

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## COMMISSIONERS

### County Business Transacted at Pioche

Meeting November 6, 1905. Present, B. J. Gordon, chairman; J. A. Nesbitt and Geo. C. Baldwin, members; Eugene Goodrich, Clerk; Benj. Sanders, District Attorney.

Bond of Eugene Goodrich for \$40,000, furnished by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore, Md., was presented and read, and after discussion it was decided that the bond be accepted conditionally, subject to the opinion of Attorney General James G. Sweeney, Benj. Sanders, District Attorney, having expressed his legal opinion that the Fidelity bond did not fully comply with the laws of the State.

The Auditor's statement of the condition of funds and monthly reports of all county officers were read and approved.

The following transfers were then made, viz: \$250.00 transferred from general county fund to salary fund, \$250.00 transferred from general county fund to indigent fund, \$250.00 transferred from general county fund to current expense fund, \$300.00 transferred from the contingent fund to indigent fund, \$80.02 transferred from Moapa road fund to general county fund.

The bill of Earnest Keates, laid over from last meeting, was properly itemized and allowed. The bill of Jacob Ralph, laid over last meeting for proper sworn statement, was presented and allowed. Two bills of J. J. Monahan were returned to him to be properly itemized. Bill of C. D. Christensen ordered returned to him to be itemized and state to whom supplies were delivered.

Townsite plat of Arizona Subdivision to Searchlight was presented to the Board for approval, and upon motion duly carried the same was approved and duly signed by the chairman; also the townsite plat of Grand Central Addition to the town of Searchlight was presented for approval, and upon motion duly carried it was approved and signed by the chairman. Another plat of Searchlight was presented, ordered to be returned to the applicant, and J. A. Nesbitt, Commissioner, empowered to approve plat of Searchlight when returned properly platted and conforming with all the regulations of the State law.

Bids for job printing for Lincoln county for the period of one year dating from November 1st, 1905, to November 1st, 1906, were opened, being submitted by the following papers of Lincoln county: De Lamar Lode, Lincoln County Record and Las Vegas Age. Considerable discussion followed, and upon motion duly carried it was ordered that said printing contract be given to Las Vegas Age for reasons that the bid submitted by Las Vegas Age was a complete specification of the work to be performed, while bids of the Lode and Record were so incomplete that no fair estimate of their bids could be determined. The Age also specified in its contract that any work not covered by said contract would be done at 10 per cent. above San Francisco and Salt Lake prices. It was further ordered after the approval of said contract that Las Vegas Age furnish a new bond of \$500.00 to cover both the contract of legal advertising and job printing.

Fourteen bids of accountants for auditing the books of Lincoln county were opened and read; thereafter the testimonials on each bidder were read. After due consideration of the respective bids in lump sum, these being the only bids considered, there being only four bids of this character, as follows: Nate Hoff, of Reno, Nevada; Mr. Mullin, of Denver, Colorado; H. V. Meloy, of Salt Lake City, and W. H. Moore, of Salt Lake City, each representing their bids personally with the exception of Nate Hoff. After much discussion and consideration Mr. Mullin requested to withdraw his bid, and C. E. request granted. By motion made and duly carried W. H. Moore was awarded the contract of auditing the county books; it to be understood that said work would be completed within three months from date.

Upon request of trustees of Bunkerville School District said trustees were allowed to draw the sum of \$120.06 from the special Bunkerville school fund that had accumulated by special school tax of 1904.

Application for engineer's license was granted to W. W. Wadley, of Good Springs. A petition from Las Vegas was read relative to the sinking of a well at some point between Las Vegas and El Dorado canyon. Official that Commissioner had been allowed the sum of \$25.00 for making investigation and choosing site for sinking said well.

A petition from Caliente was read asking for an appropriation of \$100.00

to be taken from the general county fund for the purpose of building a bridge on the county road near Caliente. After consideration the matter was laid over until next month for further investigation.

A petition from Las Vegas asking for the appointment of Dr. C. A. Rucker as health officer for the town of Las Vegas was duly granted.

The question of sign posts received considerable attention, and an order was made that the clerk of the board communicate with southern districts for information concerning locations and plans to erect said sign posts, this being one of the most important questions before the board.

The salary and general claims against the county were allowed as per register claim book.

Board adjourned until Dec. 4th, 1905.

