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TRUCK GARDENING

Plenty of Water Without Artesian Wells

Fred L. Fallas, the "big" proprietor of "the big store," says it is the duty of The Age to call attention to the possibilities for profitable truck gardening in the Vegas Valley without artesian wells.

In this regard Mr. Fallas is right. The Age has repeatedly noted the seemingly unlimited supply of surface water, but possibly not in such a way as to suggest that it might be utilized in truck farming.

It has been demonstrated that water can be obtained anywhere under the valley at a nominal depth, varying from 7 to 15 feet. While these wells might not stand continuous pumping, with a small windmill and a tank enough water could be procured to sustain a good sized truck garden.

A thirty-foot well in Ragtown supplies water for a public trough and the whole neighborhood beside, and seems not to be effected by the big demand made upon it.

Southern Nevada can get into the market with small produce two weeks ahead of Southern California and command fancy prices.

The truck garden experiment is worth trying. A five-acre farm and a private water supply would make a man independent.

RAPID TRANSIT

Auto Line to Indian Creek in Successful Operation

The Nevada Rapid Transit Company's auto line to Indian Creek, 45 miles out from Las Vegas, is now in successful operation, connecting with the Kimball stage line to Beatty.

The auto service reduces the actual running time between Las Vegas and Beatty from 24 to 22 hours, and affords the traveler a night's rest at Indian Creek, which is a desirable feature.

The cars leave Las Vegas at 5:30 p. m. and reach their destination about 9:00 o'clock; returning they leave Indian Creek at 6:00 a. m. and arrive at Las Vegas three and one-half hours later.

Manager F. M. Grace states that the cars are behaving satisfactorily, and that the service promises to be successful.

SURPRISING FAILURE

Pioneer Grocery Firm Assigns For Benefit of Creditors

Crowell & Allott, Las Vegas' pioneer general merchandise dealers, assigned last Friday to the Los Angeles Board of Trade. The failure comes as a surprise to Las Vegas, as the firm was popularly believed to be one of the stable business houses of the town, the store having grown from a small beginning to be one of the largest. The liabilities are said to be large. J. A. Moore, representing the Board of Trade, is conducting the business.

Considerable sympathy is expressed for the proprietors, both of whom were considered good citizens and were well liked.

BANK CLOSES

The Lincoln County Bank, which was founded shortly after the opening of the Clark townsite, has decided to go out of business in Las Vegas, its stockholders having another location in view.

The bank closed this week, leaving the field to the First State Bank. The safe and fixtures have been removed and the building leased.

Cashier M. I. Powers, who has conducted the business of the bank, has made many friends, who regret to lose so good a citizen, and earnest wishes for his future success will follow him, wherever he goes.

HOT MINING

As depth was gained in the great Comstock mines the heat increased rapidly in the workings, and after going below the 300-foot level the waters, that always were abundant, grew warm, and at the 1,000-foot level the temperature became so oppressive that the miners invariably wore simply a loin cloth while at work. When 1,500 feet were reached each man worked just 15 minutes with a pick, when he handed it to another and then took his place almost naked under a shower bath for 30 minutes, after which he resumed his former occupation. The works are now down nearly 3,000 feet.

LABOR DAY

In accordance with the annual custom Acting Governor Lem Allen has issued a proclamation setting aside Monday, September 4th, as Labor Day, and calling upon the people of Nevada to give observance and deference thereto.

TO ENCOURAGE MINING

Salt Lake Reduces Rates on Ores and Concentrates

In order to encourage the development of mining in those sections of Southern Nevada tributary to its line, the Salt Lake railroad puts into effect today a reduced freight schedule on ores and concentrates.

The average reduction on all grades of ore amounts to about 25 per cent, as shown by the figures furnished The Age by Station Agent C. E. Redman.

The new schedule from Las Vegas to the Utah smelters is given in the following table, which shows both the old and new rates on the different grades of ore:

VALUE ORE	NEW RATE	OLD RATE
\$ 25.00.....	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.25
35.00.....	5.00	5.75
50.00.....	6.00	8.50
100.00.....	7.50	11.00
200.00.....	10.00	14.30
300.00.....	12.00	14.30

This action by the railroad will mitigate to some extent the effect of the 41 increase in treatment charges recently announced by Western smelters.

IS IT NOT A FRAUD?

