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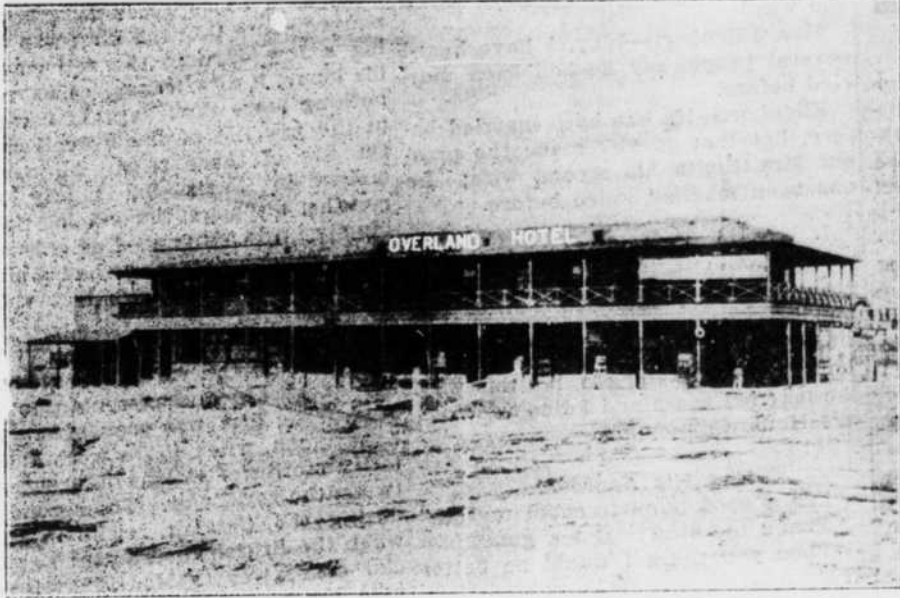
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OVERLAND HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

One Life and Nearly Fifty Thousand Dollars in Property Lost

Plans for Rebuilding Already Being Considered By J. S. Wisner Owner of the Property



The most disastrous fire which Las Vegas has suffered since the destruction of the old ice plant about four years ago, occurred Tuesday night, when the Overland hotel building, one of the most prominent blocks in the city, was totally destroyed. The alarm was turned in soon after eleven o'clock and people rushed from their houses to be confronted by an ominous red glare in the heart of the business district. The fire company responded without delay, yet before a stream of water could be brought to bear or before many people had reached the scene, the building was a mass of hungry, roaring flames fanned by a brisk wind from the south. To the fortunate fact that the wind was from this direction, the business portion of the city owes its preservation. With a wind from the north or northwest practically the whole business section would have been at the mercy of the flames. As it was the Pauff building, separated from the burning structure by a distance of sixty feet was in imminent danger for a time, and only the fact that the east wall of the Overland was of reinforced concrete, two stories in height without an opening protected the Pauff building and the blocks adjoining from destruction.

The fire started in the kitchen of Matzdorf's restaurant, from what cause it is impossible to state. Mr. Wisner states that a short time before the flames were discovered he smelled something burning and made a tour of the hotel looking for the cause, but was unable to find anything. He then went to bed to be routed out in a short time by cries of fire.

Immediately after the first alarm, the flames spread with terrible rapidity. Mr. Wisner and others immediately roused the sleeping guests, breaking in doors in many cases before awakening them. The stairway was a mass of flames in a few moments, being close to the point where the fire started and men and women were obliged to make their escape by jumping or dropping from the porch surrounding the second story, some of them sustaining more or less injury. Mrs. Rose, housekeeper at the Overland, was injured in falling from the second story striking on her back and for a time it was feared that her injuries were very serious. She has now so far recovered as to be out of danger and it is hoped that she will entirely recover within a few days.

Several women were obliged to climb down the posts supporting the porch. Few of the guests saved any clothing, some of them escaping with only their night clothes. Some upon being awakened had time only to seize one garment or pocket book or jewelry and flee for their lives.

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COURT STILL IN SESSION

Several Cases Finally Disposed of By the Court During the Week

Comparatively few cases have been before the court this week, the ones on trial being of such importance that they consumed considerable of the time of the court. The following cases are among those to receive consideration. John Becket vs. Anna Becket—Decree of divorce for plaintiff. J. J. Rice vs. Arden Plaster Co., Tried and taken under advisement by the court. John F. Miller vs. Mrs. A. L. Miller Decree of divorce for defendant on cross complaint alleging desertion. Nevada Transportation Co. vs. County of Clark—As to first cause of action non-suited. As to second cause of action still pending.