## CLARK'S STEAMERS

### Will Run Line From San Pedro to Orient

Daily press dispatches state that Senator Clark has just completed his plans for the establishment of a line of steamers to be run from San Pedro to the Orient in connection with his San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad. These boats are to touch at the Hawaiian islands and the ports of China, Japan and Manila, and are designed to compete with the steamers of the Hill lines and supplant the Harriman lines.

The United States Government is building at San Pedro a breakwater costing \$5,000,000, which makes it one of the finest harbors on the Pacific Coast, it is said, and vessels drawing thirty-five feet can enter this harbor. Senator Clark has had this harbor in view since he first planned the San Pedro road, and it is now remembered that several years ago he expressed the opinion that the geographical situation of San Pedro made it the key to the Pacific trade with the Orient, Australia and South America.

The San Pedro line has already begun the construction of enormous docks at its terminal, and the company is chartering tramp steamers to encourage the trade and prepare for the establishment of the new line when the new boats already contracted for are finished. The contract calls for the building of four new 15,000-ton steamers.

## COUNTY BOOKS

### Expert Auditor Has Been Secured

The anxiety of the County Commissioners to have the work of auditing the county books completed as soon as possible, resulted in their awarding the contract to the lowest of the three bidders who were present in person.

W. H. Moore, the successful bidder, agreed to commence at once and to complete the work within three months. He comes with endorsements from some twenty counties in various parts of the United States, where he has rendered similar services.

Now that the question has been raised most of the officials appear to be as anxious as the people to learn the actual condition of affairs.

## ANTIMONY PROPERTY

A large force of Japs are employed working an antimony property at Big Creek, this county, says the Central Nevadaian. The mine is under the management of a Japanese engineer, a graduate of the University of California. The Japs have a two-foot ledge of nearly pure antimony and have about ten tons sacked for shipment. Antimony is worth \$60 a ton at present and there is an increasing demand for it.

## POWER RATES OUT

A 20 per cent cut in rates has been made by the Nevada Power, Milling and Mining Company, which recently established a system at Goldfield, carrying power from Bishop Creek, Inyo county, California. The reduction is said to have been made on account of the threatened invasion of Goldfield by a couple of rival companies that were recently organized.

J. B. Young, president of the defunct Goldfield Bank & Trust Company, who had been placed in jail at Hawthorn as the result of conviction upon second trial, has been granted a new trial by Judge Murphy, who set aside the verdict of the jury in the case. The jury in the case of Cashier J. R. Boole, on trial charged with embezzlement in connection with the wrecking of the same bank, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

## GYPSUM AND GOLD

### Watelet Deposits Are Now Being Opened

Active operations have been commenced on the Paul Watelet gypsum deposit, about eight miles east of Las Vegas. The gold ledge, which is close at hand, will be developed by contract, to be awarded later on.

Two miles this side of the deposits is Mr. Watelet's private camp, comfortably located and sheltered by large mesquites. Here a forty-foot well produces an ample supply of pure water.

Thursday afternoon the working camp was established in the foothills a few hundred yards from the gypsum deposit. Four tents had been erected prior to the visit of the writer and just before his departure a wagon load of tents and other supplies, sufficient to accommodate some fifteen persons, arrived on the scene. Mr. Watelet stated that twelve men would be put to work on the ledge Friday morning, and that the shipment of gypsum to Los Angeles and San Francisco would commence immediately.

Mr. Watelet and associates have formed two companies—the Pacific Coast Gypsum Co., capitalized at \$100,000, and the South Nevada Gold Mining Co., capitalized at \$1,000,000. Both are incorporated under the laws of Nevada. Dr. G. W. Hillegas, of Oakland, is president and Paul Watelet, the principal stockholder, is superintendent in charge.

"We will have a spur from the Salt Lake railroad to this camp in two months," said Supt. Watelet Thursday afternoon. "The Salt Lake company will furnish the ties and rails and we will do our own building."

This spur will not be built from Las Vegas, but over a natural grade to a point some few miles north of this place.

This gypsum deposit is claimed to be the purest ever found in the West, and has a market value of from \$16 to \$20 per ton delivered. The three-foot gold ledge gives values of \$40 per ton.

## SIGN POSTS

### Law Will Be Observed in Lincoln County

At the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday, Commissioner Baldwin, of Moapa, made a strong plea for the observance of the State law requiring county commissioners to erect sign posts throughout their respective counties at all intersections of desert roads.

After some discussion, the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the various towns and camps, requesting information as to the number of posts necessary in each locality or section. Bids will probably be advertised for at the next meeting.

