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ARTESIAN WELL

Subterranean Supply Will Be Tested

Albert Simmons, of Pomona, California, has ordered an artesian well-boring outfit and will soon drill a test well in the Vegas Valley.

The well will probably be located on the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29, about one and one-half miles west of Las Vegas. This property is about one mile from the artesian springs owned by the railroad company, and lies a trifle north of west of these springs. It is practically on a line running from the big springs to the Kyle ranch, where there are other natural springs. Mr. Simmons is confident of success.

Other enterprising property owners have agreed to bear a portion of the expense of making the important test, and it is possible the railroad company will bring the machinery in without cost. In fact, Mr. Whittemore stated to The Age a short time ago that the company would assist to that extent.

Mr. Simmons states that the outfit should arrive in two or three weeks and that he will commence operations at once. He expects to encounter a good flow at a very nominal depth, but will go down 1500 feet if results are not satisfactory at a lesser depth. He has produced some fine flowing wells in Southern California and is satisfied with the prospect for success in this valley.

STREET WORK

Curbing Force Again Busy After Some Delay

An additional force of men was put to work on the streets Monday morning. There still remains a large quantity of bedrock curbing to be put in and this work will now be pushed to completion, after some considerable delay, owing to a lack of material.

Supt. F. H. Tuttle states that he does not expect to complete the work before November 15th, and a small force will probably be kept busy after that date repairing damaged places and putting on the finishing touches.

The work of filling is now progressing more steadily.

KILLED BY TRAIN

The north bound freight Monday night struck an unknown man on the grade this side of Good Springs, severing one arm and crushing his skull. He was picked up and brought to Las Vegas, dying shortly after his arrival.

Upon leaving Good Springs the engineer was warned to look out for a crazy man walking along the track, who was supposed to be out about a mile at that time. The engineer watched for two or three miles, and then concluded he must have passed him. Shortly after starting down the grade, however, he saw the man, whistled and applied the brakes. It was impossible to bring the train to a stop in the short distance, down grade, and the fellow was caught by the pilot as he threw to the track.

The man had been hanging around Good Springs for several days, where he was considered crazy and feared by the natives.

There was nothing on his person by which he could be identified. He was middle aged and probably of foreign birth.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

THE PROSPECTOR

An old prospector named Chase was stranded, after twenty years of searching in the hills of Nevada, with \$85,000 cash for his interest in his strike. Chase took his money to Goldfield and in a matter of one week had spent every cent on "ladies," and rag-time. He then secured a grub-stake from one of his pals, loaded up his faithful burro and betook himself again to the pale, hot hills.

He seeks for wealth, yet knows it not when he finds it. Such is the prospector.

SURVEY

The Beatty Miner reports a Government Geological Survey party of nine in that district. They are making surveys for the purpose of mapping 3,000 square miles of territory, extending from Tonopah to Johnnie, and from Lone Mountain to Death Valley. The maps will be made on a liberal scale and will be ready for the public by next spring.

A HOME-MADE MAN

The Beatty-Bullfrog Miner notifies Malcolm Le MacDonald for either Governor or P. S. Senator, from Nevada. Mr. MacDonald is a native son and a prominent mining man of the Beatty district.

FLUXING ORES

Unlimited Supply in Vicinity of Las Vegas

Press dispatches state that smelters are beginning to refuse the silicious ores of Tonopah and Goldfield because they are short on lead ores for fluxing purposes. The Salt Lake smelter is said to be using pure lead bars for flux, while the Selby works is trying to import ore from the Treadwell mines in Alaska.

As a result of this condition the mining interests of Tonopah and Goldfield are suffering.

In treating a ton of the silicious ore from these camps from four to five tons of fluxing ores are required and the smelters are seeking far and wide for lead-bearing ores.

The above serves to emphasize the fact that a smelter should be located at Las Vegas. Fluxing ores carrying good values are abundant in this vicinity. Near El Dorado Canyon there is said to be a mountain of ore suitable for flux rich enough to yield returns on its own account. Nearly all ore in this vicinity carries lead in varying quantities.

With the completion of Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad, a smelter located here would be accessible for all Southern Nevada and Southeastern California.

In the meantime it would be to the interest of the Salt Lake railroad to convince the smelters that it is not necessary to go to Alaska for fluxing ores.

