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AGRICULTURAL

Railroad Man Makes Valuable Discovery

W. H. Martin, the representative of E. H. Harriman, J. C. Stubbs and E. L. Lomas, of the U. P. and C. P. railroads, stopped over at Las Vegas this week en route for New York. Mr. Martin made an examination of the agricultural and vegetable possibilities in the interest of these corporations, of over 600,000 acres of land bordering on the Charleston mountains. His report is favorable and he states that with a small expenditure 600,000 acres of as fertile land as can be found anywhere can be reclaimed close to Las Vegas. The soil is rich in plant food and well adapted to the raising of profitable crops. Water in abundance, for all practical irrigating purposes, can be secured with little effort. He is enthusiastic over the showings and expresses great surprise that so much good land has escaped the attention of the home seeker. It is Government land and can be secured at \$2.50 per acre. The railroad companies will advertise the section and bring its many attractive advantages to the notice of those seeking homes with the view of opening an enlarged traffic.

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Many New Pupils Enrolled Since Opening

The number of pupils attending Las Vegas public schools has increased from 64 to 81 during the two-weeks that have elapsed since the opening day. This is a gain of nearly 33 1/2 per cent. The trustees have ordered a second invoice of three dozen seats and are now prepared to accommodate more than 100 pupils.

Miss Sophia Schultz, the principal, states that the school is now fairly well organized, although many difficulties are experienced in classifying pupils coming from so many different States and graded according to the varying methods in vogue in different sections. A glance at the school conveys the impression that most of the pupils belong to the primary grades, there being only a few of the age of twelve years, and a majority considerably under that

EIGHT HOUR LAW

Nevada Supreme Court Again Declares Act Constitutional

The Supreme Court of Nevada, Monday handed down a decision again declaring the Eight Hour Law passed by the Legislature of 1903 constitutional. For the second time it has sustained the lower court in the case of State of Nevada vs. Peter Kair, which came up from Lyon County a year ago on an appeal, the defendant denying the right of the State to punish him for working for a greater period than eight hours out of twenty-four in a quartz mill. Kair is accordingly remanded to the custody of Lyon County District Court, which will now carry out the sentence of the Justice Court where the case was originally tried.

The case has become one of the most noted in the United States since it was passed upon by the Supreme Court several months ago.

Not less interesting was the decision that followed it by the New York Court which held that the New York law limiting the time which hakers might be employed was unconstitutional. On account of the decision in New York a rehearing was granted in the Kair case and for the second time it was argued and submitted to the Supreme Judges.

The reverses the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, recently rendered and will probably be of little effect.

WOLFRAM

The demand for wolfram or tungsten steel for increasing the tenacity of steel in armor plate manufacture, is attracting the attention of prospectors. The metal is a deep brown black and has a lustre somewhat resembling black glass, but with a metallic or sub-metallic tinge. In breaking it usually cleaves along flat, shining faces, very much like antimony, and in this respect is very different from the conchoidal fracture of broken glass. When exposed on the surface this cleavage is not always present. On handling the mineral one is impressed with its specific gravity; it is heavier than iron and quite as heavy as lead—about the weight of metallic copper. In a blowpipe flame it fuses on the sides.—Ex

The only home paper is The Age.

GRAND JURY

Some Las Vegas Affairs Receiving Attention

Developments of the past few days indicate that the Grand Jury, now in session at Pioche, is concerning itself with some matters pertinent to the social and political welfare of Las Vegas. At least two citizens of this community have been summoned to appear before the jury as witnesses.

While the nature of the cases receiving attention is pretty well understood in some quarters, The Age does not wish to interfere in any way with the investigation, and will refrain from entering into the subject at this time. Complete details will be given as soon as the work of the Grand Jury is completed.

So far as learned C. P. Ronhow is the only member of the jury from Las Vegas. S. E. Yount is the member for Good Springs section.

GOOD LAND

Vegas Wash Traverses Fertile Section

Norman A. Kuhn has just returned from a trip down the Vegas wash to the Colorado River, in company with Geo. E. Gibson and Mr. Wade, of Los Angeles.

Mr. Kuhn says that commencing at a point about 10 miles out from Las Vegas, and continuing to, where the wash enters the narrow canyon, is a strip of exceedingly fertile soil, aggregating thousands of acres.

