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DISCRIMINATION

Higher Railroad and Passenger Rates in Nevada Than in Utah

The Salt Lake folder contains the following paragraph:

1000 mile books, good in Utah only, are on sale at principal stations in Utah at rate of \$30.00.

In Utah round trip railroad tickets may be purchased on the Salt Lake, but not so in Nevada. Ex-Senator Denton of Caliente, informs The Age that people from that town save five dollars on a trip to Salt Lake by buying a ticket from Caliente to Modena, Utah, and there purchasing a round trip ticket.

From Moapa to Salt Lake is 397 miles and the passenger fare is \$15.00. From Moapa to Los Angeles is 383 miles and the fare is \$17.20. Thus it costs \$2.20 more to go to Los Angeles 14 miles less than to Salt Lake. Why this discrimination in favor of Salt Lake?

Bunkerville is only 35 miles from Moapa, Nevada, and 100 miles from Modena, Utah. The railroad discriminates in rates to such an extent against Lincoln county that all the freight from Bunkerville is hauled by wagon 100 miles to Modena in Utah.

The car load freight rate on flour per hundred from Salt Lake to Caliente 323 miles is 27 cents. From Salt Lake to Moapa, 75 miles further south, the rate on flour is 82 cents. Rates are doubled rapidly when the railroad enters Nevada. Lincoln county people must elect members to the legislature who will regulate freight and passenger rates.

Passengers from Pioche for Salt Lake stage forty miles to Modena in Utah, where they can buy a round trip ticket and save five dollars, instead of going via Caliente, where no round trip ticket can be purchased.

The coming session of the Nevada legislature should enact a reasonable passenger and freight law.

KEY WEST MINE

On the Virgin river, near Bunkerville, the Key West Mine yields copper, nickel and platinum. Several thousand tons of ore are on the dump. A force of men have been doing development work on the mine for years. Transportation facilities have been lacking. Superintendent Darling will resume work on the mine in September.

The Santa Fe railroad contemplates extending a branch line from the Needles to Searchlight, Eldorado Canyon, and along the old Fort Colville road north to St. Thomas, Bunkerville and Mesquite to tap a great agricultural and mineral section.

PIOCHE MINES

It is estimated that the Pioche mines yielded about \$20,000,000 in gold, silver, lead and zinc from 1871 to 1874. Litigation, the slump in silver and lack of transportation facilities closed the mines. The hills are full of ore which can be treated now by improved methods, and the Utah-Nevada company is now opening the old works.

ELDORADO MINES

The Eldorado mines were discovered in 1861, and are conceded to be vast in extent. Millions of bullion have been produced, and the surface has been barely scratched. A great camp will spring up at Eldorado Canyon. Las Vegas should reap great benefits from these adjacent mines.

MOUNTAIN OF SALT

Three miles south of St. Thomas, at an elevation of 1,100 feet above sea is one of the greatest salt deposits in the world. It is a great ledge in the mountain and extends for miles. The salt is hard, white and of a superior quality. Mining costs about \$5.00 per ton. Some day salt mining will be one of the great industries in Lincoln county.

SILVER AND LEAD

Some wonderfully rich specimens of silver and lead ore from the Groom district have been shown The Age. Truly southern Nevada is a great mineral section and will continue to produce millions. Reasonable freight rates would aid in developing the mines.

Experimental Station.

The people of Logan and Overton in the Muddy river valley, have decided to State eighty acres of suitable land to the agricultural experimental station. Ten thousand dollars will be expended at this station during the next two years. The elevation is about 1,300 feet, the climate is semi-tropical. Crops will be raised by irrigation.

At present the farmers raise great crops of alfalfa, vegetables, cantaloupes and all kinds of fruits in the neighborhood of the experimental station.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Contract Let for Three-Room Frame Structure

Contract for a temporary school building for Las Vegas has been awarded to Fleming & Sullivan. The building will be frame, one story, 40x50 feet in size. It will contain three rooms, two 20x30 feet and one 20x40 feet. The walls will be 12 feet with hip roof. The interior is to be finished with cloth and paper and match board ceiling. The contract price is \$1,170.

It will make a fairly comfortable house and is thought adequate to accommodate the children for the opening term, at least.

The school property comprises lots 1 to 8, block 22, at the corner of Lewis and Second streets, being one block south of the public square.

DESERT TRAGEDIES

Some Men Who Have Died for the General Good

The Age will soon write a history of some famous desert tragedies.

The Hancock case has cost the county of Lincoln so far \$4,000, and the end is not yet. He is sentenced to be hanged September 8th, but may get a stay of execution, for new trial or appeal. His life hangs on a slender thread. Hancock is 37 years of age and has spent most of his manhood in prison.