ADRIFT ON DESERT

Mining Men Are Left Without Team

A. J. Hillen, of San Francisco, representative of the Chicago Mining World, and Geo. S. Hopkins, a mining engineer of Las Vegas, are adrift on the desert somewhere between this point and the Colorado river, without means of transportation. The men hired a team Wednesday and started for the river. That evening they stopped at the camp of Albert Wright, about three miles below Mesquite Springs, and later proceeded on their way. Next day the team with empty wagon returned, running by Mr. Wright's place on the road to Vegas. Friday, while on his way to town, Wright found the team standing in the road, brought it in and turned it over to Al. Bishop, the owner.

Mr. Wright states that Jack Telford, who has a camp some distance below Wright's, has started out to search for the missing men. It is probable that they will soon be picked up, as they are not likely to be far from the main traveled road.

A MATTER OF JUSTICE

Statement Concerning J. T. McWilliams and His Affairs

When J. T. McWilliams left Las Vegas last June an item to that effect appeared in The Age, giving the circumstance of his departure according to the facts obtainable at that time. That item may possibly have led some people to the conclusion that his departure was final and included the probability of leaving various creditors in the lurch.

In justice to Mr. McWilliams The Age desires to state that shortly after leaving he forwarded to his agent, Mr. Ingram, money sufficient to settle all claims against him and such claims were duly settled.

The Age makes this statement as a matter of fairness; for the reason that many people will remember the statement that he left unpaid bills, but few would otherwise be informed of the fact that they were subsequently honorably liquidated.

THE OLD COMSTOCK

With a payroll of \$75,000 per month the Comstock can easily be sold to be still on the map. According to the last census this would give to each family in Storey county a monthly allowance of about \$125—a showing to be equaled by few other communities in the United States. And what is more, it is understood that the next payroll will show a marked increase in size. Those who have been hating the Comstock as a defunct camp have another guess coming. —Reno Journal.

THINK IT OVER

No sensible man expects to harvest his apples the day after the trees are planted, but this is what some mine locaters expect to do after they have sunk a ten-foot hole. —Beatty-Bullfrog Miner.

LOCATION NOTICE

Latest approved form location notices can be obtained at The Age office in any quantity desired.

SAMPLING WORKS

An Industry That Would Pay in Las Vegas

A small sampling works in Las Vegas would be a profitable investment. It does not take an expert to figure out this fact. Hundreds of claims are being located in this vicinity that show good surface values. On many of these a few hundred pounds of fairly rich ore could be taken out at small cost. It would not pay to ship so small an amount to the distant smelters, but were there a sampling works close at hand where the prospector and small miner could dispose of his ore in small quantities it would be worth while, and the revenue thus obtained would enable him to continue his development work, where otherwise he is often forced to abandon his claim for want of means.

The sampling works, of course, would realize its profit from buying the ores in small quantities at moderate prices and shipping them in carload lots to the smelters.

Such an institution would aid materially in building up the mining industry in this section, as it would assist in the development of claims whose owners cannot, under present conditions, afford to do the work, and the development of some of these prospects would undoubtedly soon make a showing that would attract the attention of mining investors.

No greater incentive to legitimate mining in this section could be devised.

ORGANIZED

Home Building and Loan Association Elects Officers and Directors

The Home Building and Loan Association of Las Vegas was organized Thursday, October 26th, 1905, by the election of the following officers and board of directors:

President, Chris. N. Brown; Vice-President, Walter R. Bracken; Secretary, Chas. P. Squires; Treasurer, John S. Park; Attorney, Judge M. S. Beal; Board of Directors, J. Ross Clark, C. N. Brown, Walter R. Bracken, John S. Park, Chas. P. Squires.

In less than a week \$100,000 worth of stock has been subscribed, most of the subscribers being Las Vegas residents or property owners. The movement so far is a huge success.

Upon the completion of the First State Bank building the Association will establish offices in the quarters now occupied by the bank.

DOES NOT ASSUME VIRTUE

In Nevada the gambling houses run wide open on main streets of the towns. You can go in and buy a nickel's worth of red or blue chips just as you would buy five cents worth of postage stamps in other States. It will be seen that Nevada's "righteous indignation" over the conduct of the life insurance companies is well founded. The Easterners did not have the game running wide open where all could take a chance at it.—Corona (Cal.) Courier.

The only exception we can take to the above is the statement that one can buy a "nickel's worth of red or blue chips." No one ever bought a nickel's worth of red or blue chips in Nevada from a sober dealer. Our esteemed California contemporary is a trifle off on colors. The reds come at 2c and the blues at 5c each. One might, however, buy a nickel's worth of white chips as he would buy five cents worth of ten-cent postage stamps.