It is the idea of the commissioners to erect iron sign posts with sheet-iron signs. The cost is estimated to be not less than \$1000.

## STATE NEWS

### Items Garnered From Various Papers Throughout the State

Work has been commenced on the foundation for the new library and Supreme Court rooms at Carson.

James Nevin, State Bullion Tax Collector, estimates that the annual revenue from all sources will easily exceed \$200,000.

One foot of ore averaging \$60,000 per ton is alleged to have been developed in Gold Park district mine, located in Lander county.

State Senator Charles E. Hardin was married in San Francisco on Thursday of last week to Miss Jeane Schilling, of Yuba City, California.

Sixteen per cent of Reno taxpayers have signed a petition for municipal ownership of water and electric lights and other franchises.

A railroad to run from Snake River Valley, in Idaho, to Winnemucca, 210 miles, has been financed. Construction will begin at once and will be finished by January 1, 1907.

Work has been stopped on the well at the State Capitol. Water in the well now rises to the surface, but does not flow over. A centrifugal pump will probably be put in, which will force the water to the highest part of the Capitol building.

The Searchlight Telephone, Telegraph and Electric Company has been incorporated in Los Angeles with a capitalization of \$30,000, of which \$12,000 has been paid into bank. It is the intention to establish a local exchange at Searchlight, with a long distance connection with Nipahaw.

## COUNTY PRINTING

### Quality and Prices Win For The Age

At the County Commissioners' meeting Monday Las Vegas Age was awarded the county job printing contract. The Age already held the legal advertising contract, and its success in securing the job printing contract will result in bringing all the county work to Las Vegas.

Other bids were submitted, but these were so crude and indefinite and left the way open for so many uncertainties that they could not justly be considered in competition with The Age bid, which was a complete and business-like bid, covering every detail and possible contingency, and was replete with positive specifications as to prices and kind and quality of stock and workmanship.

This is the first time in the history of Lincoln county that it has been in any way protected in the matter of printing charges. The Age bid provides a positive schedule of consistent prices, so much lower than the exorbitant rates heretofore charged that there is no comparison.

Heretofore county officials have been obliged to send to Salt Lake and San Francisco for many very ordinary jobs which these other bidders were unable to perform satisfactorily. The Age agreed to do satisfactory work and to do it within the county of Lincoln, with very few exceptions. Competing bidders made no such specification, or, in fact, any specifications whatsoever.

## COUNTY WELL

### Las Vegas Petition Favorably Considered

The petition prepared by citizens of Las Vegas for a well on the road between this point and El Dorado canyon was favorably received by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Baldwin, of Moapa, who strongly championed the petition, was authorized to investigate the proposition, and if he finds conditions favorable he will let the contract at once.

Mr. Baldwin will be in Las Vegas within the next week or ten days. In the meantime some one competent to act as guide and furnish necessary information will be selected by interested citizens, and together they will proceed to the vicinity of Dry Lake, which is generally conceded to be the proper location for the well.

Such a well is of vital importance to the interests of this section and the commissioners are to be commended for their prompt and decisive action. Commissioner Baldwin has expressed the hope that the people of Las Vegas will render him every assistance in arriving at an intelligent conclusion regarding the most desirable location.

## OIL EXCITEMENT

### Rush to District Near Indian Creek

Word has reached Las Vegas of an oil excitement in the vicinity of Indian Creek. It is stated that 16 miles of land had been located up to last Sunday noon.

J. T. McWilliams, who returned this week from a trip to his timber claims in the Charleston mountains, states that he encountered many responsible parties in the vicinity representing substantial interests. Most of the locations have been made by business and mining men from the Bullfrog district and some Los Angeles parties.

It is said that experts have been in the field and have given encouraging reports. The district is about seven miles this side of Indian Creek.

Other oil locations have previously been made in the vicinity of this district, but no test of the properties has ever been made.

Fred Roberts, J. P. Sevens, T. S. Gorman and Frank Williams, the convicted murderers of Jack Welch, are to pay the death penalty for their crime next Friday if the Board of Pardons do not intervene. Rev. Father B. J. Darneille is making strenuous efforts and is spending much time and money in endeavoring to prevent the death penalty from being carried out. The revolting and brutal character of the crime and the strong and convincing testimony presented at the trial has had the effect of causing the jurymen in the case to stand firm on their verdict and refuse to join in any recommendations of mercy.

## LOCATION NOTICES

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