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GRADERS ARRIVE

Railroad Contractors Are Getting Busy

Fifteen teams and a number of men, the advance guard of Deal Bros. & Mendelhall's grading force for Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad, arrived Wednesday from Springville, Utah.

Supt. F. M. Grace states that this force will go to work at once touching the grade already built, to Tule Springs, where the work of extension begins. A larger force is expected to arrive in the meantime.

The company now has on hand in the yards plenty of material for active construction work, with the exception of rails. Supt. Grace states that plenty of these are on the way, and will begin to arrive most any day.

Construction train, tools and material are all ready in the yards awaiting the arrival of the contractors. In the meantime yard work under the direction of the railroad company itself continues.

WOOD WATER PIPE

Said to Be Adapted to Alkali Soil

Los Angeles Mining Review has an article on the merits of wood water pipe. Among other things the article states that under many circumstances it is one of the best conveyers for water that can be used, and contains the following paragraph on Las Vegas' system:

"Las Vegas Land and Water Co. has just completed the installation of their water system at the new town of Las Vegas, Nevada, on the line of the Salt Lake railroad from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, Utah. This pipe ranges in size from 4 to 18 inches, and will be operated under 60 pounds nominal pressure and 100 pounds fire pressure. An ample number of both single and double nozzle independent acting hydrants were connected with the system throughout the town. All fittings furnished are cast iron and Crane's standard valves were used throughout. The pipe used is machine banded redwood pipe made by the National Wood Pipe Co., Los Angeles, California, installed the entire system. This pipe is especially adapted where alkali conditions prevail with acidulated water, or water strongly mineralized."

Fits for ribbons, veils and gloves.

WHY NEWSPAPERS KICK

Every paper should be the expression of some personality, just as every word receives the imprint of the author. A paper without a personal force is like a man without a face, and is absolutely worthless in county and in State. A paper that doesn't make some one mad; that doesn't stir up the elephant and antagonize somebody's pet theme and whim, is not worth the powder to blow it up, or the paper it is printed on. We hope to be considered the public mule-horn to do the kicking. But to be as passive and non-resistant as a claim is a state to be lamented. We would rather be a mule than a claim.—Souris Republican.

KILLING AT RHYOLITE

On Thursday evening of last week John Sullivan and Jim C. Clayton shot each other to death in a pistol duel in the Davis and Turpin saloon, Main street, Rhyolite. An old judge exchanged between them and both were prepared. Clayton entered the saloon, where Sullivan was bartender; the latter came from behind the bar and gave Clayton a fatal shot in the stomach. Before falling Clayton shot Sullivan mortally in the side. Both used large caliber Colt's revolvers, and about eight shots were exchanged. Sullivan leaves a wife in Rhyolite and Clayton a wife in Colorado Springs.

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Chris Jorgensen, a miner, was instantly killed by an explosion of forty sacks of giant powder, in the Oddie tunnel, two miles west of Beatty, at 1:30 Tuesday night of last week. He was working on the night shift, evidently thawing the giant powder preparatory to blasting when the explosion happened.

Congressman Van Duzer has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the sinking of artesian wells in Southern Nevada.

There have been recorded in the last six months in the County Recorder's office 1633 instruments, an average of over 270 per month.

It is now stated that fleas carry and spread pneumonia. It beats thunder and all almighty big boys of disease when these pesky little insects can

UNIFORM TIME

A Double Standard System Causes Confusion

A move should be made at once for the adoption of a uniform standard of time for Las Vegas. This is the point where the railroad schedule changes from Pacific to mountain time, but its schedule for Las Vegas as published in The Age this week is based on Pacific time exclusively. The telegraph company also uses Pacific time. But the postoffice, bank, restaurants and other local institutions are operated on mountain time. This causes confusion even to those who are familiar with the proposition, to say nothing of strangers.

The railroad probably has some good reason for using Pacific time, and will continue to use it. Therefore, the only way to secure uniformity in the matter is for the community to adopt the railroad standard. There is no particular reason for using mountain time—in fact, it makes no particular difference to the community whether the hands on the clock point to twelve or one o'clock, so that all clocks are the same.

The Board of Trade is the proper organization to adjust this matter.

NEW TIME TABLE

Los Angeles Limited Now in Operation

The Salt Lake railroad announces the following changes in the running time of trains Nos. 1 and 2 and the inauguration of "Los Angeles Limited" through Las Vegas Dec. 19th:

SOUTH BOUND

No. 1—Arrive, 6:10 p. m.; leave, 6:30 p. m.