Contract Awarded a Paper That Has No Office

The Lode learns from good authority that the Las Vegas Age, to whom the county commissioners awarded the the county printing, is not printed in Lincoln county, and has not a printing office in the county, but is printed at either Rhyolite or in California. How is this, Mr. Commissioners? Is this legal? It is understood that the district attorney is a silent partner in a newspaper at Las Vegas. The job of giving the county printing, we understand, to an outsider, was put up some months ago by the district attorney, who contemplates running the county politics at the next election. The whole contract let is a fraud, like the district attorney of Lincoln county himself.

There were two lower bids than The Age submitted, but the two papers own their own offices, which was a detriment to them, and it looks as if hereafter all of Lincoln county's job work will be done in California.—De Lamar Lode.

Above shows the malice and ignorance that dominate the Lode. The Age has no space to waste on such idiots.

Interested persons should call at The Age office and see the best equipped job and newspaper shop in the county. Bring in your job work also.

RAILROAD WANTED

Southern Pacific at Goldfield Will Capture Beatty Trade

Now that the Salt Lake has killed the proposed Borax Smith railroad, which would have given Las Vegas a connection with the Beatty-Bullfrog country, by refusing the Borax road traffic arrangements, what can be done to repair the damage? The Southern Pacific railroad at Goldfield, only seventy miles from Beatty, will carry all the trade to San Francisco unless the Salt Lake builds a railroad closer to the Bullfrog country. Dubbing along with automobiles, stages and wheelbarrows will not save the traffic. They can't compete with a railroad.

CHINESE BOYCOTT

Judge M. S. Beal hands The Age a copy of the Japan Daily Mail, containing an article from the Shanghai Times, which illustrates the spirit in which the Chinese boycott against America is conducted.

The feature of the article is a letter from one of the boycotters to a fellow Chinaman, who is a compradore of one of the American firms. Opening with best wishes for the compradore's health and wealth, the letter goes on to relate the grievances of the Chinese against Americans and concludes with the following paragraph:

"In order to abate the rage of the public we allow you three days in which to settle your accounts with your employers. If three days are not sufficient, take five days. If five days are still not enough take ten days. But after the expiration of ten days, should you not have attended to the matter, you must not blame us for cutting your head off and burning your house down."

Such threatening letters have been sent to many compradores because they continue in the employ of American firms.

Come to The Age and see our large stock of cards, letter heads, etc. We have everything new and do printing at city prices which you won't be ashamed to send away.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Dave Gardner Found Dead Near Good Springs

A telegram to The Age states that Salt Lake train No. 2 found the remains of Dave Gardner lying alongside the track two miles west of Good Springs Tuesday morning. There was a large hole in the side of his head and the face was badly bruised, indicating that he had been struck by a train during the night.

Gardner was employed as a pumper at the Borax station. He is well known on the desert, is about 55 years of age and recently resided at Barstow and Daggett.

The remains were taken to Good Springs for inquest, the result of which has not been learned.

WHITTEMORE PROMISES

Modern Hotel and Excellent Water System

Los Angeles Times of August 29, says: That the future of Las Vegas, both industrially and commercially, is promising, is the conviction of C. O. Whittemore, president of the Las Vegas Land and Improvement Company, who left last night for the young Nevada city accompanied by a party of local investors who are considering the establishment of a modern hotel in the town.

"The company has its extensive scheme of street improvements well under way," says Mr. Whittemore. "We expect to have the entire seven miles graded, curbed and oiled before the first of October."

"The piping for the six and eight-inch mains of the waterworks system has already been shipped, and when installed will be as complete and serviceable as if planned for a city of 25,000 inhabitants."

"All of these improvements are going ahead without regard to prevailing local conditions, which the company realizes are temporary, and mostly the result of certain lines of business having been overdone. We confidently expect that with the return of cooler weather Las Vegas will gain renewed business activity and a considerable growth in its population."

"We have under consideration plans for a first-class, modern hotel and a number of fine residences which will all be built with as little delay as possible."

APPEAL TO LOS ANGELES

Bullfrog Interests Sign Memorial to Southland City

Los Angeles Times states that residents of the Bullfrog mining district have signed a memorial to Los Angeles business men appealing to them to exercise their influence to secure a railroad into the district with Los Angeles as the outlet.

This action is the result of Borax Smith moving his road from a junction with the Salt Lake at Las Vegas to Ludlow on the Santa Fe.

The memorial recites that Los Angeles is the natural and logical trading point for Southern Nevada and the ideal place for a large smelting works. Extension of the Santa Fe lines from Ivanpah is suggested.

