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THANKSGIVING DAY

Eagles Program for Celebration a Grand Success

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in Las Vegas in a fitting and highly enjoyable manner by our citizens, and to Las Vegas Aerie No. 1213 belongs the full honor and credit of providing the program for the sports during the day and the splendid entertainment presented in the evening.

It was certainly a red-letter day in the history of Las Vegas, and the Eagles composing the order in this community proved themselves fully able to maintain their reputation as royal entertainers and incomparably genial and wholesome good fellows.

The celebration during the day and evening was successfully carried out, nothing occurring to mar the pleasures of the occasion, and the committee of arrangements, with Harry Beale as chairman, and Wm. Stewart, Henry Fernbach, A. B. Johnson and Leo T. Schwab as assistants, together with President Dan V. Noland, deserve thanks and praise for having performed their duties well.

The afternoon exercises were held on the public square and on the streets, where the racing took place, the first event being a baseball game played between married men and single men, the winners to receive five bottles of champagne and the losing nine to be fined 25 cents each. J. D. Kramer was captain of the married men and Dr. Roy Martin captain of the single men, with D. C. Pauff as umpire and E. A. Blum as scorer.

It was certainly a star game throughout and full of interest and excitement from start to finish, many brilliant plays being made by men whom the average citizen heretofore would hardly dare suspect of being enthusiastic baseball fans, and whose names the Age only refrains from mentioning for fear their fame would be heralded abroad and we would lose some of our best citizens. The score at the finish stood 11 to 10, in favor of the single men.

The races were next in order, with Col. Fife and J. O. McIntosh as starters, winners in the events being as follows: Boys' race, 14 years, 100 yards—L. L. Thomas, first; Frank Black, second; Eugene Black, third.

Foot race, 50 yards—F. L. Falls, first; W. E. Hawkins, second.

Ladies' race, 50 yards—Mrs. Peter Beal, first; Mrs. Fitzwilliams, second; Mrs. Gregory, third.

Foot race, free for all, 100 yards—Dr. Martin, first; W. D. Vale, second; Dr. McKinnis, third; J. Lytle, third.

Foot race, Eagles only, 200 yards—Dr. Martin, first; F. Hearne, second; H. Beale, third; L. W. Botkins, fourth.

Three-legged race, free for all, 50 yards—Alma Mason and Charles Huddleson, first; Geo. Lawton and Eugene Lake, second.

Married ladies' race, 50 yards—Mrs. Peter Beal, first; Mrs. Harry Beale, second; Mrs. Gregory, third; E. Collins, fourth.

Girls' race, under 16 years, 50 yards—C. Aplin, first; —, second.

Burns race, 200 yards—Carl Huddleson, first; Eugene Lake, second; Al. Mason, third.

Horse or pony race, one-half mile—Tuck, first; Tuttle, second; Huddleson, third.

A committee composed of J. A. Brown, N. A. Kuhn and John S. Park, awarded the following prizes:

Most popular Eagle in attendance—D. V. Nolan, 1 pair sleeve buttons.

Most popular lady in attendance—Mrs. J. J. Falls, toilet case.

Funniest Eagle—W. E. Hawkins, \$1 in trade.

Laziest Eagle—Mr. Collins, 1 month's rent at Angelus Hotel.

Hungriest Eagle—Mr. Johnson, 3 meals at A. Brown's.

Dirtiest Eagle—Dr. Martin, 3 baths at Kramer Bros. barber shop.

GOVERNMENT LANDS

Great Opportunities in Las Vegas Valley

There are 10,000 acres of Government land, that is first class soil and open for entry under the Desert Land and Homestead acts, within six to twelve miles of Las Vegas, the principal distributing point for Southern Nevada mining camps, the main division station and half way between the Salt Lake City smelters for our ores and the port of San Pedro, from where the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad has made plans for a line of steamers to the Orient. Over one hundred thousand acres of land has been entered under the State of Nevada land grants in this county by non-residents and people, of whom not over five per cent have seen their purchases, resulting in about two-thirds of them being balked. The balance have good lands, which I propose to bring actual settlers to live on, and I invite owners of the good lands through the press, as it is the cheapest method, to list their properties with me and to give definite terms in writing so as to save both time and expense. To land owners who do not know what their purchases are worth I will make reliable reports at reasonable cost. I propose to have a settler on every good forty-acre tract in this valley. In the Nevada section of "The Story of a Trail," the authorized pamphlet of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, my name is the only one that is referred to as being reliable for information on Las Vegas Valley lands.