No. 7—Arrive, 6:30 a. m.; leave, 6:35 a. m.

NORTH BOUND

No. 2—Arrive, 10:25 a. m.; leave, 10:45 a. m.

No. 8—Arrive, 1:15 a. m.; leave, 1:20 a. m.

This schedule is Pacific time.

Nos. 7 and 8, "Los Angeles Limited," will be electrically lighted and steam heated and composed of the following equipment: One baggage car, one observation buffet library car, one 16-section tourist sleeper, one dining car (meals a la carte), one 14-section drawing room standard sleeper, one 12-section drawing room, smoking room, standard sleeper. These trains will run through solid, every day in the year, via Salt Lake route, Union Pacific and Chicago Northwestern Railway.

MAILS

The opening and closing of mails at the postoffice has been changed to correspond with the above schedule. The mail for the West now closes at 10:00 a. m. and that for the East at 4:00 p. m., mountain time. Note that the railroad schedule is Pacific time.

TELLING THE TRUTH

An Honest Newspaper is Respected By Honest Men

Searchlight is the banner town of Lincoln county. There is more improvement going on there and more go-ahead-iveness than any other burg. It has the best gold mine in the State, one of the best newspapers printed in the State, and when it publishes anything in regard to its mines, and the strikes, the public can rest assured it is straight goods—worth 100 per cent. That's what counts—the truth every time. Oh! how deficient some of the papers printed in Lincoln county are in this respect!—Pioche Record.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

The County Recorder's office is kept very busy these days, 58 mining notices, 16 deeds, 6 powers of attorney, 6 land patents and 13 miscellaneous documents, a total of 99, were filed for record during the past week. It keeps Mr. Henry Lee with his two assistants steadily at work to keep up, and then the force works every evening up to 8 and 9 o'clock.—Pioche Record.

GOOD FOR VAN

Congressman Van Duzer has introduced a bill in Congress providing for a department of mines and mining. This is one of the most important industries in the United States today and is entitled to consideration as such. It is at present in the hands of the Department of the Interior.

We are now enabled to arrive at an intelligent conclusion as to what Thonduke W. Lawsh's little game is. It is stated that he has in his possession enough proxies to place him in control of two big insurance companies. Foxy Thonduke!

EXAMINER WRITE-UP

Contains Some Very Original Information

The anniversary number of the Los Angeles Examiner is to hand. It is a big paper—so big that 99 persons out of every 100 who pick it up will have time to do little more than contemplate its dimensions and marvel at the wonderful capacity of a big 20th century newspaper plant.

The page devoted to Las Vegas contains a group of illustrations and headlines occupying about two-thirds the space. The feature of the illustrations is a scene entitled "Picking Flowers in Las Vegas," which, to say the least, is reassuring. The big purple headlines proclaim as follows: "A City that Sprang Up in a Month—Solid as the Hills that Hem in the Valley in Which It Stands."

There are about two columns of reading matter in which is set forth a few facts, a little history and a great deal of prophecy and imagination. Those portions of the article that deal with possibilities are based, to some extent, upon reasonable hypotheses; but those portions purporting to be facts or actualities are based largely upon a lively imagination.

For instance, in one paragraph it is stated that, "during the past few months much land has been subdivided and SCORES of farmers, each having a small tract, have begun extensive work along the intensive methods of cultivating the soil so successfully followed in Southern California, and extensive planting of trees is resulting."

Another: "In this valley all kinds of semi-tropical fruit grow in GREAT quantities." Think of fruit growing in great quantities in a town six months old.

The population, according to the Examiner, is "5000 energetic persons," and Clark's big sanitarium is all but built.

In order that the above comment may not be considered as disparaging Las Vegas and its interests The Age desires to state:

That for a town six months old, in a new and utterly undeveloped country, with little yet to sustain its energy and indomitable zeal of its courageous pioneer citizens, Las Vegas has made remarkable progress.

It has built up an extensive business community; it has curbed, graded and oiled its streets, and installed a domestic water system; it has formed companies to encourage home building and the development of the surrounding country. But it is only six months old. It started with a wild and inexcusable boom. From that boom it took time to recover, but it has recovered, and just recently, from normal conditions and a more substantial foundation, it has begun to go ahead, gradually, earnestly, sensibly to work out its destiny.

