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## GRAND JURY

### Two Indictments Returned in County Matter

The Grand Jury completed its session at Pioche Saturday, October 21st. The adjournment is not final, however, a few minor reports not having been completed.

As a result of the investigation of county officials and affairs, the jury returned two indictments, one against County Clerk H. J. Goodrich and one against Geo. L. Sawyer, an ex-deputy in several county offices. Both are charged with falsification of public records and embezzlement.

Some charges had been preferred against other county and township officials, but evidently were either not sustained or not considered sufficiently incriminating by the jury. Considering the wholesale charges of corruption that have been made, the jury succeeded in clearing up the job in a remarkably short period of time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Following is the substance of the reports of the various special committees: Committee on County Roads—Reports irregularities in the management of the toll road between Nelson and Caliente, toll being collected for which there is no authority. The jury recommends the discontinuance of the road as a toll road. The committee reports gross extravagance on the part of the County Commissioners in payment for certain work authorized by them. Reference is particularly made to a bridge about three miles west of Pioche for which \$150 was allowed. Committee thinks one-half that amount would have been sufficient. Attention is directed to the neglect of commissioners to erect sign posts on desert roads, and committee recommends that substantial iron posts be erected at once, wherever they may be useful in directing prospectors and other travelers to water.

Committee on Indigent Fund—Finds that \$200.84 was paid out from Jan. 1st to Oct. 1st, 1905, as follows: Physicians and medicine, \$327.70; small pox patients, \$105.46; washing and laundry for indigents, \$26.50; wood, \$59.50; house rent and stove boys, \$50.75; burial expenses, \$252; nursing, \$129.75; restaurant board, \$405.05; store supplies, \$252.62.

The committee found two illegal bills against the fund, which had, however, been previously gotten by the Recorder. These claims were for constable fees.

Committee on Sheriff's Books—Reports the books kept in a workmanlike manner. Checked from Jan. 1st to April, 1905, and found no error in cash book or ledger. Suggests, however, that when balance of county books are kept, Sheriff's books be included.

Committee on Public Buildings—Finds court house and jail in fair condition. Recommendations repairs on west side of both buildings; also new floors and seats in the closets.

Committee on School Superintendent's Accounts—Finds few clerical errors and one or two charges to wrong district fund, but books substantially correct.

### COUNTY OFFICERS

Nearly every one of the present county officers and some previous incumbents were censured by the jury for carelessness or gross neglect in the performance of their official duties. The difficulty at the county seat seems to be due chiefly to the haphazard manner in which the business of the county has been conducted, rather than criminal culpability, although there are probably some instances of the latter. In conclusion the report says:

"We find that the county officials generally have been in the habit of indulging too frequently in strong drink, practice which is vigorously condemned by this grand jury."

### GRAND JURYMEN

The Lincoln county grand jury, just adjourned, was composed of the following citizens:

- Charles Cobb, foreman, Mesquite; Charles Rojima, Pioche; R. P. Swindler, De Lamar; A. W. Geor, Paragangat; M. E. Padlock, Searchlight; P. H. Devlin, Rose Valley; E. S. Moffit, De Lamar; H. B. Church, Logan; E. D. S. Curtis, Pioche; J. S. Allen, Paragangat; S. E. Young, Good Springs; Ben Cowan, De Lamar; John Newman, Paragangat; D. Francis, Spring Valley; W. A. Lidston, Meadow Valley Wash; J. J. Earl, Bunkerville; C. C. Runtow, Las Vegas.

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 would like to know more about the mining country.

## DISTRICT COURT

### County Indictments Go Over Till Next Term

In the case of the State against Geo. L. Sawyer, indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of embezzlement and falsifying of public records, the defendant plead not guilty. On motion of the District Attorney the case was set over for the next term of court with all rights reserved. The defendant was represented by Chas. Lee Horsey, of Pioche, and J. M. Hamilton, of Salt Lake City.

The same disposition was made of the case of County Treasurer Goodrich, indicted on similar charges. Defendant Goodrich was represented by Attorneys Chas. Lee Horsey, of Pioche, and Judge Warner, of Salt Lake City.

### DIVORCE CASE

In the case of Smith vs. Smith for absolute divorce, defendant was ordered to pay plaintiff by Jan. 15th the sum of \$1000 for counsel fees and costs and until such payment is made to pay \$50 per month alimony. In the meantime all proceedings are held in abeyance. Attorney F. R. McNamee, of De Lamar, represented plaintiff. Attorneys J. T. Osbornes of Pioche, and Henry Nisbett, of San Bernardino, Cal., appearing for defendant.

