

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## POWER AND TELEPHONE

### Promoters Make Positive Statements

Representatives of the Southwestern Power and Telephone Co., of Las Vegas, made the positive statements Thursday that the company has decided to install a complete electric plant and telephone system here and will commence operations at once.

C. E. Dutcher, chief engineer of the company, is one of the men who made the statement. He says he is here for the purpose of arranging details and getting the preliminary work under way. Wiring of business houses and residences will be commenced, he says, the first of next week.

Mr. Dutcher was accompanied by his son of investigation Thursday by I. T. Dyer, of Los Angeles, superintendent of telegraph for the Salt Lake railroad and Western Union companies. Mr. Dyer was here on railroad business, but is interested in the electric project on behalf of the railroad company, which will be a large user of electric energy in the form of lights.

The company has incorporated with A. R. Fox, of Los Angeles, as president. Other officers, with the exception of the engineer, have not yet been chosen. The corporation will be a close one.

Engineer Dutcher gives the assurance that the service will be of the best and that the charges for electric lights will be the same as those prevailing in other communities of the same class.

The exact location of the plant has not been determined, but it is stated that it will be located in the railroad yards convenient to both the town and the requirements of the railroad company.

Mr. Dutcher's headquarters will be at Las Vegas and he will personally supervise all branches of construction. The officer states that wiring will be commenced at once and that the construction of the plant and distributing systems will follow as soon as practicable.

## THANKSGIVING

### Governor's Proclamation to People of Nevada

In accordance with the expressed desire of the President of the United States, and in conformity to custom long established, I hereby designate and proclaim Thursday, November 30, 1905, as Thanksgiving Day, and recommend that the people of the State of Nevada render thanks to God for the numerous favors and blessings, both State and national, bestowed upon us during the year now drawing to a close. Nevada has made great progress; permanent developments of resources contributory to the happiness and comfort of our people have been made; population has increased; capital has found remunerative investment in all business lines, and from no source has failure followed prudent management. Railroads are being built and extended; mines have been discovered and developed; water storage and distribution have been inaugurated by the general Government, which will, when applied to the soil, make possible the reclamation of thousands of acres of land to be dedicated to home-seekers with small means.

In consideration of the blessings enumerated, thankful hearts should upon that day remember the poor and needy that they may also rejoice in thankfulness. Churches and schools, being prime factors in religion and education, should receive due encouragement to the end that all may enjoy the occasion according to their desires.

Given under my hand and the great seal of State, at the Capitol, in Carson, Nev., this 18th day of November, A. D. 1905.

JOHN SPARKS,  
Governor.

## CHARLESTON MOUNTAIN

### Carson Office Not Aware of Forest Reservation

Answering an inquiry as to whether the above mountain, on the road to Las Vegas, had been declared a forest reserve, Receiver D. H. Hall, of the Carson Land Office, writes:

Editor Beatty Miner: In reply to your favor of the 7th inst., I will state that this office has not been informed by the department at Washington, D. C., that Charleston Mountain has been declared a forest reserve. The timber land is open to entry under the timber and stone act.

## LOCATION NOTICES

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

## COUNTY WELL

### Contract Awarded and Work Commenced

Peter Buol has been awarded the contract for sinking the county well between Las Vegas and El Dorado canyon. The contract is for a depth of fifty feet, at \$3.50 per foot.

Work was commenced the first of the week and at a depth of seven feet rock was encountered. Paal Buol, who has charge of the work, returned to Las Vegas Thursday for extra drills and blasting material.

The location of the well is twenty-seven miles southeast of Las Vegas, at the junction of the El Dorado canyon and Searlight roads, or at the head of what is known as Dry Lake. The location was decided upon after an inspection of the vicinity by County Commissioner Baldwin and Mr. Buol. It was thought that digging would be easy and that the work would progress rapidly, but with the early encountering of the rock strata a different aspect is presented.

## CLARK'S VISIT

### Spends a Couple of Hours Looking Us Over

W. A. Clark and some of his associates spent a brief space in Las Vegas last Sunday afternoon sizing up the Senator's own pet town. In a carriage they drove out over the newly oiled streets into the suburbs, among the stately white sign posts. They also inspected the railroad yards and the ice plant and evidently found everything satisfactory, as they departed without registering any protests.