After leaving Mesquite Wells, says Mr. Kuhn, water can be obtained very close to the surface, and in many places it breaks through of its own accord. All the land referred to is so situated that it could be easily irrigated from wells in the wash. The soil is composed of sediment that has been carried in for years by the Vegas River during the wet seasons.

The only drawback to the successful cultivation of this fertile area is the danger of submersion in wet seasons, but this might be obviated at small expense by building dikes along the bed of the wash.

FINANCIERS

Lincoln County Has Produced Some Fine Specimens

In compiling the records of frenzied financiering Lincoln county ought not to be overlooked. With a population of less than 5,000, the county has a bonded indebtedness of \$630,000—more than \$100 for every man, woman and child within its boundaries, or probably more than \$500 for every taxpayer.

To show for this sum of money, we have a court house that could be built today for \$10,000.

Can it be possible that any of those life insurance officials formerly resided in Lincoln county?

But the worst feature of the whole business is that we can't have even the satisfaction of an "investigation."

DESERT MAP

The Los Angeles Times last Sunday published a down-to-date map of the great desert region of California and Nevada.

It was printed in four colors on The Times new color press (the only fast press specially designed for printing colors on the Pacific Coast), and is a carefully prepared and authentic map of the desert mining region, tributary to Los Angeles, embracing, in addition to the California deserts and the Owens River country, portions of Lincoln, Nye and Esmeralda counties, Nevada, showing location of all town water supplies, dry lakes, railroads, desert towns and settlements. A pocket edition with cover will be offered for sale at 25 cents, but a good way to get a fairly good map cheap will be to purchase a copy of the Sunday Times of October 8th.

PLACER CLAIM

J. W. Telford is operating a placer claim at the junction of the Vegas canyon and the Colorado river. He has just shipped in a new dry washer with which he expects to have better success. Colors were obtained by the old method.

The Government is advertising for bids to carry a daily mail between Las Vegas and Beatty via Ash Meadows and Indian Springs, 122 miles. The present contract is for \$5,550. Bond required of successful bidder, \$21,000. Bids must be in by Dec. 5, 1905, and the contract will be let for four years from July 1st, 1906.

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

THE RAILROAD

Engineering Party Now In the Field

A quantity of supplies arrived this week for the engineering party of Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad and the party is now in the field under direction of Arthur Maguire, chief engineer of the new road.

F. M. Grace, who is the company's manager at Las Vegas, states that grading will commence about November 1st, or as soon as necessary arrangements for the work can be consummated. Mr. Grace further states that the road should be completed to Indian Creek before the end of December, and that regular trains will be operated to that point at the earliest possible date.

He states that the company is perfecting the details of organization and making preliminary arrangements for construction in a careful manner, so that when the work is once started there may be no hitch.

The old Borax grade extends out some 12 or 14 miles from Las Vegas, leaving about 30 miles yet to be built between this point and Indian Creek, over a comparatively smooth country.

It is said that the most difficult problem confronting the company is the procuring of rails, of which there seems to be a scarcity in the market.

BORAX RAILROAD

Now Building North From Santa Fe

In reply to a letter of inquiry from the Beatty Bullfrog Miner the Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Company makes the following statement:

"We go north from here (Ludlow) through Soda Lake, up Amargosa River via Resting Springs and Tecopa, thence into Ash Meadows to the Lida C mine and on from there to Bullfrog district."

"When we will have our road completed to Beatty would be a hard question for us to answer just now, but we can say that it will be pushed through as rapidly as conditions will justify."

"The first fifty miles of our steel is ready for delivery, and will be on the ground here within the next two weeks. More will be ready by the time the first arrives."

"Any information that we can give you in future from time to time, we will gladly impart at your asking."

OFFICERS ARRESTED

Indicted for Extortion and Bribery by Grand Jury

J. B. Davidson, District Attorney of Esmeralda County, Justice of the Peace Bell of Goldfield and Constable Russell of Goldfield have been indicted by the Grand Jury of Esmeralda County in session at Hawthorne, on the charge of extortion. The officials are alleged to have extorted money from fallen women of Goldfield. A charge of bribery has also been placed against District Attorney Davidson. It is claimed that he received \$200 from a mining company operating at Goldfield for bringing indictments against certain people in the mining camp.