NEVADA ANTIMONY

The first bar of antimony ever moulded in Nevada was turned out a few days ago from a mine twenty miles south of Lovelock. The mine from which the ore used to make this bar was taken was discovered by Prof. C. H. Gage, a well-known mining engineer. The ore is quite rich in antimony, going 30 per cent to the ton. The company is trying to get control of some more claims and will then erect hoisting works and mill and will work the mines to a great extent.—Tonopah Bonanza.

PANAMINT

The original Panamint properties were located by a lot of outlaws in the early seventies. Their discovery proved so valuable as to immediately attract the attention of mining men and were soon sold to Senators Stewart and Jones. For five years this section enjoyed a great boom and produced \$2,000,000 from rich silver-lead ore. The nearest shipping point in those days was Los Angeles, 300 miles distant.—Beatty Miner.

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BUILDING

Fine Saloon Structure—Concrete Cottages

The Arizona Club, J. O. McIntosh, proprietor, will soon have a fine new building in which to entertain its patrons. The new building will be of concrete blocks and will occupy the frontage of two lots, the dimensions being 35x85 feet. A little more than one-half the frontage will be utilized for the enclosed building, which will contain bar and gaming tables. The remainder will be converted into an open-air pavilion, with cement floor and earth roof. The latter will be on the north side of the building—the shady side during the summer months—and will no doubt become a popular retreat. The old frame building is now being moved to the third lot north of the present site, where business will be continued while the new building is being erected.

COTTAGES

Concrete blocks are now being placed on the ground for three cottages, soon to be erected on Fremont street, between Fourth and Fifth. The builders are John S. Park, Chris. N. Brown and C. P. Squires. These cottages will be the most pretentious yet erected in Las Vegas. They will be constructed of hollow concrete building blocks and will be of pleasing architectural design. Three or four other cottages are soon to be erected in the same locality by other prominent citizens.

OTHER BUILDINGS

H. H. Farrell's new concrete block and brick saloon building, recently completed, is now the most imposing structure in saloon row, on First street.

W. H. Sammons is erecting a neat frame building on First street, between Ogden and Stewart streets. He will occupy it with a stock of paints and wall paper. J. P. Collins is the contractor. Another frame building for saloon purposes is being erected near the north end of block 16, on First street.

The concrete walls of the new Nevada Hotel building are about completed.

It is expected that work on the First State Bank building will be resumed in a day or two.

THE STATE WELL

Everything But Water at the Capitol City

Only \$500 remains of the \$10,000 appropriated for the sinking of a well in the State Capitol park. The well is now down 335 feet and the bottom is a nest of boulders. The pump has been lost and for days the drillers have been trying to reduce it to fragments and get it out of the way. About 800 feet of smaller casing has arrived and, if money can be obtained, it will be driven. Otherwise the work will cease.

Governor Sparks takes the drilling of the well much to heart. He stated last evening that he would go on a note to raise money to continue the boring. It was the executive's desire to get artesian water in order to prove that the sub-surface waters could be used to irrigate the arid lands in the vicinity of this city.—Carson News.

SMELTER WANTED

The Tonopah Mining Company is shipping ore to Virginia City for reduction and other Tonopah and Goldfield mines are complaining because the Salt Lake smelters will not take their ore.

The necessity of an independent smelter in the vicinity of Tonopah is apparent, and it is a wonder that such a rich camp can't organize a stock company and build one.

Las Vegas would also be a good point for a smelter, as fuel and fluxing ores are abundant in adjacent territory.—Beatty Miner.

SOME NEVADA MINES

The Nevada State Journal has compiled the following interesting figures: Austin was discovered in 1860, and her output totals \$150,000,000; Pioche was discovered in 1865, and her output is \$80,000,000; Eureka in 1866, \$175,000,000; Hamilton in 1869, \$40,000,000; Mountain City in 1870, \$10,000,000; Candelaria in 1880, \$50,000,000; De Lamar in 1890, \$20,000,000; Goldfield in 1904 shows an output of \$9,000,000. What other country can show so many camps with such an enormous output?

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT

The Elko Independent boasts of the fact that it handled \$25,000 in currency in its printing office in one day, and delivered it to the bank every cent accounted for. It is possible that the unsuspecting printers did not realize it was real money until too late.

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