The party was on its way to Salt Lake City in a special train to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Co., which was held Monday evening. Accompanying the Senator were J. Ross Clark and C. O. Whittemore.

The Senator was in a hurry and could spare but little time for contemplating the community of which he is popularly supposed to be the parent. However, C. O. Whittemore, who has done so much to encourage the hotel business in Las Vegas, was in a position to enlighten him on all points which he did not have time to investigate for himself.

## GOLD OUTPUT

### Nevada's Increase \$2,000,000 Last Year

The annual report of the geological survey for the year of 1904 has just been published.

Considerable space is given to the discovery and mining of precious metals; and the report shows that Nevada came forward last year with one of the largest increases in gold production.

The report says: "In Nevada the production of gold reached \$6,060,494 in 1904, an increase over the preceding year of \$1,360,144. Practically the whole of this increase should be credited to the new El Paso goldfield, which produced over \$2,300,000 during the year. The returns from silver producers indicate an increase of \$333,918, of which the greatest part is derived from the Comstock mines. Tonopah remains very productive, with an output of about \$1,230,000 of silver, commercial value.

"Colorado added nearly \$2,000,000 to her production of 1903, most of this amount coming from the mines of Cripple Creek.

"Nevada's output is increased about the same amount chiefly by reason of the phenomenal yields of the Goldfield mines."

Reports of Las Vegas Times and Caliente "Comic" are not included in the above statement.

## PROTECT PROSPECTORS

### Resolutions Presented to California Mining Congress

The California Miners' Congress opened at Nevada City Wednesday, and the code of resolutions prepared by George W. Parsons, of Los Angeles, and adopted last week at the El Paso convention, have been forwarded to Nevada City to the president of the congress in the expectation that they will also be adopted there. They are in the interest of the miner and prospector on the desert, and call for the protection of the water in the desert from pollution; also for the placing of metal signs, directing travelers to water, and imposing imprisonment as a penalty for defacing them.

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## CONTRACT LET

### Building of Railroad to Commence at Once

J. Ross Clark is authority for the statement that the contract for construction of Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad from Las Vegas has been let to Deal Bros. & Mendenhall, of Springville, Utah.

Mr. Clark passed through Las Vegas on his way to Los Angeles Wednesday, and made this statement to Walter R. Bracken. He further assured Mr. Bracken that the contractor will commence work immediately, as soon as necessary material and supplies can be forwarded.

This firm was one of the builders of the Salt Lake railroad on sub-contracts from the Utah Construction Co. Before the road is completed to Indian Creek the balance of the contract will probably be awarded.

## SENATOR'S STATEMENT

Senator W. A. Clark, while in Las Vegas Sunday, made the positive statement that Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad will be completed to Beatty by April 1st, 1906. He stated that he would spare no effort to carry out this purpose, and advised friends that they might assure the people of Las Vegas to this effect with the utmost degree of confidence.

Las Vegas Mercantile Co. was notified to prepare at once to furnish the contractors with fresh meat.

## TIES ARRIVING

Two trainloads of ties, one of eleven and the other of fourteen cars, arrived during the past week. This makes a total of about thirty-five carloads that have arrived. In addition to the large quantities left on the ground by the Borax Smith road.

## NEVADA HOMESTEADS

### Large Acreage Subject to Entry in Lincoln County

Recently the executive officers of the Union and Southern Pacific railways sent a special commissioner through certain districts of the West to look into the land question. This commissioner has just returned and, in a bulky report, states that he discovered nearly 200,000 acres of available land in Nevada, largely contiguous to the new Salt Lake road in Lincoln county, yet subject to entry, 160 acres to bona fide settlers and 640 to persons desiring to purchase same from the State of Nevada.

He says he discovered nearly 100,000 acres of desert land near Las Vegas had been secured by parties for speculation, offering same at \$5 to \$10 per acre, but meeting with little encouragement.

That portion of the report touching on land adjacent to Las Vegas was published in a previous issue of this paper. It has long been an apparent fact that there is plenty of land in Nevada. What is most needed is water development. Let the railroad companies put their special commissioners to work on the water problem if they desire the desert to "blossom as the rose." With water in sight it will not be necessary to send out special commissioners to "discover" the land.

