

LAS VEGAS AGE

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FADING AWAY

Fire Aids in Depletion of Ragtown

As if not satisfied with the commercial and social death of Ragtown, the fire devil has stepped in and added devastation to desertion. In a little more than thirty minutes Tuesday night every building and shack on Railroad street, save one, was burned to the ground. Crowell & Allott's old grocery building now stands alone at the head of the street that six months ago was the busiest center of activity in Southern Nevada.

The burned area was formerly "saloon row," with its accompanying features, and was composed almost entirely of deserted saloon and restaurant buildings and shacks of every description. Here, a few months ago, thousands of dollars changed hands daily. C. Paulsell's and the "21" saloon were the only places occupied at the time of the fire. The stock and fixtures of these places were saved.

Although the fire was a big one, the loss was little; for, while fifteen thousand dollars would probably not cover the original cost of the structures, as they stood they were practically without value.

The Stewart block and many other buildings in the vicinity owe their existence to the stillness of night.

As near as can be learned the fire started in J. S. Wisner's building, and is supposed to be the work of a fire bug. The blaze spread rapidly, and with no water, except what could be procured from wells, fighting the flames was useless.

RAILROAD TO BULLFROG

Goldfield Road Will Be Extended to Mining District

The Secretary of State has received articles incorporating the Bullfrog Railway Co., for a million and a half dollars. The object of the company is to extend the Goldfield railroad to the Bullfrog district, a distance of seventy-five miles.

The incorporators are practically those of the Tonopah and Goldfield railroad companies. It is said that the extension will be constructed without delay.

THE CAMPBELL MINES

Scattered around Good Springs and Sandy are twenty claims patented by A. G. Campbell before his death. They are tied up in the California courts with the Vanderlight and New York properties. From some of these A. G. Campbell shipped high grade ore to San Francisco via Manvel years ago. With the settlement of the estate, will come the development of these mines and prospects, some of which are known to be very rich.

THE KEYSTONE MINE

The old Keystone mine, six miles west of Good Springs, which has produced \$700,000 in gold, during the past fifteen years, has been closed down temporarily. M. R. W. Rathbourne & Co. have a lease and bond on the mine and have been milling the ore at Sandy. The mine is down 1000 feet and the ledge has been lost. It has always been pockety and some development work will be necessary to make it a producer.

TRAVEL BEGINS

Traffic to the various mining camps tributary to Tonopah is showing considerable increase at the present time. The automobile company reports more than twice as many passengers going into the new mining camps as are coming out.

Yesterday fifty-four passengers were booked by the auto company to Goldfield and the Bullfrog district. Each day shows an increase over the day before.—Tonopah Sun.

DESERT GUIDES

The Nevada State treasury is said to contain \$1,800,000. It would seem that a small portion of this sum might be spared for the protection of the courageous and venturesome prospector, who is, to a great extent, responsible for its existence.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners did not meet this week until Wednesday, therefore it was impossible to obtain the proceedings in time for publication in this issue of The Age.

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 Modena, Utah, 40 miles; by rail the distance between Las Vegas and Caliente is 123 miles.

HERE'S ANOTHER

The Age Getting Much Free Advertising

A paper printed in Salt Lake City and circulated in Caliente published the following, under the caption, "County Printing Job":

"At the last meeting of the county commissioners in August, without warrant of law, they gave to the Las Vegas Age the contract for the county printing, both as to legal notices and job work. It seems to us that the commissioners should have looked into the statutes before letting this contract, and also learned to whom the contract was given.

"The 'Las Vegas Age,' while purporting to be the property of one C. N. Nicklin, is, as we are led to believe, in fact, the property of the American Type Founder company, one of the most grasping corporations now doing business in the United States. The statutes provide that proper recompense be given to papers of the state for doing state and county printing, while Mr. Nicklin for 'The Age' put in a bid at 'scalp' prices and at a figure against which no paper, doing a legitimate business, could compete, unless backed by a powerful corporation which had some ulterior scheme behind it.

"What was the scheme of the American Type Founder company?

"If we judge from its past record, which is the best criterion, their object for encroaching on this field is to drive out all papers of the county or else compel the newspaper men to purchase their cheap plants at an extortionate figure.

"Mr. Nicklin for years past has been the servile tool of this great corporation. Everyone who is in favor of a square deal to the independent newspaper man should use their most powerful influence against this move as regards the county printing."

