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First L. V. & T. Locomotive Arrives

The first locomotive for Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad arrived Thursday. It was purchased for use on the construction train, which is now equipped for business.

Messrs. Deal and Mendenhall, of Deal Bros. & Mendenhall, the contractors, were in Las Vegas this week, arranging for the construction work, which is expected to begin next week.

Twenty miles of rails are now on hand and eighty-five teams are at work seven miles out on the grade. Rails are arriving with some regularity and it is thought there will be no delay when track laying once begins.

The railroad company has rented the old Beatty & Buswell building on Carson street, near Main, for hospital purposes.

MORE BUILDING

Fifty Feet Front on Fremont Street

Excavating was begun yesterday morning for a new building adjoining the First State Bank on the east. The building will be erected jointly by Messrs. Clayton & Griffith and Archie Weaver, covering the frontage of two lots with a depth of fifty feet. The front will be of concrete blocks and the other walls of brick.

The old bank building will be moved off the Clayton & Griffith lot in a day or two. Excavating is in progress on the Weaver lot in the meantime.

Workmen are bracing the bank building for removal.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Enjoyable Entertainment By the Children

The big garage building on Main street, the scene of Las Vegas' first Christmas entertainment, was crowded Monday night with people—big and little—all intent on making the event a merry one; and it is safe to say that all were amply rewarded—the little folks with the good things provided for their delight and the older ones with the joy of seeing the children happy.

The Christmas tree, donated by the local lodge of Eagles, shone resplendent, laden with candy, nuts and fruit for the boys and girls.

Kind hands had erected a stage for the tree and for the use of the performers who were to carry out the program which had been arranged under the direction of Miss Alma Tuttle, as follows:

PROGRAM

- Prayer—Rev. Dr. Bain.
- Recitation—"Three Kings," Miss Alma Tuttle.
- Piano solo—"Butterflies and Flowers," Mrs. Dillon.
- Santa Claus' helpers, brownies and fairies—Brownies, Edith Yake, Minnie Holland, Julia Westlake, Edith Applin, Wills Catterell, Fairies, Katie Stone, Ollie Cavalleri, Olive Lake, Gladys Nichols, Katherine Kuhn.
- Recitation—Miss Bertie Weir.
- Song—"Jingle Bells"—Ollie Cavalleri.
- Recitation—"After Christmas"—Jennie Wing.
- Recitation—Wanda Ball.
- Christmas play—"The Snow Man," 17 characters.

ACT I

- Snow Man—Claude Yake
- Billy Boy—Leone Ronnow
- Isabella—Katie Stone
- Rosetta (a colored girl)—Edith Yake

ACT II

- Christmas Spirit—Minnie Holland
- Miss Mollie—Josephine Wing
- Undrella—Wanda Ball
- Widge Girl—Nellie McWilliams
- Wife of Old Bachelor—Geneva Laravee
- Las Hubbins Hood—Joanna Latche
- Las Hubbard—Teress Mettenci
- Throatha—Victor Mettenci
- Cashmere—Alfred Kuhn
- Bull—Herman Rhodes
- Old Bachelor (who lives by himself)—Henrico Mettenci
- Shrewdly Peter—John Kramer
- Jack Horner—Don Cram

All the numbers were well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. The song "Jingle Bells," by Ollie Cavalleri, was especially pleasing, and the first act of the play was exceptionally well done.

And after the program the little folks received in the good things from the tree distributed by the Eagles' Santa Claus, who saw that none were slighted. Those who had the tree in charge are very grateful to all those who rendered such liberal assistance in making the occasion a success. Many willing hands came forward to do the work necessary; and the Age has been requested to thank them on behalf of those who planned the entertainment.

The Christmas spirit was manifest everywhere and it was good to witness



To the People of Las Vegas and the County of Lincoln and AGE readers everywhere:

The Age extends the Season's Greetings and wishes you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A FEW PLAIN FACTS ABOUT LAS VEGAS

Being An Exposition of the Truth as Contrasted With a Fairy Tale

[The following article was published in The Age of Dec. 23, but owing to the favorable comment elicited and the resultant demand for extra copies, which The Age was unable to supply, we have decided to republish it. Some progressive citizens have also ordered copies of the article struck off in circular form, to be mailed along with the Examiner "write-up" referred to.—Ed.]