### HOTEL CASE

Las Vegas Land and Water Co. against J. S. Wisner, of Las Vegas. Special issues were tried before a jury, which found against the defendant on four points and failed to agree on two. Court allowed plaintiff ten days in which to prepare and submit brief and defense will have ten days in which to answer. Pending final decision temporary injunction will stand. Attorneys Whittemore and F. R. McNamee for plaintiff; Attorneys Hugh Percy, of Las Vegas, and Henry Nisbett, of San Bernardino, Cal., for the defendant.

### MURDER CASE

State vs. Wm. McCarthy, charged with murder of Nightwatchman Mulholland at Las Vegas, Oct. 1st. Defendant was acquitted by a jury, Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. Judge Warner, of Salt Lake, defended McCarthy. District Attorney Sanders conducted the prosecution. Jim Apostolis and Frank Kallas were convicted of robbery and sentenced to seven and eight years, respectively. At the conclusion of the McCarthy murder trial Tuesday, the Court adjourned.

### 350 MEN

#### Employed Mining in the Bullfrog District

Conservative men estimate that 350 miners are employed in this district at present, and every day sees additions made to the energetic force developing the various properties. It is safe to predict that double that number will be at work within sixty days.

The heat of summer has given way to cooler weather and work can now be done to advantage.

Much assessment work must also be done on 2,000 claims in the district before the new year opens, or there will be a lot of good claims open to relocation.—Beatty Miner.

### BEATTY'S NEW HOTEL

It is reported that there were hilarious "doings" at the opening of the new Montgomery Hotel in Beatty last Saturday night. Money and champagne flowed freely and thousands of dollars changed hands at the games.

All participants were enthusiastic in their determination to do justice to the important occasion and the result was one grand, glorious, crimson success.

### MAIL CLERKS WANTED

On November 8th the Civil Service Commission will hold an examination throughout the country for the purpose of securing eligibles to fill the position of railway mail clerks in the Western States and Territories. The examination will be held in Reno, beginning November 8th.

### LIMITED TRAIN

The Chicago-Los Angeles Limited, which the Salt Lake is planning to put on in December, will make the run in seventy-four hours instead of seventy-one as first announced. The run from Salt Lake to Los Angeles will be made in twenty-six hours. The company states that these limited trains will be the fastest that can be fitted up, having every up-to-date feature of a first class train.

### NEVADA'S RECORD

Nevada has more camps with big records than any other State in the Union, and the country is hardly prospected.

## CANNOT LOCATE

### Mineral Surveyors Debarred From Staking Claims

Judge Brown has rendered a decision in the District Court at Pioche debarring mineral surveyors from making mining entries.

Charles Hand and A. W. McCune were the owners of a rich gold claim in Meadow Valley, but upon their neglect to do the assessment work within the proper time the claim was juked by John Cook, a deputy mineral surveyor, who at one time had performed some work upon the property. The original locators brought suit to regain possession, and in deciding the case Judge Brown held that Cook, being a deputy mineral surveyor, is debarred from making mineral locations.

Several years ago a case of somewhat similar nature was carried to the United States Supreme Court, but the rights of a deputy surveyor to locate was not squarely passed on.

## ELECTRIC POWER

### Coming From Pine Creek to Bullfrog District

Beatty Miner says: G. S. Wheatly, representing the California-Nevada Mining, Milling and Power Company, of 602 Crossly building, San Francisco, was in Beatty Tuesday interviewing mine owners, and making contracts to furnish power.

"Big Pine Creek is 18 miles south of Bishop Creek and has a volume of 1,100 miners' inches, capable of furnishing more than double the power of Bishop Creek. In an air line it is 100 miles northwest of Beatty.

The Bishop Creek company will not have power enough to supply any territory south of Topopah and Goldfield, and the Big Pine Creek company will therefore have a clear field in the Bullfrog district. They can develop 1,200 horse power, at a cost of \$1,500,000, and desire to contract to furnish 2,000 horse power in Bullfrog district. The power cable will come here via Lida and Rattlesnake mines. Persons desiring power can write the above company.

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

### Will Cover El Dorado Canyon and Searchlight Districts

The operators of the Searchlight and El Dorado Canyon districts who some time since petitioned the United States Geological Survey to make an examination of that region, have received a communication from the Department of the Interior advising that the work will be undertaken as early as possible. At present a party under Geologist F. L. Ransome is engaged upon a detailed examination of the Goldfield district, and when that is completed will make a reconnaissance examination of others, including Searchlight and El Dorado.