[A special communication to people interested in Las Vegas Valley.]

J. T. McWILLIAMS,
Civil and Hydraulic Engineer.

For 12 years a surveyor in Southern Nevada.

GOLD CENTER

Townsite and Mining Boom About to Be Launched

The Tonopah Goldfield Trust Company has just consummated a large deal with local parties whereby they become owners of the townsite of Gold Center, sixteen quartz claims near that town and a number of valuable water rights. The deal was put through by W. D. Lawton, vice-president of the Trust company, and associated with him in the matter are Governor Meikeljohn, of Nebraska and a party of Chicago capitalists headed by Colonel H. E. Hays.

The new owners are now en route for Gold Center. It is their intention while here to perfect arrangements for a system of water works for Gold Center, contract for a twenty-stamp milling plant and begin vigorous development of their mining properties with a large force of miners. The Trust company has contracted for the erection of a modern stone bank building in Gold Center and will move its business to that point as soon as the building is completed—shortly before the end of the year.—Goldfield Sun.

COUNTY CLERK

The surety bond filed by Acting County Clerk Eugene Goodrich has been approved by the State Attorney General, and he will qualify as county clerk and treasurer at the December meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The qualifying of Mr. Goodrich is a happy solution of an unfortunate situation.

NITRATE DEPOSITS

Reports state that the nitrate deposits in Death Valley are to be inspected in the interest of the Government to ascertain their extent, nitrate being one of the important elements in the manufacture of high explosives.

LUCKY DUTCHMAN

Eastern Capital Invests in Crescent Mines

Messrs. F. S. Webber and Fred T. Schrott have returned to Las Vegas, having drawn down a nice little sum of money for their interest in the Lucky Dutchman group of claims, which caused the great gold excitement at Crescent and which has been sold to Salt Lake, Chicago and Philadelphia parties.

The deal was made by John W. Royer, one of the original locators, and Child, Cole & Co., of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Lucky Dutchman Mining and Development Company has been incorporated under the laws of Utah with Hon. W. S. Snyder as president, and H. B. Cole, secretary and treasurer. The company has taken over the Lucky Dutchman group together with the Climax, Climax No. 1, Climax No. 2 and the Knob Hill mining claims, which adjoin the Lucky Dutchman proper. Mr. Webber states that active operations have been commenced at the property under the management of John W. Royer.

A large bunk house, 16 by 32, and a store house has been built. Large quantities of supplies have been arriving at the mine during the past week and seven men are actively engaged stripping the ledge, which is 150 feet in width. A careful sampling of the ledge, which is a network of fissure veins crossed by other fissures, shows considerable native gold and averages better than \$5.85 per ton. Some samples have been taken which run into the thousands.

Surface prospecting will be continued until it has been determined whether the best values occur on the foot or hanging wall of the vein. A shaft will then be sunk and both Mr. Webber and Mr. Schrott feel sure that it will not be long before a bonanza equal to anything in Goldfield or Bullfrog will be opened up. Mr. Schrott, though he has disposed of his interest in the Lucky Dutchman, feels that the Crescent district has a possibility of making one of the most flourishing gold camps in the Southern Nevada mineral belt, that extends from the Comstock on the north-west to the Colorado river on the south-east, a distance of over 300 miles. He has purchased an outfit and will again take up prospecting in the Crescent district.

THE POTOSI MINE

Many Rumors Regarding Its Sale

During the last six weeks many rumors have been afloat concerning the big Potosi mining property. It has been reported as sold several times, and as often denied by the parties having the property in charge. That the mine has been under investigation for several weeks by agents of heavy capitalists there is no doubt, and that the property is a valuable producer has been proven by the frequent and large shipments of ore to the smelters from which satisfactory returns have been received, and there is little doubt that a sale could be effected could the parties in interest come to terms.

Last week P. H. Mahoney, one of the present operators of the mine, stated positively that there was no truth in the reports circulated concerning the proposed sale of the mine, and he certainly ought to know what he is talking about, but in the face of this statement other parties aver that a forfeit has been upon the property for a number of weeks and the transfer of interests only await the straightening out of minor details concerning title.