There are many opportunities in Las Vegas. There is water to be procured, mineral and agricultural land to be developed, industries to be established—fortunes to be made—and the reason these opportunities are here is BECAUSE THESE THINGS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DONE.

The kind of men who do things are not attracted by statements that read like miracles. Opportunity, the idol of the industrious, reflects clearer in the mighty mirror of Truth than in the cheap hand-glass of misrepresentation.

Following is the character of the foundation from which Las Vegas is now building:

A transcontinental railroad. Branch railroad to mining districts (building).

Railroad division point. Modern business community to supply the wants of man.

Excellent climate. Plenty of water for domestic purposes.

Good indications for artesian water in large quantities. Thousands of acres of undeveloped land.

Adjacent mineralized mountains.

Center of Lincoln county and probable county seat.

Natural location for city, and half way between Salt Lake and Los Angeles.

Outfitting and forwarding point for mining districts.

COMMISSIONERS

Detailed Report of Meeting of December 11th

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Monday, Dec. 11, there were present Geo. Baldwin, J. A. Nesbitt, members, District Attorney Benj. Sanders and Eugene Goodrich, Clerk.

As Mr. Ben. Cowan declined to act on the examination of the report of Mr. W. H. Moore, Mr. J. A. Clark was selected in his place.

The report of C. C. Ronnow and J. A. Clark on examination of report and work of W. H. Moore, expert accountant, read and approved.

W. H. Moore, expert accountant, submitted his final report on examination of books of all county officers from Jan. 1st, 1896, to Sept. 1st, 1905. Report approved and signed by Baldwin and Nesbitt. [Account of this report appeared in last issue.—Ed.]

Bill of W. H. Moore for \$1450 as per contract allowed.

Bill of J. A. Clark for examination of report allowed.

Bill of C. C. Ronnow for examination of report and expenses of trip from Las Vegas allowed.

Motion made that shortage in case of J. A. Nesbitt and H. J. Goodrich, as per report of W. H. Moore, be received by the Clerk, and if not paid by the principals the Clerk to give proper notification to bondsmen.

Mr. J. A. Nesbitt then paid the Clerk the amount of his shortage as per report of W. H. Moore, expert accountant.

An order was made to have 1500 pamphlets printed of report of W. H. Moore, the same to be mailed to any one upon request being made to the Clerk for a copy, 1000 for county purposes and 500 for Mr. Moore, he agreeing to pay for his 500.

Tax matter of Emma H. Barbee was considered and no action taken for reason that date of equalization had passed.

It was ordered that all delinquent taxes be stricken from rolls as uncollectable, up to Jan. 1, 1904.

It was ordered that H. E. Freudenthal make a descriptive map for sign posts not to exceed in cost \$30.

H. E. Freudenthal appeared before the board for the Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelter Corporation and asked the board that the right fork of the county road that runs from the Meadow Valley No. 3 Mine to the No. 5 Mine be changed to the left fork. The same was granted, providing that the company build such a road from left fork back of Meadow Valley No. 3 Mine and connect with the county road back of Meadow Valley No. 5 Mine that will be acceptable to the board.

It was ordered that the Auditor and Treasurer make corrected balances in the several funds in their ledgers to correspond with the accepted report of W. H. Moore, expert accountant.

Board adjourned until Monday, Jan. 8th, 1906.

PLACER-QUARTZ

At Butte, Montana, an interesting mining decision was rendered last week involving the right to locate a quartz claim on property originally patented as a placer claim.

The possessors claimed the title to the placer was good for the reason that six years' uninterrupted and undisputed possession made the claim good against all other parties.

There were a number of special findings in the case. They were all to the effect that a quartz claim was good as against the title of a placer patent, where was a "known vein" of quartz, was of sufficient value to justify the working of it.—Beatty Miner.

What more appropriate Christmas present could you send a friend than a year's subscription to the Salt Lake Tribune? Sent anywhere in the United States, Canada or Mexico, postage paid, for \$1.00 per month for the Daily, including Sunday, or \$1.50 a year for the twice-a-week edition.

Notice of Teacher's Examination

Notice is hereby given that the Teachers' Examination for certificates authorizing them to teach in this State and County will be held at Pioche, Lincoln County, State of Nevada, commencing on Monday, January 8, 9, 10 and 11.

All those who are now teaching in this county under a special certificate, which terminates January 1st, 1905, will have to appear before said Examining Board if they wish to continue teaching after that date in this State and county.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJ. SANDERS,
County Superintendent of Public Schools.

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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 bilked. 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.

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