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**All Walk But Father**

San Francisco Call: When the solicitors politician or the local freight shipper greets the chiefs of the traffic department of the Southern Pacific and quietly intimates that gratuitous transportation to some distant point would be extremely pleasing to himself the Harriman official leans over to his visitor and softly sings this refrain.  
Everybody walks but father.  
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He don't have to pay.  
Little Johnny's walking.  
Also brother Will;  
So's the whole Dam family  
Since Hepburn passed his bill.

**Railroad Rates Compared**

Following are the railroad freight rates from Los Angeles to Beatty, and from San Francisco to Goldfield:

Class	Los Angeles to Beatty	San Francisco to Goldfield
1	3.04	3.66
2	2.90	3.50
3	2.46	3.31
4	2.18	3.03
5	1.85	2.41
A	1.46	2.37
B	1.31	1.68

Rates from Los Angeles to Las Vegas are as follows: Class 1, 1.84; 2, 1.75; 3, 1.46; 4, 1.28; 5, 1.08; A, .86; B, 76.

**Goldfield Wage Scale**

Miners get \$4 per day at Goldfield; carpenters \$6; painters \$6 and \$6.50; clerks per month \$75 to \$90; stenographers per week \$30 to \$50; mine superintendents per day \$10 to \$30; waiters per day \$4; bartenders \$7.50. Rooms rent from \$25 to \$40 per month and board costs from \$1 to \$3 per day.

**Announcement**

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**SEARCHLIGHT**

**Electric Lights--Copper Strike Near Eldorado**

[Special Correspondence.]  
Herman Wesselhoft an old desert prospector has struck a copper deposit on the Colorado river, four miles from Eldorado Canyon which has caused considerable excitement. Local parties are building small boats here to use on the river in transporting their supplies to the new camp. As the country referred to has never been prospected to any extent much interest is displayed in the new strike.  
The Searchlight-New York Mining Co., F. W. Mitchell, President and W. W. Hurt, General Manager, both of Denver, have ordered a diamond drill with which to prospect some of their thirty three claims, a portion of which adjoin the town of Searchlight. A diamond drill has never been used in this district and interesting developments are looked for.

The Le Roy Mining Co. at 220 ft. have encountered plenty of water together with a good body of paying ore. They have ordered a pump with a capacity of 300,000 gallons of water per day.

The new Era Mining Co. are down 150 Feet on their American Girl Group.

The Searchlight M. & M. Co. are pumping 36,000 gallons of water per day. This is not enough to interfere with their work but on the contrary facilitates the operation of the mill and cyanide plant.

The Santa Fe Mine's entire electric lighting plant is in operation. The engine is 120 horse power and the generator has a capacity of 2300 volts. This plant will furnish the town of Searchlight with about 5,000 lights besides furnishing a number of the mines with light and power.

**The County Debt**

There has been much said of late concerning the debt of Lincoln county, and many mistaken stories are current concerning its origin says the Searchlight Bulletin.

Furthermore some of these stories are such as to cause ultra scrupulous persons to oppose any plan which proposes a compromise. Those familiar with the true facts have no such qualms, the conditions being as follows: In the year 1863, the county was formed, with Hiko as the county seat. The first five years was a period of great depression and annually the county treasury piled up an ever increasing deficit. There being no funds warrants were issued in payment of debts incurred. These warrants seldom brought more than fifty cents on the dollar, and as a result all bills were made out against the county accordingly. It is a matter of record that lead pencils were sold to the county at the rate of \$10 a dozen.

Then too, there was a great deal of grafting mixed up with the administration of affairs. It is related that one sheriff taking advantage of an existing law governing the attachment of property of delinquent taxpayers, served some forty attachments on a single trip and charged the county with as many single trips. His bill amounted to \$17,000 but the commissioners in a spasm of economy, cut it to \$15,000.

Then came the building of the court house, another piece of big grafting. Affairs went from bad to worse until finally the county was unable to even secure credit at any price. In 1875 legislative authority was given for the county to issue bonds with which to take up the outstanding warrants and this was done to the tune of \$181,000. These bonds were to run for ten years and to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent annually. The bill authorizing the issue having provided a tax calculated to care for the interest and to provide for the payment of the principal. This, however, it failed to do and as a result very little interest was ever paid and not a cent of the principal. To date the total indebtedness in round numbers amounts to about \$700,000.

When it is understood how the county was grafted into debt no one should oppose a compromise settlement.

It is again reported that the Western Pacific has purchased the Nevada Central line, running from Battle Mountain to Austin, and will extend the road through Manhattan to Tonopah.

The Commissioners of Esmeralda County could not rent a building in Goldfield for a voting booth and had a suitable building put up in the middle of the Main street.

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