining man from Tonopah, writes as follows to a friend at Las Vegas about Manhattan:

"On a person's arrival at the Manhattan district, the first place of any note noticed is the suburb of Central. There is water in abundance at this point. To secure this supply it was necessary to sink a well forty feet. On the outskirts of Central they have a mine from which high grade ore is sacked and shipped. Central, also, is closer to the famous Stray Dog mine, so much in the public mind now on account of its fabulous richness, than what Manhattan is.

"Upon arrival at Manhattan one is

surprised to see such a town—representing the bustle and hustle of a 5,000 population and in so short a time. Fully appurtenanced with general stores, saloons, restaurants, two banks, blacksmith shop, doctors' offices, lawyers galore and merchandise and commodities of such excellent quality as not to be outrivaled in your metropolitan points.

"Recognizing the short space of time since Manhattan made its debut one would naturally expect that the volume of Manhattan transactions would be conducted in tents, but such is not the case. For more than one-fourth of a mile on Main street it is frame buildings. There are only two exceptions to this marvelous feature. One-third of these new frame buildings are two stories. Such an appearance and presentation easily gives Manhattan the palm that makes it the record breaker. Water is an expensive commodity at present. It is \$2.50 per barrel. This will not last long. Wells are being sunk and soon this disadvantage will be overcome. Then also a pipe line will bring water in the near future from the large springs. Fire wood is plentiful. Much timber prospers on the surrounding hills. Lots of money in circulation. The mines have ever ear mark of becoming great producers. On the road as I was going into Manhattan I met ten teams coming out with sacked ore, carrying rich values. These teams carried to market the wealth that leasers dug from the bowels of Mother Earth. These leasers as a rule are practical miners and their results and confidence in the future of Manhattan, and speaking from what I have seen, Manhattan beats all I ever saw and I have been in all of them through Leadville, Cripple Creek, Rossland, Republic, Gold Field, Tonopah. If it will maintain its pace and production it will prove the mining wonder and marvel of this century. At present she is a winner and I have no doubt from my observations but that the future will prove the permanency of the present showings."

IT IS A SPLENDID COPPER SHOWING.

A Phenomenally Rich Discovery of the Electric Metal in Cedar Basin.

What is known as the Cedar Basin Mining district has during the past few weeks occasioned much interest for the mining man. Numerous discoveries have been made that give every indication that this section will not only be the mecca for the fortune hunter, but will be the means of making as many millionaires and employing as many miners at good wages as any section of Nevada can boast of. Amongst those who are specially fortunate in striking the thing that has every earmark of conveying "millions in it" is Hon. Levi Syphus, Harry Gentry and Matthew Reece of St. Thomas, Nevada.

About twenty miles southeast of St. Thomas and about forty miles from Moapa, these fortunate individuals have and are opening a copper property of enormous showings and value.

They have many tons of ore in sight that goes 64 per cent in copper and has bi-product values in gold and silver. The ore is in a lime formation. It is apparently what is called a chimney of ore, but is so large as to occasion the impression that it may be another, United Verde when fully developed.

J. F. Gibbs, the noted expert and rock scientist, pronounces the discovery as splendid and encouraging a showing as he ever saw.

C. C. Ronnow, who is interested in the district, brought some samples of ore from the Syphus-Gentry-Reece property and to say that it looks good but faintly expresses the value of the rock. It is rich. It is phenomenal and unless geology reverses itself these deserving miners have an immense fortune. The Times is glad of this prospective wealth for there are none better than Syphus and Gentry.

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.

The undersigned will take orders for shade and fruit trees for shrubbery and flower plants. Is prepared to furnish in due time all plants of the nursery order that will prosper in the soil of the Vegas valley. Get orders in early.

LAS VEGAS NURSERY, On Buol's track, near brick yard. G. F. SHERWOOD.

THE SIBERT MINE BLOWN UP

A Desperate Character Touches Off 3,900 Pounds of Giant Powder—C. H. Roberts, a Man Named Wilson Claims Set It Off.

HAD BEEN WORKING FOR SIBERT COMPANY.

George Fetterman Suffers the Greatest Loss in Powder—Everything Portable About the Mine is Blown Away—Deputy Sheriff Kete Is on the Trail of Roberts.

From The Caliente Express:

One of the most monstrous crimes ever committed in the history of this mining camp was perpetrated last Friday morning about 3 o'clock.

About a mile from the depot of the Senator Clark railroad is where the Sibert mine is located. It is in a westerly direction and can be easily seen from the depot platform. About 250 feet from the tunnel Mr. Sibert is working. There are two others. These tunnels were used as powder magazines, one by our local merchant, George Fetterman, and contained seventy-six boxes of giant of fifty pounds to the box. The other was used by Mr. Sibert for the mine, and in it he had ten boxes, besides tools and other supplies.