So there you are. Parties who feel an interest in the matter can form their own ideas concerning the deal.

FREIGHTING

About Evenly Divided Between Las Vegas and Ivanpah

Beatty Miner says: Inquiry among our merchants, H. D. & L. D. Porter, Rose & Palmer, Brin & Blumlein, Beatty Mercantile Co., J. P. Randall and others, reveals the fact that very little merchandise is freighted in from Goldfield. The business is about evenly divided between Las Vegas and Ivanpah. One merchant freights from Good Springs. Much of the Rhyolite freight comes in from Ivanpah.

LIQUOR LICENSE

The next collection for State liquor licenses will be on January 1, 1906, and must be paid for the entire year in the following sums: Wholesalers, \$100; retailers, \$50; druggists, \$12. This is in accordance with the law passed by the last Legislature.

CLARK'S ROAD

Senator Kearns Makes a Few Statements

A San Francisco dispatch, dated November 24th, says: Former Senator Thomas Kearns, of Utah, who is at the St. Francis, and who is a director of the Salt Lake and Los Angeles road, said today that Senator Clark and his associates are to build without delay 12 1/2 miles of road from Las Vegas, in Nevada, north to Bullfrog. Kearns says the material is now being forwarded for this purpose.

FIRST NORTH AND SOUTH ROAD

The new piece of road, taken in connection with the intentions of John W. Brock, of Philadelphia, and his associates, will give Nevada its first north and south road, of any importance. Brock and his crowd now own the line which connects with the Southern Pacific at Sodaville and now runs to Tonopah and Goldfield. They are to extend their line south to Bullfrog.

MAKE DIRECT CONNECTION

When these improvements are made there will be direct rail connection between Hazen, on the Southern Pacific in northern Nevada, to Las Vegas, on Clark's road, in the southern part of the State.

It is said the cost of connecting Goldfield with Las Vegas will be \$5,000,000.

NEVADA RAILROADS

Nine Lines Projected This Year

Nine railroads have been projected for Nevada thus far this year. Of these, the Hazen cut-off and Goldfield road have been completed, the Western Pacific, Virginia & Truckee extension, Nevada Northern and Borax Smith roads are now in course of construction, and work will be commenced in the very near future on the Las Vegas and Tonopah, the Bullfrog and the Austin-Tonopah roads.

While there are close upon 1000 men now at work on the Western Pacific, there are at least 2000 making the dirt fly on the other roads, and taking all in all, construction in Nevada this year and for the coming two years will have the effect of decidedly changing the railroad map of this, the best State in the Union. It is a scramble between the Goulds, Harriman and Clark for the great tonnage that the mines of Nevada will furnish for many, many years. Outside of the Western Pacific, the most work at present is being done on the Nevada Northern, which is owned by the Southern Pacific company.

This road leaves the main line of the Southern Pacific at Tono and will run due south to Ely and Deep Creek district. This road will be a big paying one from the start, as it will run through a wonderfully rich copper belt and Harriman is rushing work on the line in order to beat the Western Pacific to the district, which has been clamoring for a railroad for twenty years. Competition is a great thing.—Bonanza.

WILL BUILD

Railroad From Goldfield to Beatty and Bullfrog District

President J. W. Brock, of the Tonopah railroad, gives out a statement in San Francisco that his company will immediately build the railroad from Goldfield to Beatty and the Bullfrog district. President Brock and associates were here inspecting the field last week.

For some time the Tonopah and Salt Lake railroad officials have been sparring for points, trying to bluff each other out.

Engineers representing both railroads have for the past month been staking every acre of ground in Bullfrog district. One can't go out at night without falling over railroad pegs.

The show down is near at hand. One railroad on the ground is worth three in the air.—Beatty Miner.

NEW COUNTY SEAT

T. R. McNamee, of De Lamar, in an interview with a representative of the Searchlight last week said:

"As to the county seat question, I think that Las Vegas, being on the main line and easily reached, will get it. It lies between Vegas and Caliente."

Caliente is only twenty-seven miles from Pioche, an unreasonable distance from the growing towns in the Southern end of the county. From Caliente to Las Vegas is 125 miles, and from Las Vegas south to Searchlight it is 75 miles more. When the county seat is moved it will come to Las Vegas—the most centrally located town in the county—always excepting Mesquite.

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