[The "C. N. Nicklin" mentioned probably refers to T. G. Nicklin, owner and sole proprietor of The Age. People who know anything of the American Type Founder's company will be able to appreciate the ridiculous features of the above. It would certainly be big business for such a company to concern itself with the publication of a four-page weekly paper in a desert community of the proportions of Las Vegas.—Ed. Age.]

CALLED DOWN

A Printing Plant Against a Junk Shop

The Caliente Express says The Age is owned by the American Type Founder's Co. As the Caliente Express has no plant and is printed in Salt Lake, The Age makes the following proposition:

"To put a bill of sale of The Age in the First State Bank of Las Vegas, in escrow, against the Times plant bill of sale, with the understanding Brown shall win The Age plant if he proves his statements true; that The Age shall win the Times plant if he fails to do so. This is giving odds of about fifty to one.

Put up or shut up, Brown.

SEARCHLIGHT

A miner who has recently been working at Searchlight informs The Age that there are about 100 men employed in that camp, as follows: In the Quartette 40, Duplex 10, New Era 10, Searchlight M. & M. Co., 10, Southern Nevada 5 and scattering 25.

The Quartette is the making of a great mine and has a twenty-stamp mill. The Duplex, New Era and Southern Nevada each have ten-stamp mills.

NEVADA PROSPEROUS

State Revenue and Tax Agent J. H. Nevin states that Nevada at present is in an extremely prosperous condition.

The bullion tax this year will be enormous and will show a considerable increase even outside of Nye and Esmeralda counties. The new railroad to Goldfield will materially add to the shipments of ore and will greatly augment the bullion tax.

TRAINS DELAYED

Owing to a washout the other side of Blackrock, Monday's train was the last one to arrive from the north until Wednesday evening. The damage has been repaired and the regular schedule is now being observed.

Mining News

The Bullfrog Miner, printed at Beatty postoffice, Nevada, is the name of the best newspaper published in the Bullfrog mining district: \$3 per year, or \$1 for three months. Send for it if you want reliable news from the mining country.

A HOME PAPER

The Age Only One Printed in Las Vegas

The Age is the only newspaper any part of which is printed in Las Vegas. The sheet that formerly emanated from the pent on Main street came to hand last week as the product of the Salt Lake "patent" house. The Advance, as everyone knows, has always been printed in Salt Lake City.

The Age is, therefore, the only paper entitled to the patronage of those who believe in encouraging home industry. Las Vegas merchants are respectfully invited to consider this proposition.

MONUMENTAL LIES

Is It the Climate or Innate Cussedness

Since The Age secured the county printing contract some of the papers of the county have resorted to monstrous lies in order to condemn this paper in the eyes of the public. The Age could consume all its space in replying to these falsehoods and then not do justice to the perpetrators.

The fact is, The Age is a legitimate and independent newspaper, conducted in a legitimate and business-like manner. The county printing contract was secured in the open and every newspaper in the county was given an opportunity to compete. Evidently these people who resort to abuse and vilification are not used to legitimate competition.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Trustees Purchase Old Salt Lake Hotel Building

Supt. of Schools Sanders and Trustees have negotiated the purchase of the old Salt Lake Hotel building and will convert it into a school house.

The building will be moved at once to the school site, corner Second and Lewis streets, and put in proper condition. It is 40x48 feet in size and will be divided into two large rooms.

The building was bought for \$150 and can be roofed and put in shape for \$555. The price of the new building contemplated by the trustees was \$1170. Thus a saving of about \$450 is effected by the new deal.

POTOSI CAVE

Near the old Potosi mine, twenty-five miles southwest of Las Vegas, is a remarkable cavern in the earth. About a year ago James Kenedy and sons explored it to a depth of 300 feet. Its entrance is narrow like the neck of a bottle, and inside there are a number of diverging chambers. Access from one cavern to another is difficult and the path rugged and steep. Repairs are necessary to climb about successfully. A strong current of air in the chambers makes lanterns necessary.

THE CHIQUITA MINE

Near the Keystone mine at Good Springs is a promising prospect known as the Chiquita, owned by a pioneer, A. E. Thomas, and bonded by Capt. Harly and others. Six men are employed in development work. The shaft is down 200 feet on a ledge which varies from six inches to six feet and yields \$60 per ton in gold and copper.

THE HOME PAPER

The following from the Portland Oregonian sizes up the situation about right:

"Your home paper never loses interest in you. To this, possibly, you have not given a passing thought.

"No matter if you like the newspaper man or if he likes you, if he is true to his profession and publishes a paper for the people he allows no personal matters or petty spites to interfere with his news gathering.