About 100 murders have been committed in this county since 1870 and only one man, Hank Parish, has been legally hung in expiation. He was tried and hung at Ely in 1892 for a murder near Pioche.

Many have perished with their boots on, as a long line of graves in "Murderers Row" in the grave yard at Pioche shows. Here thirty graves contain the dust of men who died fighting, from 1870 to 1874.

At Hiko, the old county seat, in 1878, a Justice of the Peace found a man guilty of murder and hanged him the same afternoon.

THAT DEBT

Senator J. D. Campbell, of Pioche, who was instrumental in getting an option on the \$630,000 court house debt, whereby it could have been compromised for \$400,000, says the county's option expired July 12, 1905.

Senator Campbell is a holdover State Senator and will therefore be an important factor in the legislature which meets one year from the coming January. He is a clean cut man, direct in statement and not afraid to express opinions.

STAGE LINE QUILTS

The Utah-Nevada Express Company, B. F. Miller, manager, has discontinued its stage line from Las Vegas to Beatty. The company expended considerable money building a chartered toll road, which has been abandoned.

For a time negotiations for the taking over of the road were pending with the Nevada Rapid Transit Company, but the latter company decided the road to be impracticable for auto purposes, and it is now deserted.

COMSTOCK MINES

At Virginia City nearly 500 men are at work in the old mines, which are producers. At a depth of 2,800 feet the mines are so hot that men work in the heat twenty minutes and rest in cooling chambers the same length of time alternately.

HIKO THE FIRST

The little town of Hiko was the first county seat of Lincoln. It held the honor from March, 1867, to February, 1871, when the populous mining camp of Pioche outvoted them and took away the county seat.

OIL LANDS

Between Moapa and Overton, on the Muddy river, strong indications of oil exist, on the water and in the rock and shale. The government geological survey and map verify this statement. An Ohio company has leased 6000 acres of this land and will bring machinery and develop it this fall. Mr. Spence is superintendent of the company.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS

Following are merchants doing business in Muddy and Virgin river valleys: Cobb Bros., Moapa; Whitmore & Perkins and Cobb Bros., Overton; Harry Gentry, St. Thomas; Bishop Edward Bunker and J. S. Abbott, Bunkerville.

Latest copies of The Age may be secured in Los Angeles at street carts and news stands.

WORK STOPPED

President Smith Orders Borax Railroad Construction Off

Manager John Ryan of the Borax railroad has carried out the instructions, of President Smith and stopped construction on the grade, which is twelve miles west of Las Vegas. Mr. Ryan says the Salt Lake railroad has charged prohibitive rates on ties and material necessary in construction and forced them to seek other connections. On ties the freight amounts to 45 cents each. About 12,000 ties are now on the ground.

Had no obstacles been thrown in the way the Borax railroad would have reached Ash Meadows this fall, and saved the business of the Bullfrog country. Because of shorter haul freights will now go to Beatty via Goldfield railroad.

This hitch is unfortunate for Las Vegas and it is hoped some concessions may be made by the Salt Lake people which will enable the Borax railroad to resume construction at an early date.

SIGN POSTS

And Wells on the Desert for Public Safety

At the last meeting of the county commissioners they had under consideration iron sign posts and the sinking of wells on the desert stretches in Lincoln county. Owing to the absence of Commissioner Nesbitt the matter was laid over one month. The feeling of the board is favorable.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessor Roeder informed The Age that he assessed the Salt Lake railroad at \$2,500 per mile for the first six months and at \$7,000 for the second six months of the year. Much valuable land improvements and rolling stock is included in these figures.

The old Stewart ranch of 1516 acres, now owned by the railroad, is assessed at \$5,500.

The Kyle ranch of 280 acres at \$1,000. The ranch of 924 acres, now owned by Stewarts, at \$900.

The Las Vegas townsite of 1180 lots \$10,000.

The ice plant at \$25,000. The law requires property to be assessed at full cash value.

The county commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization, beginning the third Monday in September. If you think any changes should be made in the assessment rolls visit or write to the commissioners at Pioche.

AUTO STAGE

Manager F. M. Grace states that the Nevada Rapid Transit company will open its auto stage line about August 20th. By that date the road will have been completed to Indian creek, 45 miles from Las Vegas, where connection will be made with the Kimball stage line for Beatty and points north.

The auto road will not be built beyond Indian Creek until winter. Until the road has been packed by the rains the large passenger coaches will not be put on. Two five-passenger touring cars will be operated for the present.

The company will carry passengers and light express only.

ALL NORTH

Following are the names of Lincoln county officials and their places of residence:

- Jake Johnson, Sheriff, DeLamar.
- H. J. Goodrich, Clerk and Treasurer, Pioche.
- John F. Roeder, Assessor, Pioche.
- Henry Lee, Recorder and Auditor, Panaca.
- Benj. Sanders, District Attorney and School Superintendent, Pioche.
- J. A. Nesbitt, County Commissioner (Long Term), Pioche.
- Geo. C. Baldwin, County Commissioner (Short Term), Moapa.
- Richard J. Gordon, County Commissioner (hold-over), De Lamar.