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 por-

That for a town six months old, in a new and utterly undeveloped country, with little yet to sustain it save the 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.

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Respectfully,
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NOTICE—We hereby certify that we supply J. C. McIntosh, of the Arizona Club, Las Vegas, Nevada; with but Tom Moore (and Bossum Hollow) pure rye whiskey; direct from our Government bonded distillery warehouse, and that up to the present date his purchases have been of the very oldest goods to be had in bond.

McKeesport, Pa., Nov. 15th, 1905.
Thos. Moore Distilling Co.
W. E. SATTERT, Sec'y and Treas'r

LAND SURVEY

The Government Will Run Lines in Southern Nevada

A matter of great significance to the State is the expenditure of \$25,000 recently appropriated by Congress for the survey of as yet unsurveyed districts in the southwestern portions of the State. Surveyor General Matthew Kyle has already contracted for the expenditure of \$3000 and on the 18th of the month will award three more contracts for \$5000 each, and authority has been asked to let another \$5000 contract.

The surveys will all be in the southwestern portion of the State and will cover from Kewich to Bullfrog, and will include Rhyolite; a mountainous mineral country; rich in wealth of ore.

NOT DEAD

Lincoln County Record says that "Pioche is still in the land of the living."

Glad to learn it. Recent issues of the Caliente Comic had led us to the conclusion that Pioche was a dead one, and that Col. Burnenup Brown was feeding his barterous sheet on the remains.

THROUGH CAJON

Salt Lake May Build Its Own Track

Los Angeles Times says: That the delay suffered by the inaugural train of the Los Angeles Limited behind a Santa Fe freight wreck will influence the Salt Lake in building its own line eighty-one miles from San Bernardino to Barstow, is considered likely by officials of the San Pedro road.

To this end the Salt Lake has already caused its engineering department to make surveys through the pass, and the gist of their report is that they have found a way which by cutting deeply and crossing the Santa Fe several times overhead will give them an easier grade than their rivals.

Deterred originally by the great cost of the proposed line, for the survey of the Salt Lake engineers calls for longer and deeper cuts and fills than those of the Santa Fe, Salt Lake officials are not now slow in declaring that the independent line must be built before they will ever be able to operate satisfactorily to the coast.

NEW RAILROAD

Searchlight and Western Is Incorporated

The Searchlight and Western Railroad Company has been incorporated in Salt Lake City. The bonds have been issued and sold. Its franchise has been granted by the State of Nevada, empowering it to build from a point near Nipton, on the Salt Lake railroad, to Searchlight, thence north to El Dorado canyon.

The officers of the new company are: Homer A. Hansen, president; F. J. Harrington, superintendent of the Quartzette Mining Company, vice-president; Geo. H. McClintock, cashier of the Searchlight Bank and Trust Company, secretary and treasurer. Directors in addition to the above are, R. P. Swindler, manager of the Bamberger, De Lamar mines, and R. C. Lund, chairman of the Utah State Board of Equalization.

The capitalization of the company is \$300,000. The first bond issue is for \$150,000.

It is announced that R. H. McElwain, of Searchlight, will be chief engineer of the road, and he will immediately put a force of surveyors in the field.

It is further announced that for passenger service gasoline motor cars will be used, making the trip of twenty-five miles in 50 minutes. Two round trips a day will be made, giving connection at the junction with both Salt Lake trains daily, both east and west bound.—The Searchlight.

THROUGH LINE

Route of the Borax Smith Railroad

That the Tonopah and Tidewater railroad, being built from Ludlow by Borax Smith, of Oakland, is really coming through Beatty has been proved by the recording of a trust deed, covering all the property of the railroad, the mortgage being held by the Mechanics' Trust Company and the Indian General Investment Trust, Limited, of London, securing them \$2,500,000 on 5 per cent bonds, which mature July 1, 1960. Describing the road, the instrument states that it starts at Ludlow, taking a northerly course through Amargosa canyon, through Inyo county to Bullfrog district, 158 miles in length, with a branch from a point in Inyo county to the Lila C. borax mine, in Death Valley, seven and one-half miles long.—Beatty Miner.

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.

J. T. McWILLIAMS

Civil and Hydraulic Engineer

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