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## COUNTY FUNDS

### Responsibility For Shortage Not Yet Fixed

The report of H. E. Freudenthal, expert accountant, showing a shortage of about \$4,000 in the treasury funds, has caused considerable uneasiness in official circles. Even those who are probably not guilty of any criminal intent in the matter are compelled to sit up and take notice, for possibly they may be involved by reason of not exercising due precaution in performing the duties of their various offices.

Recorder Lee, in a letter to the public, admits that he trusted a deputy to prepare certain statements and appended his official signature thereto without taking the precaution to verify the accounts. Others may be involved in a similar manner.

The condition of the funds, of course, calls for a thorough investigation, and there is no telling what may be disclosed as a result.

Future developments will be awaited with interest by the citizens of Lincoln county. With that \$630,000 court house debt as a legacy from previous administration, they will probably not take kindly to any "mysterious disappearance" of funds.

The Board of Commissioners is now advertising for bids for the auditing of the books of the county from 1896 to date.

## BEATTY RAILROAD

### New Company Has Completed Survey From Goldfield

Last Sunday evening a party of fifteen, headed by locating engineer, W. C. Richings, arrived in Beatty from Goldfield and camped on the banks of the Amargosa river. They had spent a week in making the railroad survey from Goldfield to Beatty, via Amargosa river route.

Mr. Richings reports the grade easy from Goldfield to Beatty, which is the only route considered. The distance is seventy miles. A line has also been run from Beatty down the river to Gold Center and on to Rhyolite. The engineer says the railroad will be built to Beatty from Goldfield in six months. R. W. Welch, of the Tonopah railroad, is chief engineer of the extension from Goldfield to Beatty. Surveys cost money, and this move indicates confidence in Beatty and Bullfrog mines. The beginning of construction will be the signal of a wholesome boom.

## CLARK TOO SLOW

### Others Build While He Waits to Be Shown

The Deseret News says: Malcom L. Macdonald, of the Shoshone mine, is in receipt of a letter from President W. A. Clark, of the Salt Lake route, wherein he says: "If you will show me sufficient ore tonnage in the Bullfrog district I will build a railroad in there from Las Vegas."

Commenting on the above, the Beatty Bullfrog Miner says: "Clark is too slow. The Goldfield and Borax roads coming to Beatty have already been shown enough ore to justify. It is possible that the Salt Lake railroad will make concessions to bring the Borax railroad back to Las Vegas."

## BOBAX RAILROAD

It is now reported that the Salt Lake railroad is making overtures to Bobax Smith to induce him to abandon Ludlow on the Santa Fe and return and build north from Las Vegas. Careful inquiry has not verified the report.

The return of this enterprise would have a stimulating effect upon Las Vegas.

## BEATTY WATER WORKS

Work will soon resume on the Beatty water works. The company has acquired ample springs in the Amargosa river valley and will pipe the water down to Beatty for domestic and mining purposes.—Beatty Miner.

## SCOTT'S MINE

The latest is that Scott's mine is said to be an old robbers' nest, in Death Valley, where old Wells-Fargo cash boxes are scattered about. Detectives are on the trail and the end is not yet, says the Beatty Bullfrog Miner.

## 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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## NEW BANK BUILDING

### First State Bank Will Erect Fine Structure

Posted in the lobby of the First State Bank is a blue print of the front elevations of a handsome new building soon to be erected on the same corner now occupied by the bank. A glance at the print convinces the observer that it will be an attractive and imposing structure. The new building will be constructed of hollow concrete blocks. It will be one story in height, with large arched entrances supported by heavy columns. It will front 50 feet on Fremont street and 54 feet on First, with the elevations and entrances on both streets identical in appearance. The style of architecture is that which produces a massive and dignified effect, similar, on a smaller scale, to that of the famous Bank of England.

Cashier Park states that figures are now being obtained and that work will commence soon. The present building and the postoffice will be moved out of the way.

The new building will contain a large fire and burglar proof vault and up-to-date fixtures and furniture in keeping with the magnificence of the structure will be installed. Besides the main office, which will be larger than the entire space now used by the bank, the building will contain private offices, director's room, law offices and all the conveniences of a modern business building.

Cashier Park feels confident that work on the new hotel building will also be commenced soon, but is not prepared at present to make an authoritative statement to that effect.