Since Mr. Sibert commenced operations on the Sibert properties he has had a number of miners employed. They would work and quit. It seems that C. H. Roberts and a man by the name of Wilson worked in the mine as partners for a short time, and they, too, quit. It is claimed they were dissatisfied. Wilson did not show the hatred for the company that Roberts did, for as Wilson says, Friday evening Roberts wanted him to go over to the mine, touch off the powder in both magazines and blow up the whole business. Wilson demurred, saying, "Remember, there are men working in the tunnel." Roberts replied, "Let them go up with it." Wilson went as far as the railroad crossing and tried to persuade Roberts to change his mind, but Roberts went any way, when about 3 o'clock a tremendous explosion was heard and felt. The effects of the discharge swayed the buildings in Caliente too and fro and it was easily determined that something other than an ordinary blast had gone off.

It appears that Roberts, knowing where the powder was stored and how to get at it, it was easy for him to deal death and devastation to everything within its path. There was 500 feet of fuse near where the boys were working, namely, Stanley Reed and Hill Harris, and Roberts got that fuse, besides a candle and candle stick, without being discovered, or seen, for that matter, by either Reed or Harris. He then, from all indications, used a long piece of the fuse and made a connection with both magazines, lit it and retired to a safe distance to witness the scene of destruction.

Both Reed and Harris were somewhat stunned, not realizing what had happened, the shock was so severe. Just south of the tunnel about 100 feet from where the explosion occurred is located a small cabin. It had been occupied by men working for the former owners. This cabin was being used by a miner named O. C. Flugstad. He was asleep in his bunk. The force of the explosion was in the direction of the cabin, and it wiped the building from the sleeping Flugstad, and he did not awake until some time after the report, and only when the citizens gained courage sufficient to approach, when some one remarked "There is a body in there." Flugstad arose in his bunk and asked, "What has happened?" He had been stunned. Had his bunk been but a fraction of a foot higher he would have been swept into eternity.

The destruction to the earth's surface within a radius of the force of the powder was astounding. It simply raised a great part of one mountain and set it down on the other side of the canyon and left an excavation that would have taken months to have moved.

Sheriff Johnson was fortunately in Caliente when the deed was done, and he at once took steps to unravel the crime. Together with Deputy Sheriff Monahan and Ernest Ketes, the cause of the explosion was very quickly un-

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raveled. Wilson had not yet left town and he had been lamenting the loss of his partner. He claims that he was covered up in the flying debris and that the body is there yet. The officers are of a different opinion. They believe Roberts, after having committed the deed, took safety in flight and kept going. It is known that Roberts has no money, and to get away he must beat the road. This is an advantage to the officers and every avenue of escape has been carefully guarded and it is impossible for him to make a getaway in this country.

Both Wilson and Roberts are old miners and had only lately arrived from the Seven Devils country in Idaho. The loss in property amounted to considerable, as Mr. Sibert had only laid in a new supply of everything, with a view to commencing business on an extensive scale. All of this property was stored about the tunnel and in it and all was blown into fragments.

Wilson is being detained as a state witness and he is incarcerated in the branch jail at this place. Ernest Kete and other deputies are on the trail of Roberts, with a fair show of apprehending him before he can reach a place of safety.

Deputy Sheriff Kete returned from his trip south after Roberts, who it is alleged blew up the Sibert mine. Kete says he did not go south and it is believed he went north. Some believe Roberts is covered up in the de-

bris, while others laugh at the idea. It is believed by a great many beyond the possibility of a doubt that Roberts done the job. Wilson is still held in custody, being held as a state witness.

A RECORD BREAKER.

The Las Vegas and Tonopah Railway Company Will Reach Bullfrog Before May 1st.

With a gallop the builders of the Bullfrog branch are going northwest. By the commencement of the coming week they will reach Indian Springs with rails and by March 1st will have sidings in to accommodate freighters and traffic.

All previous high records of track laying were excelled on this route on Monday. The best record made prior in American railroad building was accomplished on the San Pedro road between Las Vegas and Moapa. The record on the Tonopah branch exceeds this by 210 feet. The record breaking trackage last Monday was 9,820 feet. Arthur McGuire, the engineer of construction, is a cracker jack at his business and so expeditious and correct as to place him in the front rank of railroad constructors.

Mr. C. O. Whittemore, while here, prophesied that at the present rate of progress the road would be ready for service to Bullfrog before May 1. Let the good work continue.

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