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SMELTERS

Ash Meadow, Good Springs, Los Angeles, Las Vegas?

William G. Hoagland of New York, president of the Nevada Copper Mining and Smelting Co., is in Goldfield to take initial steps toward building a big smelter at that point.

At Manse or Ash Meadow the Greenwater consolidated interests will probably build a smelter to handle the ores of the copperfields. Water is plenty at either point and fuel would be brought from the oil fields of California.

A smelter at good Springs has long been projected and although insistent statements have developed nothing tangible, it is nevertheless within the range of possibilities.

Los Angeles business men are agitating the smelter question and no doubt a vigorous effort will be made to induce one of the big smelting concerns to build a branch in that city.

Las Vegas, centrally located, with convenient railroad facilities and plenty of water should get in the contest to capture a smelter. Las Vegas has every requisite except fuel and with reasonable railroad rates, oil from California would be comparatively cheap.

At Ely the Guggenheims are building one of the biggest smelters in the country.

Pioche had a smelter in early days and will probably want another if the present boom continues.

ORE EXHIBIT

California State Mining Bureau Offer

Because of the many inquiries addressed to the California State Mining Bureau regarding Nevada mines and mining districts, particularly those situated near the California line, Mr. Lewis E. Aubury, state mineralogist, has undertaken to install an exhibit of Nevada ores in the bureau's Museum, Ferry Building, San Francisco. To this end the department now is sending circular letters to the Nevada press, asking that the project be given publicity. The Museum already contains two cases of Nevada ores, but has few specimens from recently discovered mines or camps.

"While the object of this bureau is to call attention to the mineral interests of California, we realize it would be to the advantage of both Nevada and California to co-operate," says Mr. Aubury.

WATER

Contract Let for First Artesian Well

At the meeting of directors of the Vegas Artesian Water syndicate Saturday night, the contract for sinking the first well was awarded to Booth & Madison of Los Angeles. The contractors are loading the rig and it will probably be on the ground in a week.

The well is to be drilled on the northeast 1/4 of section 21, township 20, about one and one-half miles north of town. Sinking will continue until water is struck, to a depth of 1500 feet, if necessary.

The terms of the contract are as follows:

First 100 feet.....	\$1.50 per ft.
Second 100 feet.....	2.00 per ft.
Third 100 feet.....	2.50 per ft.
Fourth 100 feet.....	3.00 per ft.
Fifth 100 feet.....	3.50 per ft.
Sixth 100 feet.....	4.00 per ft.
Seventh 100 feet.....	4.50 per ft.
Eighth 100 feet.....	5.00 per ft.
and \$5.50 per foot below that.	

There is a condition in the contract that if after working 3 consecutive days not more than 3 feet a day is made, the well diggers are to get \$15. a day, while in such hard rock, notice first being given of encountering such rock.

The Syndicate also is to dig a shallow well at point of boring for water for steam purposes and is to pay \$30.00 for moving rig from depot to well location and to pay 1/2 of the freight on crude oil.

Well to be pushed with all possible dispatch.

Claim Jumping

The claim owners in the Manhattan district have formed an association to prevent claim-jumping "upon technicalities, legal or otherwise." The object of the association is stated rather loosely, but if it is meant to prevent the relocation in case the required work is not done, the members are not only openly defying the law but retarding the growth and development of the district. There are many technicalities that it is well to overlook in the mining districts but many others that some are prone to forget should be rigidly enforced.

New Jail

Dispatches from Pioche state that "a crazy prisoner from Las Vegas" set the county jail on fire last week.

Pioche citizens would probably be willing to supply the "crazy prisoner" with matches if he will agree to finish the job.

Hotel Nevada Arrivals.



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M J Murphy
J Powers
H Barus, Los Angeles
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R W Truett, Los Angeles Cal
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W H Knowles, Denver
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J E Birkemour, Denver
S E Butler
S G W Mullen
R G O'Shea, Los Angeles
Y J Johnson
E A Thulset, Salt Lake
M O Johnson, Los Angeles

EL DORADO

All Reports Indicate Great Revival in Old Camp

W. D. Worrell and J. R. Hunter made a chilly and strenuous trip to El Dorado Canyon, Searchlight and other districts during the week. They ate snowballs for breakfast, lunch and dinner and slept on a mattress of snow and were covered by a blanket of the same at night.

They witnessed the activity in the canyon and after inspecting many of the old mines and newer prospects came away enthused over the future in store for that section.

Several companies are at work making mines, while development work is being done on innumerable prospects.

El Dorado has already produced millions, but it appears that her store of wealth has hardly been touched.