## STEWART WILL RUN

### Aged Ex-Senator Would Again Wear the Toga

A Reno dispatch says that a bombshell has been exploded in the Republican camp by the announcement that William M. Stewart, retired U. S. Senator, is preparing to become an independent candidate for another election to the Senate. The dispatch says that some well-known Republican politicians of Reno are in the scheme and will begin the campaign to secure the holdover State Senators.

This report, if authentic, means that Stewart will aspire to succeed Newlands, says the Nevada State Herald.

It also means that the Republican party of Nevada will not allow him to run "independent," as that would mean their disruption and defeat. Stewart has made a large amount of money in mines at Bullfrog, and the Republican party, though not particularly in love with him, will indorse him rather than have a "split." Stewart is not acceptable to the people of Nevada; neither is Newlands. However, many people will choose the lesser of the two evils and throw their support to Stewart.

## CLARK'S GREAT MINE

William E. Curtis, writing of the famous United Verde copper property in Arizona, says:

Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, was offered \$25,000,000 in cash by an English syndicate not long ago for the United Verde copper mine, and he told me he refused it because he did not know what to do with the money. It is said to be difficult to invest \$25,000,000, although few people ever attempted such a task. Senator Clark has had considerable experience that way—more than most of us. There are other reasons why he would rather have the mine than the money.

Some idea of the value of the property may be gained from the fact that since operations began in 1884 more than ninety million dollars worth of ore has been taken out of it, and Clark's engineers assert that \$50,000,000 worth has already been blocked out, ready to be removed as fast as desired or the facilities will permit. Of this, a block of \$12,000,000 is supporting the machinery, which must be removed first. I do not know where a more valuable foundation for a hoisting plant can be found.

The United Verde consists of 200 acres of land and the controlling interest cost Senator Clark \$26,000 in 1888. It is situated at the town of Jerome, on the Santa Fe, Prestoft & Phoenix railroad, about forty miles south of Ash Fork station on the Santa Fe line to California.

It is a satire upon human fate that Senator Clark bought the United Verde for a gold mine, and admits if he supposed it was a copper property he would have "turned it down."

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## WOODEN PIPE

### Water Mains of Redwood Wrapped With Wire

The water mains and laterals being installed by Las Vegas Land and Water Company are of redwood wrapped with tarred wire. It is reasonable to suppose that this piping is superior to the regulation iron pipe, else surely the company would not utilize it in making its up-to-date improvements. Although it has not been considered an absolute success in other places where it has been tried, it may prove different in Las Vegas. Probably its chief advantage is the enormous amount of pressure it will stand.

The ditches have been completed and the pipe is now being laid. At a reasonable rate of progress the system should be completed in about thirty days.

People who have been carrying water for months will probably welcome the advent of a complete water system, regardless of the quality of pipe employed.

A pleasing feature is the fact that the mains are large enough. The piping is eight inches in diameter, which ought to be sufficient for a city with even greater prospects than Las Vegas.

## NEVADA'S OLD MINES

### Present Day Miners Are Not the Argonauts

Engineer Pratt returned yesterday from the southern country, where he had to do some work in the vicinity of Belleville, says the Carson City News. He describes the once prosperous town as the very picture of desolation.

Twenty-six years ago he was one of the owners of a telegraph line from Virginia City to Belleville, Candelaria, via Bodie and Aurora. At that time two 20-stamp mills were running night and day. Two hundred and forty mules were used hauling ore, salt and wood, and everything was bustle and business. Now, the population of the town consists of a section man and his wife. Many of the buildings have been torn down and hauled away, and what few are left are fast crumbling from decay and the action of the elements.

The big mills that produced millions still stand as silent witnesses to what has been, and nearly half a million tons of tailings, from which the most of the values have been extracted, are being blown about by the winds. It is stated that over three millions of dollars in silver remain in these tailings, and doubtless, some day, a good percentage of these values will be removed; but the water works which once supplied the mills and the town have long since been destroyed, and water for domestic purposes is now being hauled on the railroad a distance of about fourteen miles.

All this is the result of the famous lawsuit between the Holmes and Belle mines at Candelaria, which supplied the ore for these mills. The company that prevailed in the suit had exhausted all its resources in court and attorney fees and the property in the meantime had been neglected to such an extent that the owners had neither the means nor courage to resume. In the meantime, too, silver had depreciated so much in value that the margin in profits was too narrow to offer very much encouragement.