## NEVADA LANDS

### Western Pacific and Other Ventures Create Agricultural Boom

Nearly all of the valuable agricultural land in the Honey Lake Valley, near Beckwith Pass, within Nevada, has been taken up within the last few months. The Western Pacific is to run within a short distance of this section and the demand for lands is unprecedented. The land officers say throughout the State the good lands are being rapidly claimed. Thousands of acres of State lands are also being sold to cattlemen and land companies.—Eureka Sentinel.

## ADMISSION DAY

Nevada was admitted to statehood on the 31st day of October, 1864, and has since been known as the battle-born State. It came into the Union during the great civil conflict that came near dividing the greatest nation on earth. Its votes went cast to preserve the Union and its millions of dollars helped materially to preserve the national credit. It would therefore be fitting and appropriate, as the Carson News suggests, to celebrate Admission Day, October 31st, each year.—Bonanza.

## MILL FOR SEARCHLIGHT

A ten-stamp mill of the most approved standard pattern is now under construction by the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, for the Searchlight M. & M. Co. The stamps will be of 1000 pounds each.

## NEW RANCH LEASE

### Walter R. Bracken Secures Control

Senator Clark's Las Vegas Rancho has been leased to Walter R. Bracken for a term of two years. Negotiations were concluded in Los Angeles the latter part of last week. By the terms of the lease Mr. Bracken is required to discontinue the public resort that has been maintained on the property and to remove all buildings, tents and devices erected for that purpose.

Harry R. Beale, the former lessee, who conducted the place as a resort during the summer, has arranged to remove his buildings, dancing floor, etc., to the property of the Stewarts adjoining, where the bar and such other features as may be deemed desirable will be operated.

As soon as the removal is effected the ranch property will be thoroughly cleaned up, the ancient adobe buildings repaired and the old place made to assume once more the aspect of a simple ranch house. The lower portion of the ranch—the pasture lands—will be utilized by the Mercantile Co., as heretofore.

It is stated that there is an important object behind all this cleaning up, which will be made known to the public in due time.

## THE RAILROADS

### Bullfrog District Sees Much Engineering

Borax Smith continues to push railroad construction from Ludlow, on the Santa Fe, toward his borax mine—the Lili C. That will put the Santa Fe within fifty miles of Beatty—nearer than any other railroad, unless they build. Thus the Borax Smith line stimulates the others to action.

They must come or lose their freight business, says the Beatty Miner.

## GOLDFIELD-BEATTY R. R.

Chief Engineer R. W. Welsh and assistant W. C. Richings, of the Goldfield-Beatty railroad, made headquarters at the Montgomery Hotel in Beatty several days during the past week. Engineer Welsh says 65-pound rails have been purchased and the order for ties placed, and grading will begin within thirty days. The railroad will be a broad gauge and the grade will be easy, except at one or two points near Goldfield. The company now has nine engines awaiting commission on the new line to Beatty. A meeting of directors was recently held to order active construction.

## LAS VEGAS AND TONOPAH

At Gold Center Chief Engineer A. Maguire, of the Salt Lake branch, coming from Las Vegas to the Bullfrog district, has a corps of fourteen men taking the kinks out of the line. He expects to get as good as one per cent grade all the way. Mr. Maguire says the railroad will reach here before the hot season—about May.

## LEAD WORTH MONEY

### The Smelters Will Pay Seventeen Cents a Unit For It

A dispatch from Denver announces that the smelter trust has raised the rate paid by it for lead from ten to seventeen cents a unit. This is grand news for the mine owners of Lone Mountain and other sections of Nevada that produce lead ores. The smelters need fluxing ore and need it badly, and this is a golden opportunity for the mine owners of the Lone Mountain district.

## NEVADA LEADS

Nevada's many advantages as a mining State are set forth by the Goldfield Review as follows:

First—Nevada has the world record for mineral production.

Second—Nevada is the most richly mineralized zone in the world.

Third—The mines of Nevada have depth and permanency.

Fourth—The ores of Nevada are mostly high grade.

Fifth—The climate permits work the year round.

Sixth—She has more camps with big records than any other State in the Union.

Seventh—Nevada is hardly prospected.

## AUCTION SALE OF HAY

On December 1st, 1905, the undersigned will sell at auction between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m., to the highest bidder, one car load of barley hay, about 13 tons. Freight charges, \$5.85, and demurrage charges, \$1.15, to A. S. L. R. R. Co. By D. L. DORMAN, Acting Agent.

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