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VEGAS WILL CELEBRATE

Plans Being Made for Observing the 4th With Proper Ceremonies.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed committees to arrange for a fitting celebration of the Fourth of July, and plans are now being made to that end. Those having the matter in charge are as follows:

Finance committee: J. T. McWilliams, Harley A. Harmon and Roy W. Martin.

Sports committee: Walter E. Houck, Harley A. Harmon, Peter Buol, Roy T. Lockett and John W. Horden.

Entertainment committee: John B. Curtiss, Frank A. Clark, W. E. Hawkins, J. D. Richards and Frank A. Stevens.

All merchants have been requested to close their stores and assist in making the day a success. Transportation to and from the ranch at 5 cents each trip has been arranged so that none may have an excuse to remain away. Ice water will be furnished free at the grounds and a grand stand and seats provided for the people, as well as tables for eating the picnic dinners.

Roy T. Lockett has been appointed marshal of the day and Harley A. Harmon, official announcer.

The following have been asked to make five minute speeches: Hon. W. R. Thomas, Chas. P. Squires, Mrs. Helen J. Stewart, Hon. H. M. Lillis, Harley A. Harmon and Frank A. Clark. Hon. O. J. VanPelt will read the Declaration of Independence.

A program of sports has been arranged as follows:

Greased pig contest—prize \$2.50. Pig to be furnished by J. E. Curtiss.

Three legged race for boys 12 to 15 years. First prize \$2.00 and second prize \$1.00.

50 yard dash for girls under 15 years. First prize \$2 and second prize \$1.

50 yard dash for boys under 16 years. First prize \$2 and second prize \$1.

50 yard dash for boys under 12 years. First prize \$2 and second prize \$1.

Ladies race; free for all. First prize \$2 and second prize \$1.

Egg race; free for all males. First prize \$2 and second prize \$1.

100 yard dash; free for all. First prize \$7 and second prize \$3.

Race for horse teams with not over ten contestants each; 100 yards run and 50 yards of hose and a coupling prize to winner of \$10.

Baseball contest—5 innings between the Elks and Eagles.

The band will furnish sweet music all day long and in the evening from 7:30 to 8:00 a grand display of fireworks will be shown at Fremont and Sixth streets.

Now, everybody, get busy and hurrah for the Fourth of July.

AND SO WILL SEARCHLIGHT

indications are that There'll be Something Doing Every Minute.

(Special to the LAS VEGAS AGE.)

Searchlight, June 26.—Searchlight is going to celebrate the Fourth of July in a manner befitting the occasion. Instead of fireworks an athletic entertainment has been provided in which everybody will be afforded an opportunity to participate. There will be races for young and old, fat and lean, fettered and sacked, potato and three-legged, and a burro speed test to enable the long-eared species to make their bow.

Eldorado Canyon will send its baseball to cross bats with the Searchlight Cubs for a handsome trophy. The boys from the Canyon have been practicing for some time and have some rattling good players in their lineup. The Searchlight ball tossers have not had a chance to get into their lineup yet, but, beginning today, they will report for practice.

A tug-of-war is on the bill between the Fats and the Leans. This will bring out the muscular and weighty fraternity. The closing ode will be the pie-eating contest for boys. Cash prizes will be given to the first two in all the single events and a trophy to the winners of the big events.

A grand ball in the evening at Perkins Hall will complete the day's program. The forenoon will be devoted to baseball, prize shooting and rock drilling under different contest boards, while the field events will take place in the afternoon.

Excursions will be run from Eldorado, Nob Hill, Hart and points along the Santa Fe. A large crowd will come up from the Colorado River. Preparations are being made to handle a big crowd, and the people of Searchlight intend making this a day of celebration long to be remembered.

Exposition Official Here.

Mr. H. O. Davis of San Diego, assistant to the president of the Panama-California Exposition, was in Vegas Sunday last. He reports that very rapid progress is being made on the various buildings of the great show, and that the scope and importance of the enterprise as a factor in building up the entire West is being rapidly extended.

GREAT PROGRESS IN RANCHING

While We Sleep, the Hopes of Vegas' Early Days Come True.

Sunday last the writer was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Eglington at their ranch three miles west of Las Vegas. The last time the editor of the AGE was on this property was something over a year ago, after the well was drilled and while the house was being built. At that time but a small attempt had been made to get land in condition for planting and, surrounded as the place was by a wilderness of the natural brush, it seemed a tremendous and, perhaps, an uncertain undertaking to attempt to farm there.

However, the visit of last Sunday has given us a new insight into the possibilities of this favored Vegas Valley. The Eglington ranch now has perhaps ten acres under a satisfactory



The famous artesian well on the Eglington Ranch, one of the largest in the valley.

state of cultivation and the following products growing. This list includes only those things which the editor saw and every one of them, with possibly two exceptions, were thriving and healthy in growth. What do you think of this list of things grown successfully on new land?