STILL ANOTHER

Good Flow of Water Struck In Lawrence Miller Well.

In the well drilled on the land of Lawrence Miller just west of Wm. Laubenheimer's place, a flow of water of about 20 miners inches was struck during the week. This is one of the best wells in that section, and again demonstrates the great future which is ahead of this valley.

THE TICKET.

How the Candidates Will Line up Election Day.

MUNICIPAL TICKET

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Peter Buol
W. E. Hawkins

FOR COMMISSIONERS

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M. C. Thomas
W. J. Stewart
Class 2
Ed VonTobel
Class 3
E. E. Pettit
C. M. McGovern
Class 4
H. R. Beale
J. J. Caughlin

HANDSOME ADDITION

Las Vegas Hotel Greatly Improved by Completion of New Building

The addition to the Las Vegas Hotel just completed by Beale and Horden has been fitted up complete and is now occupied by the various departments for which it was designed. The big room on the first floor adjoining the bar is as handsome as any in the state devoted to similar uses. In the front is a handsome cigar counter, show cases, etc., so arranged that they are open to the street when the big plate glass window is raised. The barber shop of J. D. Kramer occupies the balance of the street frontage. It is handsomely fitted up, the electric fixtures being especially attractive. A feature of interest is an improved water heater and a tank holding 192 gallons of hot water to supply the bath rooms.

The larger portion of the 100 feet in depth of the big room is occupied by the billiard hall. Here the best improved pool tables are at the service of lovers of the game. In the rear are nicely furnished card tables where social games will be allowed.

The upper floor contains about twenty rooms which have been handsomely furnished through the furniture store of H. T. Kessler. Taking the Las Vegas Hotel as a whole it is an institution of which its owners may well be proud.

ANOTHER BIG ONE

Artesian Flow on Clark-Ronnow Ranch Opened by Jefferson Rig

Mr. B. R. Jefferson and son have finished work on the well they have been drilling on the Clark-Ronnow ranch, securing a flow of water estimated at 35 inches at a depth of 228 feet. This is the fifth well flowing on this ranch and is the largest of all.

The ranch has 45 acres of alfalfa under cultivation. The first crop has been cut and the second will soon be ready for the mower. The orchard is looking thrifty and on the whole the ranch is very prosperous.

The well just completed is the eleventh well drilled by Mr. Jefferson during the past few months, all of them successful. One of the next wells planned by them is for Mr. Geo. Crouse on his garden plot near town.

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INCORPORATION A NECESSITY

Popular Opinion Veers Strongly Toward City Government

Tuesday Night's Fire Opens the Eyes of the Voters to Necessity of Better Fire Protection

The fire of Tuesday night, as unfortunate as it was when the loss of life and property is considered, has had an effect on the campaign for incorporation which will be very noticeable when election day has passed. As no other thing could have done, it has impressed the people with the fact that as at present governed, we are utterly powerless to either protect ourselves from the dangers which surround us or to advance in civic improvements so as to become such a city as we hope to be.

The opposition which there is to incorporation does not come from those who have the largest interests at stake dependent upon the growth and prosperity of the town. The small opposition which is apparent is based largely on a misapprehension of the actual facts. That incorporation will increase the tax rate to some extent is not denied. It is a fact however that the improved conditions resulting from incorporation will so increase the value of property and so attract population and wealth to us, that we will be repaid a hundred fold for the slight addition to our taxes which we must expect to pay at the start. In the aggregate however, on account of the great addition to the taxable property which the improved conditions of the city will result in, we will each of us pay no more money for taxes than we are paying now. We will have our burden of taxation shared by the new wealth created and the new capital attracted to us, so that it will not bear heavily on any.

Another feature which will result in an actual money saving is in the reduction of insurance rates which will result from the improved water pressure which may be brought about by incorporation. Tuesday night when the emergency was upon us and every heart was stricken with fear at the results to the business section should the wind veer to the west or north, the pitifully weak streams of water which the fire fighters were able to throw upon the roaring mass of flames appealed to us as nothing else could do for city government. And not only is the water pressure insufficient, but the supply of hose and other facilities for fighting the fire are entirely inadequate. Then again the city should have at least one man always on duty to care for the fire apparatus and take charge of and direct the company at fires. The sense of security which a proper water pressure and an up-to-date fire department would bring us will far outweigh the cost. And there is only one way to secure it—INCORPORATE.



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