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## ASSESSMENTS

### Unless Properly Made There Can Be No School

District Attorney Benjamin Sanders has received the following statement from James G. Sweeney, Attorney General of the State of Nevada:

"Dear Sir: Your favor requesting of me an opinion as to whether or not your county assessor should assess all property found in the county at this time of the year, and should he fail or neglect to do so what steps should be taken to force him to do so, duly received.

"You state in your letter that your assessor has overlooked \$100,000.00 worth of assessable property in Las Vegas.

"The revenue laws of our state are such that it is mandatory on all county assessors to assess all property found in their respective counties at its true cash value; and Section 1084 of our Compiled Laws make it mandatory upon the assessor to levy taxes upon the said property any time from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in September.

Your assessor has plenty of time now to place all property on the assessment roll of Lincoln county which he has heretofore overlooked and he should do so on or before the first Monday in September.

"It is very important both to your county and to our state that this Las Vegas property which you speak of should be assessed as well as all other property in the state, so immediately request your assessor to assess the property which you state he has overlooked and call his attention to any property you have in your knowledge which he has not assessed. If necessary do so in writing, but do so at once and urgently request him to place all property on the list, that he has not placed on the assessment roll of Lincoln county, at this time. You can also inform him that if he fails to do so he is subject to removal from the office and is liable to the county and state on his official bond for any sum which the county or state might suffer by his refusal or neglect to assess all property called to his attention; and further inform him that you will take proceedings against him and his bondsmen for the recovery of any taxes which the state might lose if he fails or refuses to assess the property on or before the first Monday of September next.

"For further information on this matter I refer you to 1085 of the succeeding sections of our compiled laws.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. G. SWEENEY,  
Attorney General."

In explaining his purpose for insisting upon the assessment of Las Vegas property this year Attorney Sanders, who is also county superintendent of schools, says:

"The principal reason I want this tax levied this year is, that I know it will be necessary to levy a special school tax to build a school house the early part of next year. I call your attention to page 21 of the School Law, Section 10, which provides that the tax shall be raised on the basis of the last assessment.

"If the assessor does not make this levy you see my lands are tied and so are the hands of the trustees of the district, and every child in the district is wronged."

## COUNTY DIVISION

The Tonopah Bonanza says: It is probable that the next Legislature will cut Lincoln county in two at the third standard parallel, and make two counties. The Las Vegas Age suggests that if this be done the new county should be called Fremont, in honor of the Pathfinder, which is an excellent idea. Caliente would probably be made the seat of the northern county, Lincoln, and Las Vegas of the new, Fremont.

## PIOCHE

Mr. Garrison is uncertain whether he will continue the publication of the Record.

The Attorney-General says the Assessor must go over the assessment again and complete his work. He will make a supplemental list for Las Vegas and Searchlight.

All county bills must be sworn to properly or they can't be allowed by the Commissioners who meet the first Monday every month.

Bills for road work in any district must have the O. K. of Inspectors and Supervisors before being paid.

No decision yet on the Las Vegas hotel saloon question.

## Potosi Mine.

Mahoney Bros. are working the old Potosi mine, about thirty miles southwest of Las Vegas. This property was worked by the Mormons for lead. It now produces fifteen tons of ore per day, which is sent to Salt Lake, and yields about \$40 per ton principally in silver, lead and zinc.

## FRISCO WINS

### Los Angeles Loses Trade of the Bullfrog Country

Speaking of the completion of the Southern Pacific railroad to Goldfield, United States Senator Geo. S. Nixon says:

"It will bring the big Nevada mining camps within easier access of San Francisco and will bring practically all of the business of the Nevada mines to this city. This is quite as true of Bullfrog as of Tonopah and Goldfield.

"Naturally it will be some little time before Bullfrog is reached by a railroad although there is already considerable talk by the Tonopah people regarding the feasibility of building the seventy-five miles of road necessary to connect Bullfrog with Goldfield.

"At the present time quite a little of Bullfrog's business is going to Salt Lake and Los Angeles by the way of Las Vegas, the nearest point on the Clark road.

"With the completion of the road to Goldfield next month conditions will change materially, and I expect to see practically all of the business come this way."

## FORGOTTEN

### Senator Clark and T. E. Gibbon Overlook Las Vegas

It is announced by telegram from New York that Senator Clark will soon leave for a pleasure trip to Paris.

T. E. Gibbon, third vice president and general counsel of the Salt Lake railroad, is taking a trip to Japan for the purpose of recovering his health.

Both seem to have overlooked the advantages of Las Vegas as a health and pleasure resort.

