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G. Zamori, a section laborer, employed by the Las Vegas and Tonopah came in on the evening train and secured a room at the hotel. He retired early and never awakened from his slumbers. While the fire was burning an effort was made to account for all those known to be in the hotel, and it was then believed that all had escaped. On Wednesday however, it was ascertained that no one had seen Zamori and men were at once put to work excavating in the smoking ruins in the location where the room occupied by Zamori was. Their efforts were soon rewarded by the discovery of the hideous remains of a charred and distorted human body, burned beyond recognition. That the dead man never left his bed was evidenced by the position in which the remains were found and the fact that portions of the charred bed clothing were still clasped to his chest beneath his arms. The remains were removed to E. W. Griffith's morgue and an inquest held by Judge Lillis Thursday morning resulted in a verdict in accordance with the facts as given above.

From the moment the fire was discovered the spread of the flames was so rapid that there seemed no possibility of saving any portion of the structure, the efforts of the fire companies being devoted mainly to keeping the flames on the sides next to the New York store and the Hotel Nevada as much under control as possible in order to save those structures. Many of the guests of the Hotel Nevada across Fremont street, packed their trunks and prepared to vacate, the heat being intense at times. Fortunately this building suffered no damage.

Joseph Schwartz, of the Happy Hour theatre, with his wife and Miss Regina Reed and her "Picaninies" were at the Ideal lunch counter when the alarm was given. Mr. Schwartz immediately ran to the theatre and climbed into the operating room in an effort to save the machine. Before he could get it loose from its fastenings he was obliged to flee for his life, injuring his leg to some extent in leaping from the door of the operating room. Mr. Schwartz saved nothing except the shirt, underclothes and trousers he had on. Mrs. Schwartz has only the dress she wore. Besides the machine and furniture and fixtures of the show eight reels of films were burned.

The Overland bar, run by Pollard and O'Neill, is a complete loss except for a portion of the stock which they succeeded in saving. The firm will open for business on the same site just as soon as a temporary building can be put up.

The Red Front store suffered a complete loss on stock and fixtures. They had on hand a stock of clothing, shoes, furnishing goods, etc., estimated at \$11,000, and carried \$3,000 insurance.

Matzdorf's Overland Cafe, in which the fire originated, is a total loss.

The building consisted of several portions built at different times during the past six years and was 100x165 in size. Most of the structure was of light construction and in no sense fire proof. The last portion was of concrete, but the stores were separated only by light wooden partitions which were no hindrance to the spread of the fire.

Many of the guests lost money and valuables and nearly all of them are left without clothing.

The loss, so far as it is possible to get at the figures, is as follows:  
J. S. Wisner, building \$25,000  
" furniture and fixtures 5,000  
Pollard & O'Neill, stock 1,200  
F. E. Matzdorf, restaurant 750  
Jos. Schwartz, picture show 1,000  
Red Front Store, stock and fixtures 11,000

## PETER BUOL AN OPTIMIST

### Believes In Working for the Future, Not In Looking at the Dark Side of Things

Peter Buol in his position as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Las Vegas, says he is an optimist, but it may be interesting to the readers of the AGE to read Peter's idea of what an optimist is. Those who read the following will admit that Peter's definition is borne out by his life during six years in Vegas, where he has been the most consistent, yet safe and conservative optimist we have had.

#### What is an Optimist?

An optimist is a man who believes he can accomplish. True, he may fail time and again, yet if he goes only half way down the road of progress, he leaves only half as much still to be done by the man who follows.

The doubter can't help any, because he is an enemy to himself. On the other hand, nothing that is really worth while to accomplish, would come to pass if some optimist did not have that within him which makes him feel it is worth while to strive and to suffer for the sake of getting the place and thing he wanted.

All that you have, cherish, hope for—all that means most to you was believed by one optimist and achieved by one which followed. The optimist can never see failure because that golden grain of common sense is always with him choking out the ideas of failure.

The cottonwood trees which were planted in the early fifties on the banks of Vegas creek, were planted by an optimist, not by a pessimist. The optimist made possible the drilling of

wells in our valley under which our desert is beginning to bloom, and we all now realize how utterly desolate our valley would be without them.