The Times also states that Salt Lake officials profess to believe that the breach with the Borax road is not beyond remedy, and that Smith may yet be induced give their line the terminal of his road.

SERVICE IN SALOON

As an example of the liberal, humble and tolerant spirit—the broad democracy—that invests the true pioneer of the mining camps of the great west, the Beatty Bullfrog Miner cites the fact that "on Sunday last Beatty held her first religious services, by singing of sacred music in the rear of Johnson's saloon."

True religion this. And The Age ventures to state that this simple service in what is probably a commonplace frontier saloon, was more earnest and devout and productive of more real good than any religious service held anywhere that day.

Strong, broad-minded men are usually more susceptible to and exert a more powerful influence for good than the narrow, intolerant kind.

Success to Beatty's saloon-church.

TO THE COAST

The Salt Lake is selling round trip tickets to Los Angeles for \$23.00, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week during the summer months.

These tickets are good for 60 days with stopover privileges on return trip. The special rate will be continued during September.

BORAX RAILROAD

Building From Ludlow on the Santa Fe Railroad

About 40 miles west of Daggett on the Santa Fe railroad, at the little station Ludlow, Borax Smith has again begun construction of his proposed railroad to the Lila C. Borax Mine in Death Valley.

The line will run almost due north from Ludlow a distance of 120 miles to the Lila C. Mine. It will cross the Salt Lake railroad at Soda Lake, and follow the wash of Soda Lake north to destination.

Men and teams are now at work grading northward from Ludlow, and unless something happens the route of the Borax railroad may be considered finally settled.

Soda Lake is practically the southern extension of Death Valley. In the mountains on either side of the new railroad are great mineral deposits which will be opened by the transportation facilities now offered.

LILA C. MINE

The above named borax deposit lies in Death Valley, California, just south of the Nevada line, and is one of the greatest borax ledges in the world. The mine is in a low, lava-capped hill, through which tunnels have been driven to determine its extent. The ledge averages probably twenty feet in thickness and is about 40 per cent pure. Only a few men are now at work in the mine, blocking out the borax and getting ready for active business when the railroad is completed. The mine cannot be worked successfully without transportation facilities.

THE BORAX RANCH

About thirty miles northwest of the mine in Death Valley is the famous Borax Ranch, where fifty acres of good lands are irrigated by the waters of Furnace Creek. For years this ranch has been an oasis in the Valley of Death.

With the construction of the Borax railroad the mines of the Funeral Range and the Panamint will feel the benefits of transportation facilities.

The Borax railroad, known as the Tonopah & Tidewater, will construct a road from the mine to Goldfield via Beatty and the Bullfrog country and tap the rich mines of that region.

SCOTTY'S "MINE"

A Simple Camp With No Wealth in Sight

Mr. Clarence Nyman, who for 20 years has prospected and mined on the desert around Death Valley, shakes his head doubtfully when Scotty's mine is mentioned. He has been to Scotty's camp in a canyon on the east side of Death Valley in the Funeral Range, below Black Rock Springs. The camp, but no mine, is located about ten miles south of Willow Creek. At Scotty's camp are no signs of mining ore or wealth. It is reported that detectives are shadowing the alleged miner to discover the source of his wealth.

RISE IN SILVER

The only reason that the Eastern markets have to give for the unusual advance in silver during the past week is to the effect that China is in the market for some more of the white metal and that as soon as the present demand is satisfied that the presumption is that both copper and silver will be in strong demand from the Oriental countries.

Whatever the reason may be, it is certainly gratifying to the mining industry of the Western country that assurances from the Eastern markets indicate that there will be better prices prevailing at the close of the year. The increase in the price of silver will insure the opening up of a great many of the mineral belts of the West, where the grade of ore has hitherto been considered too low to admit of being mined since the price of the white metal was reduced.—Virginia Chronicle.

FUNERAL RANGE

The following districts have been organized in the Funeral Range.

South Bullfrog District, recorder, C. Kyle Smith, residing at Keane Springs, Inyo Co., Cal., postoffice address, Beatty.

Echo Mining District, recorder, J. P. Poe, postoffice address, Beatty, care H. G. McMahon.

Death Valley Mining District, organized by the Pacific Coast Borax Company.—Beatty Miner.

UINTAH

The Uintah reservation opening has turned out to be more or less of a fizzle. Some who drew numbers below 25 have returned to their homes without making an entry, claiming that the land is not worth the trouble.

The poor opinion of the land available for entry seems to be general.

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