The case promises to be a very sensational one. It is alleged that Davidson has used this means of increasing his capital since assuming his present office as District Attorney and that the crime of extortion has been practiced by the three men for some time.

The indictments were returned by the Grand Jury Monday and the men were arrested at once. The office of District Attorney has been declared vacant. Attorney Charles Lewers of Reno has been temporarily placed in charge. —Eureka Sentinel.

HARD LUCK

The Tonopah Miner says: About two weeks ago Frank P. Mannix, editor of the Bullfrog Miner, published in the town of Bullfrog, was notified by the Postoffice Department that he could no longer mail his papers to his subscribers as second-class matter for the reason that his publication was not a newspaper, but was simply an advertising circular gotten out by the Bullfrog Townsite Company.

NEW STORE BUILDING

Clayson & Griffith have purchased the corrugated iron building on First street, formerly occupied by L. W. Nevins, and will move it to a location on the south side of Fremont street, between Main and First, where they will build a 25-foot addition and later occupy it with their stock of furniture and outfitting supplies.

They expect to be able to abandon their present building early in November.

NEVADA GYPSUM

Mrs. Stewart Is Awarded World's Fair Medal

In evidence of the fact that Southern Nevada has sources of wealth other than the precious metals, Mrs. Helen J. Stewart, of Las Vegas, can produce a diploma of award entitling her to a bronze medal for the finest gypsum exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition last year.

The exhibit was taken from the hills between Las Vegas and the big bend of the Colorado River, where there are large deposits of gypsum of various grades. The specimen which secured the medal was the finest quality of alabaster gypsum, such as was used by the ancients in making vases and urns. Its texture is so fine that it may be carved and shaped with a knife or melted in a frying pan and moulded like lead.

Mrs. Stewart also exhibited a specimen of pure white gypsum of fine quality, but feels confident it was the alabaster gypsum that brought the award. The family owns extensive deposits of both grades.

The medal has not yet been received, but the diploma issued by the International Jury of Awards is itself a work of art and well worth preserving. It may yet be the means of causing the development of an important industry for this section.

SCHWAB VISITS BEATTY

Steel Magnate May Invest in Mining Property

Charles M. Schwab, the great steel magnate, paid a visit to the Beatty mining district last week for the purpose of examining certain mining properties, the purchase of which he now has under consideration.

It is stated that Mr. Schwab contemplates acquiring the Montgomery-Stephens mine and that this was the chief reason for his visit to Beatty. The purchase price is reported to be \$2,000,000.

Mr. Schwab declined to commit himself regarding the project on long, but expressed himself as having great confidence in the future of the Bullfrog district.

MANGANESE

Perhaps it might interest Mr. C. M. Schwab, who visited Beatty last week, to know that some of the finest manganese deposits in the world are to be found in the vicinity of Las Vegas, between this place and the El Dorado Canyon. Specimens from claims owned by the Stewarts have yielded 59 per cent. Development would probably expose much larger values.

Manganese, be it known, is used in producing the finer grades of steel, and is a valuable commercial product when found in sufficient quantities.

STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From Various Exchanges

The enrollment of the Nevada State University at Reno for the present term is 220—124 boys and 96 girls. Fifty are registered in the preparatory department, 137 are in the University proper and 9 in the Normal School.

All dealers in the southern camp of Rhyolite are selling lumber for \$100 per thousand, and the Herald says this price will maintain for some time.

The Tonopah Mining company of Nevada has posted a quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share, or \$250,000. It is made payable on October 21 to stock of record October 10.

Because of a reduction in salaries of the clerks in the Goldfield postoffice, ordered direct from Washington, ten men walked out and went on a strike last week. They returned to work upon the guarantee of the postmaster that he would pay the old salaries, making up the deficiencies out of his own pocket. The reduction ordered was from \$100 to \$88 per month.

It is reported that Tonopah, is threatened with another railroad. A party by the name of J. Phelps Stokes, a wealthy New York man, is talking of extending the Nevada Central railroad from Austin, the present terminus to Tonopah, a distance of 100 miles.

James Netin, state bullion tax collector, estimates the annual revenue from all sources will easily exceed \$200,000. There are 11,000 saloons in Nevada paying a state license.

One hundred and ninety patients are being treated at the Nevada Insane Asylum in Reno.

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