My idea is that every day we should start and finish something. We must keep moving, and with confidence we can build our city as it should be from the standpoint of health, success and prosperity.

PETER BUOL

### Worse Than Vegas

Las Vegas enjoyed about the most disagreeable spell of May weather on her records during the past week. A driving wind, cold and disagreeable, driving the dust and of dirt a hundred mile trip before it, has given the populace, used to our usual pleasant climate, a whole bunch of grouches.

It is always pleasant, however, when during the disagreeable, to reflect that there are others. In this case it brings a pleasant smile to the face of the most obdurate groucher and hailed in Rhyolite during the week. What a pleasure!

### Miller vs. Miller

In the case of John F. Miller against his wife for divorce, which was tried Monday, a decree was granted to Mrs. Miller on her cross complaint alleging desertion. All other charges were withdrawn by the parties. Of the property Mrs. Miller was awarded \$6,000 in cash and valuable property in Summerland, Cal., the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller retains other property in California and his Nevada property.

### Nothing To It

Mr. E. W. Griffith states positively that he has at no time consented to allow his name to be used as a candidate for mayor or city commissioner, and that all statements to the contrary are but silly attempts at misrepresentation.

Clothing, money and personal effects	2,000
Total	45,950
The insurance on the building was \$6,500, and on the stock of the Red Front store \$3,000. So far as known no other insurance was carried.	
Before the embers were cold Mr. Wisner was making plans to rebuild. The new structure will be 65 by 100 feet in size, two stories in height and of fire proof, reinforced concrete construction. Temporary structures will be erected to accommodate the business of Pollard & O'Neill and the Red Front Clothing Company in all probability. These will be set inside the property lines so as not to interfere with the walls of the new building.	

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## CRESCENT DISTRICT.

### Mining in a Prosperous Condition in Southern Clark County.

[Special Correspondence] There is not much said about Crescent of late but we are still on the map, and our mines still in the ground, but we are digging slowly.

Messrs. Davis and Russell are developing the old Legal Tender with success. They are taking out high grade ore. Their leasers are doing the same. I understand they will make a shipment soon, then there will be a mill put in to treat the ore on the ground.

The Milter Gold Mining Co. are installing their mill, the pipe line is laid and water flowing, engine on the ground. The mill is looked for daily as it is understood to be of simple construction, it wont be long till it is turning out bullion as the company have a good ore showing.

Just south of the Milter Co. Reynolds and Trerice are working on their Albemarle property with a fine showing of silver with some gold. Still further south C. C. Smithson is working the Calavada group. This deposit is several hundred feet wide with many streaks of high grade ore and requires capital to make a showing, but Charley keeps at it and his lone efforts make a good showing. Nearby Johnson and Hendricks are working a gold property with good showing.

The Superior Company east of town (an old Mexican property) John Paden, manager is proving good a depth of some 200 feet; they have the ore in place and I doubt if the Mexicans had better ore on the surface. Mr. Paden

gets 1400 ounces silver and some gold values; he has water in the shaft which makes the property more desirable as there was no water near.

There are a number of good looking properties in the camp that went down in the crash a few years ago that should be working, among them the Big Tiger, Lucky Dutchman, Wyoming Nevada, Nippeno and others.

Jim Jost came in from Clark Mountain where he has been hauling six cars zinc ore for Fitzpatrick & Co. to Ivanpah station on the Santa Fe. This is a high grade ore 45 per cent zinc, 15 per cent copper and some silver. The ore goes to Oklahoma for treatment.

Jeff Davis returned from Grand Jury duties.

G. W. Morgan got back from Las Vegas.

Robert Bragg went to Goodsprings to work on his claims.

H. O. Russell is in Vegas.

W. O. Matchett and family have gone to Washington.

H. M. Benson went to Los Angeles for a few days.

Harvy Trehearn does the express business between here and Nipton.

Our school still runs. Judge Whipple still judges. Charley White lights up regular. H. O. Russel does the mercantile business along with the post office.

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