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**SUPPLEMENT**

## RAILWAY STRATEGY

### Road May Go From Las Vegas to Searchlight

With the opening of the Salt Lake route there was rivalry between that road and the Santa Fe for the trade of Searchlight which has, during the past twelve months, increased heavily. The two roads were about equally distant from that camp, and were served by connecting stage and wagon freight lines.

In November last, it was announced that a narrow gauge line would be built to connect the Salt Lake with Searchlight. Immediately the Santa Fe sent out an engineer and later a corps of them to survey a route. Contractors followed and a Santa Fe branch is now approaching Searchlight.

The Salt Lake project fell through—apparently for good. It now appears that the matter has been only in abeyance, and that the Salt Lake, which is keenly alive to possible ore tonnage, has another and better plan in view.

Since early spring the El Dorado district, 25 miles north of Searchlight and 45 miles southeast of Las Vegas, has been coming into favor because of successful development. Moreover, the mines of El Dorado yield base ores, that is to say shipping ores, below the 100-foot level, or thereabout. A district yielding shipping ore is more to the liking of railroads than a free ore district.

Again, half way between Las Vegas and El Dorado, and on a surveyed railroad route, is the new Vincent district, which is showing silver-lead ores—very desirable both for freight and for smelters. Still again, the Clark people are very favorably inclined to a project now developing for the establishment of a custom smelter at Las Vegas.

If the Salt Lake builds to Searchlight, it will most probably do so from Las Vegas by way of Railroad pass, Vincent district, Dry Lake and so on over the low grade into Searchlight from the north, and with a branch electric line into El Dorado canyon from a point near Dry Lake. El Dorado may be reached only by grades too steep for a steam line, but very feasible for a trolley line with cars operated on a multiple unit system.

Senator Clark's road is plainly not going to Searchlight by the route originally planned, but why should it when, by a change of plan, three birds may be killed with one stone?—L. A. Mining Review.

It cost the good people of Goldfield just \$1,088 to take the Reno band of fifteen pieces to Goldfield, where it played one day, the 4th of July.

Millions of locusts have appeared in Carson Valley. The wings are brown and the body is a dull crimson beneath. Whether or not it is the 17-year variety cannot be told.—Carson Appeal.

On September 5th an examination under the direction of the Civil Service Commission will be held in Salt Lake for applicants for a number of positions in the internal revenue service in the district of Montana.

# Las Vegas Business Directory

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Investments now will bring sure profits.

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The Largest Stock of Building Material in Southern Nevada.

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## "Grubstake" Agreements

The discovery of a new mining district has in the past been so fruitful of litigation that it has become possible to predict with a fair degree of certainty even the character of the larger portion of the lawsuits that will be filed, says the Denver Mining Reporter. These are mainly the outcome of the custom of "grubstaking," which in itself is commendable and has been responsible for the discovery and successful development of many mines. The loose manner in which agreements are entered into, however, is one of the weak points of the practice, and should receive more attention for the benefit of both parties concerned.

It is an unfortunate trait of human nature that unless a record is made of the transactions and agreements of today, the changed conditions of a year hence will so alter the meaning and import of those transactions of a year ago as to forever preclude the possibility of living up to them. If a verbal grubstake agreement be made and carried out for several months or a year, and no discoveries be made to encourage the party who is bearing the expense, it is not at all improbable that he will, by a series of mental contortions, convince himself that he has been bearing more than his share of the burden and that any discoveries made cannot be shared equally. If at this time the man in the field should strike a valuable ore deposit, the mental attitude of his partner at home would be intensified by the prospects of acquiring sudden wealth, and the result would be that the man in the field would be left out of consideration. His only redress would be in the courts, but if he were not possessed of an agreement which would stand the technical requirements of law, his chances of obtaining justice would be scant.

The necessity for written grubstake agreements is just as urgent as for any other purpose, and should be insisted upon by both parties to the contract. The subtleties of human nature and the ingenious mental habits of so many persons are past understanding, and every precaution should be taken to anticipate and prevent trouble that might arise therefrom.

A New York dispatch says that Donald Gillies has superseded John McKane as Charles M. Schwab's right-hand-man in Nevada.

The towns of Goldfield and Columbia claim a combined population of 11,000.

The first bar of bullion which has come out of Aurora for a quarter of a century was brought to the Carson mint on July 2. It weighed 9 pounds and is regarded as an evidence of the rejuvenation of a camp which in other days was famous the world over. A 20-stamp mill is in active operation there.