Such is the history of mining camps in Nevada. Belleville and Candelaria are wiped off the map as though struck by a cyclone, and the millions of bullion they produced are lost to sight and forgotten. Tonopah and Goldfield, only about sixty miles distant, spring up in a night, like Jonah's gourd, and the world is led to believe that the first and only mineral wealth in the State has just been discovered.

## NO SURVEY

In response to the petition sent to the general land office of the Interior Department by miners and prospectors in Nevada's southwestern mining districts, in which they ask for a survey by section lines of the mineral lands of Southern Nevada, the department has replied that the petition cannot be granted at this time, inasmuch as the law forbids the expenditure of the Nevada appropriation for running section lines on any but agricultural lands.

## NEW MAP

Everyone owning claims which have been surveyed in the Bullfrog and Beatty Mining Districts should at once send their surveyor's notes to Sheber & Milliken at Bullfrog to be entered on the new map which they are making. No charge is made for entering claims, says the Beatty Miner.

## VIGILANTES NEEDED

### Attempts at Arson Becoming Too Numerous

A vigilance committee composed of determined men with a definite object in view would be useful in Las Vegas just now. Incendiary fires have occurred from time to time, but the most recent attempt at wholesale arson seems to call for serious and concerted action on the part of citizens.

Early Tuesday morning the torch was applied to a half dozen or more structures on Main street, extending over a distance of two blocks. A lumber yard at the corner of Bridger street was the starting point, and from there on to the Von Tobel yard the fire halted every few paces to apply a match. The only structures on which the flames got a grip were those with canvas tops—the Times office, a large restaurant building and a store room in the rear of the Clark Forwarding Company's store.

The roof of the Times office was totally destroyed, as was that of the Clark structure, while the restaurant escaped with the loss of a few yards of canvas. Two lumber yards and one or two frame structures were ignited, but no damage was done owing to prompt discovery or the inability of the flames to get hold. The Times fire was the first discovered, and as people became aroused along the line the other blazes were gaged at intervals. The last match was applied to a tent next door to Von Tobel's lumber yard while the latter was but a few yards distant looking at the blazes down the street.

Turning, he noticed a small blaze on the side of the tent and succeeded in putting it out before it had burned a hole the size of a man's hand, indicating that the miscreant was not far away, and was either drunk or possessed of unlimited nerve to take such chances with the whole neighborhood aroused.

Everyone in the vicinity who has been able to get hold of a shotgun or other weapon now has it ready for use, and anyone caught prowling around at night is likely to meet with an interesting reception.

Descriptions are being solicited to provide a fund for the employment of night watchmen.

## STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest Gathered From Various Exchanges

The Lida Enterprise says a deposit of opals of moss agates has been discovered about ten miles northwest of Lida. Samples sent to Tiffany, the New York jeweler, show these stones to be moss opals, and quite rare.

There is not a county in Nevada but shows an increased tax roll this year. There is hardly a county but shows an increased population. Nearly every section of Nevada shows an upward and onward tendency. The next two years will be remarkable in the building of new railroads. The number of acres reclaimed from a desert to happy homes will also be remarkable in the coming two or three years. Nevada has very bright prospects that will grow brighter with the years.

At Death the Humboldt river is perfectly dry, the first time in ten years.

All the restaurants and hotels in Tonopah have raised the price of meals, stating that supplies of all kinds have been steadily advancing.

In the past few years there have been over sixty murders committed in this State, and not one of the murderers, since Potts and his wife were hanged in Elko May 19, 1890, has suffered the extreme penalty of the law until the execution of Hancock at the State Prison at Carson Friday. Many of the murderers have not yet been apprehended.

For the first time in many years the tax roll of Esmeralda county shows an increase. The assessor has just completed his work and the result, as published in the Sentinel of Saturday, shows a substantial gain of more than fifty-one thousand dollars.—Virginia Chronicle.

Goldfield is now connected by rail with the outside world, laying of the track having been finished Saturday night, Sept. 9th, at the completion of which the citizens of the entire district gave vent to their joy by indulging in an impromptu celebration. Whistles were blown, bells rang and everything was made exceedingly merry for some time.—News.

## 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.

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