## INDIAN AHVOTE

In 1897, at Eldorado Canyon, when H. E. Frendenthal was sheriff, Indian Ahvote ran amuck and killed five white men, and was in turn killed himself.

Ahvote's brother had killed a white man and a demand was made on the Indians to capture or kill the murderer. Ahvote was selected by the Indians to seek out and execute his own brother for the crime. He performed the duty, but it preyed on his mind.

A little later Ahvote became deranged and started out for revenge on the whites, killing five before he fell mortally wounded by the gun of an Indian pursuer.

## THE BORAX ROAD

There are no indications of resumption on the Borax railroad grade from Vegas to Beatty. The Salt Lake railroad has practically killed off the Borax road by refusing traffic arrangements.

Borax Smith will probably make connection with the Santa Fe now and build from Ithex to Searchlight, to Eldorado Canyon, across the Salt Lake railroad at Las Vegas and on to the borax mines and Beatty. The change will retard progress, but may be better in the end.

## DESERT

Few who hear or read the word Desert know its meaning, and curiosity prompted the editor to look it up. History recites that the Mormons met in Salt Lake March 18, 1849, and formed the "State of Deseret," the boundaries of which embraced Utah, Nevada, Arizona and parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Oregon and California. Los Angeles and San Diego were within the boundaries of the Mormon "State of Deseret." Like the old Confederacy, Deseret is now a dream of the past.

## STONE QUARRY

Supt. W. C. Pidge, of Las Vegas Sandstone Quarry, says a large force of men will be employed October 1st, when they will begin to turn out 200 tons of stone per day. The stone is taken to San Francisco in the rough and sawed. Channeling machinery for the quarry will soon arrive. Being 2000 feet higher than Las Vegas the temperature at the quarry is comfortable.

## INDIAN POTTERY

On the Lower Muddy river old specimens of Indian pottery are found unlike anything now produced by the Putes who inhabit the valley. Some of the broken water jugs unearthed are stained or embellished with designs showing a high order of artistic ability.

Shitiah pottery is also found along the Colorado river and near Eldorado Canyon. Mrs. Helen J. Stewart has a collection of these.

Indian arrows are numerous at different points on the Colorado river. The bows have rotted and petrified the arrows that used them centuries ago.

## COUNTY DIVISION

### Opinions of Legislators on an Important Subject

In an interview Senator J. D. Campbell of Pioche expressed himself strongly against the removal of the county seat from Pioche. He believes the time not quite ripe for division of the county, but admits it must come because of the great distance of the south half from Pioche. Dr. Campbell predicts that the present \$2,000,000 valuation of Lincoln county will double within the next two years.

Ex-Senator J. A. Denton of Caliente says: In 1897 I introduced the resolution in the senate to submit the county division question to the people and would favor the same proposition again if the people desire it.

Following is from Representative E. J. Shier of Caliente: At the present time I have not given the matter sufficient consideration to express an opinion.

In a long letter to The Age Hon. Frank Williams of Good Springs expresses himself against county division. He fears the court house debt will complicate matters. In his opinion the north part of the county would outvote us on the division question.

When Hon. George Whitney of St. Thomas, was in the legislature in 1898 he favored the division of Lincoln county, and the reasons in favor of it are stronger now than then. Hence we assume that the settlements on the Lower Muddy river would again favor division.

Lincoln county, Nevada, is as large as New York state and Rhode Island could be dropped out of sight in Las Vegas road district.

## SENATOR CLARK

The Eureka Sentinel says: There have been rumors afloat for some time that United States Senator Clark of Montana intends to acquire a legal residence in Nevada by building a palatial home in Lincoln county, and that he will be Newland's opponent in the next Senatorial race. Last week the following dispatch was sent from Boston, Mass.: It is currently reported here that when the present term of Senator Clark expires, he will make no effort to secure re-election from Montana, but will in the future make Nevada the field of his political efforts. It is figured that through the operations of his San Pedro & Salt Lake railroad he will be able to control the political balance of power in Nevada.

The Reno Journal states that a report comes from New York that Senator W. A. Clark is planning to remove from Montana to Nevada for the purpose of establishing a legal residence in this State and that he will become a candidate for United States Senator in Nevada. Such a step on the part of the multi-millionaire Senator would have the effect of restoring the price of votes in the Sagebrush State to the figure which prevailed in the good old days of the Comstock.—Tonopah Miner.

## BUNKERVILLE

(Special Correspondence)

The thermometer was up to 102 today. The highest point reached in August was 110, the highest for July was 112; this was in the shade.