"He may meet you as a stranger, yet along with his best friends, chronicles your success and sorrows wherever you may be, and those who would otherwise forget you are ever and anon reminded of your existence by an item in your home paper. Others may deceive and defraud you, but your home paper never forgets you.

"Possibly you do not deserve decent treatment by the paper, but you get it just the same, and if it should at any time say things to cause your fur to turn the wrong way, study a moment and see if it has not at various times said many nice things for which you fail to give it credit."

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.

SALTON SEA

Colorado's Waters Have Reclaimed the Desert Lands

Southwest of Yuma, in California, the waters of the Colorado river have broken the banks and have converted the Salton desert into a sea 15 miles wide, 40 miles long and 17 feet deep. The Southern Pacific has scrambled to higher ground with its track, the New Liverpool Salt Works have been washed off the map and whales spout now where only land sharks could be found two months ago. The hot climate of that country has become humid and resembles a Turkish bath every day. Los Angeles and surrounding climates have also been changed by evaporation from this new inland sea.

An Imperial irrigation company conceived the brilliant idea of tapping the Colorado river below Yuma for water to redeem the desert. The waters worked while the company slept, and the hole in the bank has become the bed of the river, and the old river bed a lawn tennis ground. The entire Colorado river is pouring over the Imperial and Salton country, and the inhabitants have water which they would like to give away. Farms have been converted into fish ponds, and the editor of the "Submarine" newspaper at Salton uses a diving costume to get out his newspaper, 150 feet below sea level and covered by twenty feet of water. It is the first time the editor has taken water for years, and it is not his fault this time.

PIOCHE

Items of Interest From the County Seat

(Special Correspondence)

Chas. A. Thompson, of the firm of A. S. Thompson Co., has recently installed a new typewriter desk, and with other changes of office, location and fixtures, will assume a metropolitan air.

Potatoes have been a scarce article for the past two weeks.

M. L. Lee, deputy recorder and auditor, took a trip to Zion for the benefit of his health, and a much needed rest. He will spend several weeks in the Utah capital.

The "Record" editor has introduced an afternoon matinee, which seems novel, and his most personal friends are yet to learn the entire proceedings that seem to constitute the admission into the mysteries of this afternoon pleasure.

The annual harvest of pine nuts is on, and the crop is the largest known for years in this section.

Sheriff Johnson is improving slowly and it will be some time before "Jake" can do the two-step.

One of the buildings of the early workings of mines here are being torn down, and the old original American Flag property is the last one to be taken from the public view.

Recent incorporations that have been recorded in the office of the county clerk are "The Southwestern Power and Telephone Co.," whose main office is to be in Las Vegas, on the corner of Main and Olden streets. The "Old Colony Mining Co." is another corporation with principal office at Juniper Camp, Lincoln county. An increase has also been made in the "Little El Dorado Mining Co.'s" stock.

Two attachment suits against the Janet Mining Co., of Pioche, have been settled out of court.

The rumbling of the railroad is heard more plainly every time A. W. Scott returns from Salt Lake. That's it, if you can't boast, don't knock.

Judge Orr and Roy Orr returned from Salt Lake after a recreation of two weeks in the principal parks and amusement places.

Many are starting on the annual assessment work on mines, and with the railroad moving nearer, it is an encouragement to spend that \$1000.00 once more.

Commissioner Nesbitt was called to Salt Lake rather sudden, sickness of his infant boy being the reason.

Messrs. Lloyd and Gordon are feeling jubilant over recent developments in the "Great Western" property.

Fair and just taxation has been a much-discussed question among our county officials the past two weeks.

Affairs matrimonially have taken a tumble in Lincoln county; the clerk has not issued a license for over two months.

What's the matter with the engineers of the De Lamar district? No applications for "Engineers'" license has been received from that section since the new license law became effective. At least half a dozen licenses have been issued to the engineers of Pioche district. Probably the De Lamar engineers will apply for a license when the Bamberger Co. pays their next bullion tax.

The Big Store

Is not the only store in Las Vegas; but it is the one that keeps fresh, first quality goods and sells them rapidly, thus keeping the stock always fresh and satisfactory.

Our Stock of Groceries Is the Most Complete in Lincoln County

TRY OUR MEADOW GOLD BUTTER IT IS ALWAYS CHOICE

We are particular about our Tea, Coffee, Butter and Eggs

We Sell Ready-to-Wear, Up-to-Date Clothing

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