POWER PROJECT

Nevada Millionaire to Harness Sierra Rivers

Los Angeles Mining Review says: We are able to announce, authoritatively, details of the most important and far reaching hydro-electric power enterprise yet undertaken in the West, and which will have headquarters in Los Angeles. The plan embraces transmission lines running from the high Sierras to this city and also to Greenwater, Bullfrog, Goldfield, Tonopah Ely, Nevada. It is planned to generate 400,000 horsepower and to deliver this enormous energy over lines ranging from 115 to 180 miles long. Work has already started, and the great enterprise is expected to be complete within two years.

The man behind this project is Mr. H. H. Clark, millionaire mine owner of Tonopah, Goldfield and Bullfrog. He has for two years been quietly working to secure all necessary rights and privileges. He has secured exclusive and complete water and power rights at the headquarters of King river in Kern and Fresno counties. All private claims he has bought outright and paid for. As the works will be within a forest reserve, he has secured, fully and finally under seal, the consent of the Federal Government.

GREENWATER

Interesting Facts by Death Valley Pioneer

Greenwater's real history may be said to begin as far back as 1880, according to the statement of Clarence Neyman, for thirty years and six months a resident of this section, but principally in the Resting Springs district of which he was recorder for twenty years, says the Greenwater Miner. Mr. Neyman is possessor of a vast fund of interesting information concerning Greenwater, Death Valley and many other points of the desert country, and although he has resided here for more than thirty years, he is still as hale and hearty as ever.

The first work done on the copper ledges of Greenwater was in 1880, on the trail between the present town of Greenwater and the camp known as Kunze, where Nick Cavanaugh and another man named Tony sank a hole on a ledge. They also sank another at Greenwater Springs, an Indian having shown them the place. They sank a hole, but got no water, but later on returning to it found it full.

The next prospectors in Greenwater came only six years ago, when Frank McAllister and others did a little work. An occasional location had been made during the intervening years, probably never recorded. Water was scarce, copper was not in such demand as it is now, and the distance from a supply point prohibited much prospecting.

Judge Bethune and Arthur Holt came in about five years ago, and later Burney and partner located at Furnace, and early in 1905 came Arthur Kunze, called the "father of Greenwater," who after prospecting and doing considerable development work, succeeded in inducing Eastern capitalists, among them Charles M. Schwab, to invest in Greenwater copper mines. Such is a brief history of the beginning of Greenwater. Today it is commanding the attention of mining men in all parts of the United States, many of whom are investing their money and developing their properties, and the showing made thus early is such as to demonstrate that here is the greatest copper belt the world has ever known.

GOVERNMENT

Progressive Nevada Towns Are Incorporating

The citizens of Yerrington met a few days ago and unanimously decided to petition for town government under the act of the legislature providing for town incorporation.

Many other Nevada towns have recently taken advantage of this statute.

There is no reason why Las Vegas should not avail itself of this simple and effective form of town government. There are many reasons why it should. Some of the benefits to be derived are:

- Street improvements
- Police regulations
- Sanitary measures
- Fire protection

The abating of nuisances, such as the running at large of dogs, burros and livestock.

And many others tending to promote the welfare of the community both socially and commercially.

Las Vegas is not a mining camp, but a city of homes and home builders, and requires some reasonable ordinances for the proper promotion and protection of such conditions.

It is time to wake up.

The Yerrington Times, in commenting says: "It appears that at last something has awakened the people to the fact that it is necessary to do something to make a town out of Yerrington. Hope it is not too late."

Depot Grounds

The depot grounds between Main street and the station are being plowed this week, ready for laying out and planting during the spring.

The soil appears to be above the average in the valley. It is easily worked and with proper attention should show good results, illustrating to travelers and visitors the fact that the desert can be made to blossom.

Commissioners

The board of county commissioners will meet Monday, January 7th, when Commissioners Baldwin and Gordon will retire and Commissioners-elect Hawkins and Banovich take their seats.

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SILVER LAKE

Copper District in San Bernardino County

The Silver Lake district in eastern San Bernardino county is attracting wide-spread attention. Prospectors going into San Bernardino to record claims state that the surface indications surpass those of Greenwater.

The country is located for miles around and a small town has sprung up along the Tonopah and Tidewater railroad. In fact the railroad has had much to do with the renewed activity in the district, which was originally discovered about three years ago.

Several claims have recently changed hands and papers have been filed for the organization of a mining district.

Rate Convention

"It has been rumored in railroad circles that efforts will be made by railroad officials to hold a meeting at which business interests of competitive cities regarding railroad rates will be discussed, and that efforts will be made to get a solution of the now mixed problem."

"It is the intention to have the various cities on the Harriman system of railroads in the West to send delegates to a rate convention, but no special time or place has as yet been announced."

No rate convention has been called by Nevada railroads. Such a convention would meet with a warm reception and some enthusiastic delegations would be in attendance from all parts of the State.

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