Mr. J. I. Earl, our local bee man, has just returned from De Lamar, where he has been with a load of fruit and honey. He reports the market fairly good; says that the town is very quiet at present.

The school trustees of this district have not disposed of their bonds but think they will in the near future.

Those engaged in the seedless raisin business are beginning to put their grapes out to dry.

A. W. Levitt started to Las Vegas today with a load of chickens and eggs.

The town is very quiet, everybody looking after their own business and letting other people's business alone—a good thing for any town. CROMO.

## SMELTER CHARGES

An increase of \$4 per ton in treatment charges on ores from Southern Nevada has been announced by the smelting companies at Salt Lake and on the coast. Without any warning or reason this action was taken.—Carson News.

## Reliable Mining News

Persons desiring reliable mining news from Bullfrog and Beatty mining districts should send for the Bullfrog Miner, published at Beatty, Nevada. One dollar for three months, or \$3 per year.

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## UNSETTLED

### Russia and Japan Still Trying to End the War

While the diplomats are quibbling about peace terms the Jap and Russ soldiers are leaning on their guns, grinning at each other, betting sake against vodka on the certainty of peace or war.

The Russian diplomats gag at the peace terms proposed by Japan—the payment of three billion dollars indemnity and the ceding of the island of Sakhalin to Japan. Between accepting these terms or taking another licking Russia hesitates.

## STATE NEWS

There are approximately 800 men at work underground in the Tonopah mines. This is exclusive of men in the surface works.

Goldfield now has the largest Miners' Union, numbering 682 members, while Tonopah is second with a membership of 550.

A car'ad of honey was shipped from Lovelock to London last week. It was extracted honey and brought 5 cents per pound on the car at Lovelock.

The Ophir mine at Virginia City is producing \$50,000 worth of ore every month. The average value of the ore is \$50 a ton.

Taking the total production of the Goldfield mills for a week and giving the ore an average value of \$40 per ton, it means that the district is producing somewhere near \$35,000 a week, approximately \$150,000 per month.

The initial installment of the new smelter at Heinze, near Lida, will consist of a copper furnace of 100 tons daily capacity, and a galena furnace having an 80 ton capacity for a starter. The latter will be so arranged that it can be increased at any time.

The large railroad shops at Sparks are to be increased in capacity and about double the number of mechanics employed.

Fallon has an epidemic of Typhoid fever.

Great excitement is prevailing in the town of Lovelock over the report of the discovery of a volcano in operation thirty miles northwest of there, on the road toward Rabbit Hole.

Searchlight does more real mining and less "hot air" work than any camp in Nevada. Look out for the "brass band mine" that escorts low grade ore out with a gun.

It is said that E. R. Dodge of Reno will get the appointment of United States District Attorney for Nevada early the coming year. The term of Sardis Summerfield expires at that time.

Advices from Carson are to the effect that work on the Nevada Experiment Station that is to be located in Lincoln County will begin in about two weeks. The station site is in the Valley of the Muddy River, one of the greatest fruit belts in Nevada.

It is reported that a Kansas City concern has taken the contract to build the Western Pacific road for Gould from Salt Lake to San Francisco, for \$11,000,000.

The Southern Pacific Company lays claim to all the mining ground in Olinghouse and White Horse districts and will try to drive the miners who have located rich claims in these districts off the ground. The mine owners are going to fight to the best of their ability to hold their claims.

It is believed that a vein of what appears to be a good quality of coal has been discovered in Eureka County. The vein is four feet wide. Tests will be made and the opinion of experts secured.

Los Angeles wants an improved water system. The City council has called a special election to vote on an issue of \$1,500,000 in bonds. It is proposed to acquire the water rights in Owens River Valley. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$23,000,000.

Thirty tons of honey, from the famous Tyler apairy at Lovelock, were shipped last week from Reno. English merchants were the purchasers and they paid 5 cents a pound for the consignment. Gold is not, therefore, the only Nevada product that England is after.

## LAND FRAUDS

P. G. Clark, formerly chief ranger and thief of the Indian police, who has been on the Utah reservation fourteen years, declares that more than 50,000 acres of the total 112,000 acres allotted are in the names of dead Indians.

Following are stage distances between some of the northern towns: Caliente to Pioche, 30 miles; Caliente to De Lamar, 32 miles; Pioche to De Lamar, 50 miles; Pioche to Modera, Utah, 40 miles; by rail the distance between Las Vegas and Caliente is 123 miles.

There is not as large, as fine or as well stocked a General Merchandise store on the Salt Lake railroad from San Bernardino, Cal., to the Utah line as

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