## GOOD TIMES

### Conditions Look Promising in Beatty Mining District

Conditions in the Beatty mining district are gradually improving, says A. Russell Crowell, who returned from a trip of inspection Wednesday morning.

Mr. Crowell states that there is no boom in the district as proclaimed by some of the papers, but that there is considerable development work going on a reasonable quantity of money in circulation and new people coming in by every stage. Business conditions are reasonably good.

Beatty bids fair, he states, to become a permanent camp, but there is likely to be no boom, unless phenomenal strikes are made.

Considerable freight is now going in by way of Las Vegas.

### HOP FOR HAWTHORNE

A report is current that the N. & C. company will re-establish their railroad line to Hawthorne, making it a broad gauge from Thorne. The freight for Bodie and Bridgeport is mostly going by way of Carson, and it is to recover this business that the line will be rebuilt.

### SHOOTING AT BEATTY

Bob Arnold, a miner, was shot and killed by A. J. Jodoin in a pistol duel at Beatty a few days ago. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over some remarks made by Jodoin. The latter has been exterminated by the Beatty justice's court.

### THREE ESSENTIALS

The courts have decided that there are three vital factors in the making of a valid location: The name, the date and the common tieing point.

If you want facts, subscribe for The Age as soon as possible.

## ACQUITTED

### Slayer of Joe Mulholland Goes Free

Wm. McCarthy, who killed Joe Mulholland in Arthur Frye's saloon on First street Sunday morning, Oct. 1st, was acquitted by a jury in the District Court at Pioche last Tuesday. The jury was out but a short time and took but one ballot.

The verdict came as a surprise to most law-abiding citizens. Many were not sure but what there might be extenuating circumstances in McCarthy's favor, but they knew the killing had been committed in a deliberate and cold-blooded manner, and felt that McCarthy was entitled to some punishment at least.

The defense produced witnesses who swore that Mulholland had brow-beaten, humiliated and threatened McCarthy, and others who testified derogatory to the reputation and character of the dead man. After listening to the evidence of these witnesses the jury decided that McCarthy was justified in committing the deed.

Mulholland's relatives could not be located, and consequently there was no systematic prosecution of the case by legally interested parties.

McCarthy returned to Las Vegas Wednesday, but left next day for his former home in Butte, Montana. He is yet a young man and it is hard to conjecture what effect this easy acquittal will have on his future character. There is an opportunity for reform and a more useful career than that which he pursued while in Las Vegas.

## TWO NEW TOWNS

### Government to Try Its Hand at Auctioning Townsites

A press dispatch says two new towns, for which the United States Government will act as sponsor, will be created next month in Southern Idaho on sites which are now an absolute desert waste. Names have already been chosen for them—Heburn for the first, which officially is to be created November 14, and Rupert for the second, which is to be created one week later. The new towns will be seven miles apart. Sales of town lots will be conducted under Government auspices on the days the towns are created.

The lots will be sold to the highest bidders. While the country is now a desert it is expected that the great irrigation canals which the Government is constructing at a cost of \$5,000,000 will make it very productive. The towns are located on the recently constructed branch of the Oregon Short Line railroad.

## STATE NEWS

### News and Comment From Our Sagebrush Contemporaries

Virginia City is threatened with a coal famine. A shortage of railway cars is the cause.

Searchlight is to have a gambling house this winter with a \$100,000 bank roll.

The passenger rate from Bullfrog to Goldfield by stage has been raised from \$18 to \$20. Stage freight rates have also been increased from Goldfield to Bullfrog to five cents per pound.

An industry now being conducted at Goldfield's very door, and of which very little is known and still less said, is the burning of lime and the shipment of the finished product to Bullfrog and Topopah, says the Goldfield Sun.

The United Smelting Company has taken over the Richmond and Eureka Consolidated Mining Company at Eureka, and the famous old property which was at one time the subject of expensive litigation, is to be opened up on a large scale. The Eureka people are looking for a big boom.

"The groves were God's first temples," but the mining camp of Beatty, in the Bullfrog district, not possessing any groves, a dance hall in the rear of Johnson's saloon has been utilized as the pioneer place of worship.—EX.

### SHIPPING RATES ON ORE

Virginia Chronicle says: The mines in the vicinity of Caliente are experiencing quite a boom. The San Pedro railroad has made a rate of \$6 for transporting the ores to the Salt Lake smelters. A few years ago it cost \$26 to carry the ore to the smelters. Ores from Eureka mines is shipped from there over the E. & P. and S. P. roads for \$2.75 per ton to Salt Lake, where the full assay value is paid to the shipper, no charges being made by the smelter companies for working it, as they require it for the fluxing material in concentrates.

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