RAILROAD NEWS

Through Tourist Car service Las Vegas to Omaha:

Leave Las Vegas 10:45 a. m., arrive Salt Lake 6:30 a. m., leave Salt Lake 7:10 a. m., arrive Omaha 5:55 p. m. Reservations can be made at Las Vegas.

Agent C. E. Redman expects to move into the new Las Vegas passenger depot by October 1st.

A railroad man informs The Age that about October 1st another passenger train will run both ways on the Salt Lake road, as an accommodation train. It is proposed to increase the speed of the through train and therefore the accommodation will be put on to relieve the fast train from stopping at flag stations.

MOAPA

Grist of News From the Muddy River Valley

Quail are so numerous on the Muddy river as to be a nuisance. Ducks are also plentiful.

J. M. Thomas runs a saw mill in sheep mountain forty miles west of Moapa. Some of the pine is from two to three feet in diameter.

J. T. Wallace and N. E. Stevenson have a herd of 1000 goats in sheep mountain, forty miles west of Moapa. Happy goats, so far from the temptations of pasture and civilization.

Some good specimens of copper ore may be seen at Cobb's store from Mormon mountain, 25 miles northeast of Moapa.

Beginning four miles northeast from Moapa and extending ten miles north is a petrified forest, specimens from which may be seen at Cobb's store. It appears to have been an old river bed.

Enormous deposits of gypsum exist a few miles south of Moapa.

An enormous cave has been found in Mormon range, 25 miles northeast of Moapa. It has been explored to a depth of more than 200 feet. Such caves are usually formed by hot or cold springs.

A gang of laborers are putting in a water tank at Moapa. They get \$1.00 per day and board. The thermometer runs from 110 to 115 in the shade—and no shade.

Cobb Bros. favor the removal of the county seat to Moapa, the best agricultural section of the county.

The Grand Gulch Mine, sixty miles southeast of Moapa, recently shipped a car load of copper ore which will yield from 50 to 60 per cent copper. Mr. Isaac Jennings is superintendent.

The Moapa Improvement Co., S. H. Wells, manager, has cleared about \$2,000 this season on cantaloupes alone. Land in the Muddy River valley yields about \$200 per acre in cantaloupes, cauliflower or asparagus.

On the Muddy river there are 5000 acres of good agricultural land and on the Virgin about 10,000 acres. Not quite the fourth of this land is now under cultivation. The elevation in the lower valleys is about 1200 feet and the products semi tropical.

J. M. Pickett of Moapa, who has resided in Nevada for half a century, recently had a visit from a brother whom he had not seen for 51 years. They have a family reunion regularly every half century, but the meeting slipped a cog and was one year late this time.

Indian Agent Sharp has about 100 Pinte wards on the reservation at Moapa. They do some farming, and will have more time for it now that their supply of whiskey has been cut off by the sentence of Mrs. McKenna to the pen at Carson. Whiskey and farming do not go hand in hand on an Indian reservation.

Prices at Moapa—Alfalfa hay per ton \$15, eggs 25c, butter 35c, potatoes per cwt \$3.25, sweet potatoes 2c per pound, sack salt for stock \$9 per ton, chickens per dozen \$4.00.

There are about 2000 head of cattle in the Muddy Valley.

The spring which forms the source of the Muddy River seven miles northwest of Moapa has a volume of about 2500 miners inches, temperature 81 degrees. The spring probably receives its water from the sink of the White river, which flows into the Pahranagat lakes, 75 miles northwest.

Cobb Bros., weather prophets of Moapa, say hot weather is over for the summer. They have quit keeping their thermometers in the ice box to deceive passengers.

In the Mormon settlement on the Virgin river no saloons exist. They are strong on churches and school houses.

Mrs. McKenna, who was convicted on the charge of selling liquor to Indians, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$100 fine, the lightest sentence that could be imposed.

THE COUNTY DEBT

The county commissioners will probably take steps at an early date to adjust the county indebtedness. The old court house debt of \$630,000 is practically the only obligation, and the creditors will probably compromise for less than the judgment. Otherwise the county of Lincoln is in good financial condition with a property valuation of over \$2,000,000, which next year will increase to \$3,000,000.

Mr. H. E. Freudenthal has been examining the delinquent tax rolls of the county to ascertain whether the claim of \$10,000 made by the State against Lincoln county is just. He reports to the county commissioners substantially that the claim is erroneously based on delinquent county taxes which are uncollectable and should be stricken from the rolls.

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