Alfalfa, wheat, oats, corn, beans, cabbage, kohlrabi, onions, lettuce, summer, crook-neck and Hubbard squash, celery, asparagus, peanuts, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, blackberries, raspberries, Logan berries, Himalaya berries, strawberries and gooseberries, and in the orchard, apple, peach, pear, apricot, plum, prune, fig and almond trees, as well as cottonwood and Carolina poplar trees for shade.

In addition to these, the house is surrounded by lawns and flowers, especially noticeable at this time being the pansies and the old-fashioned sweet pinks. All of these things, together with the hammock on the broad verandah and the bountiful dinner to which the interior department of the AGE was introduced, convinced us again that we are actually living in a land of prosperous ranches, and that the things we dreamed of as vague possibilities in the early days of Vegas are now the commonplace, everyday facts of life. So, the world moves.

BECKLEY STORE MEETS DISASTER

Fire Destroys Stock and Fixtures—Nevada Hotel Saved.

At 3:10 Friday morning fire was discovered in the men's furnishing store of Will Beckley in the Hotel Nevada Block. An alarm was sounded and after some delay two streams of water were available. The nozzles were manned by willing workers and after a strenuous fight of half an hour in the stifling smoke the fire was extinguished after practically the entire stock and the fixtures had been burned.

By a providential circumstance the hotel building escaped destruction, although, as investigation showed, the floor joists between the steel ceiling and the floor of the second story were badly charred. This escape is thought to be due to the use of the chemical fire extinguishers which were at hand, together with the valiant fight made by those at the nozzles. As it was, the damage to the building and to the furniture and fittings of the hotel amounted to perhaps \$500. The entire building was filled with an impenetrable stifling smoke which caused some damage in all the rooms.

The mystery first expressed as to the possible source of the fire was solved by the discovery of a large electric pressing iron still connected to the electric wires, the switch, one of the pendant bulb variety, being still in position to put the current "on" the iron, and being burned until it is impossible to snap it off, showing that it must have been in that position when the fire started. The evidence is conclusive that some one, probably a customer, saw the switch hanging temptingly and reached out and pressed the button, switching the current into the iron. This is borne out by the fact that the fuse plug on the wires leading into the store fused about eight o'clock, allowing the lights to go out. To remedy this, heavier fuse plugs, of 15-amp. capacity, were secured and placed in the fuse box, thus allowing an extra heavy current to again heat the iron all unknown to anyone. The iron was on an iron standard beneath the counter and was probably red hot for hours before finally setting fire to the inflammable material adjoining. Thus, circumstances almost beyond the power of man to foresee brought unexpected disaster.

The stock of goods and fixtures inventoried between \$8,500 and \$9,000. The insurance was only \$4,000, divided as follows: The Connecticut, of Hartford, through Messrs. Harmon & Doherty, \$1,000; the Royal, Henry M. Lillis, agent, \$1,000, and the Fire Association of Philadelphia, Peter Buol, agent, \$2,000.

Mr. Beckley is moving the small amount of stock saved to the store next to the Pauff building and will in a few days resume his business.

The citizens who were brought to (Concluded on fourth page.)

MOAPA VALLEY HAPPENINGS

Budget of Interesting Items From Our Correspondent at Overton.

(Special Correspondence.)

Overton, June 24.—Trehner and sons' threshing machine is at work threshing the recently harvested grain. They are threshing near Kaolin this week and will continue up the valley.

Mr. Dee Hickman had the misfortune to break his arm a few days ago. He is getting along nicely with it now.

Miss Winona Earl, Mrs. Rose C. Bunker and Miss Etta McMullen came over last week from Las Vegas, where they have been to take the teachers' examinations.

Mrs. Racie King and family are spending the summer in northern Utah.

The ladies of Overton met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Perkins on the afternoon of the 18th in honor of Mrs. Emeline B. Wells, to celebrate "Aunt Em's Day." They report an enjoyable time.

The McDonald brothers have leased the Shurtliff Hall and will conduct a series of dances. The McDonald orchestra will furnish music.

Elmer Losee has completed the building for his ice plant and will install the machinery this week.

James McQuaid and Crayton Johnson have returned from the Copper Mountain, where they have been at work for several months.

Ellis Turnbaugh is home for a few days from northern Nevada, where he has been since January last. He will open his ice cream parlor while here and leave it for Mrs. Turnbaugh and Miss Perkins to operate after his return to his position.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Jones. Mrs. Jones is in Salt Lake City to spend the summer with her parents, while the proud father is still pursuing his labors as water master here in the valley.

Ripe fruit in a scant quantity is on hand now, owing to the late frosts. It consists of apricots, peaches, plums, figs and blackberries.

CLARK COUNTY WILL BE THERE

Entire County Will Co-operate With C. of C. to Make Big Showing.

In line with the determination of the Chamber of Commerce to make an exhibit at the Reno State Fair next fall which will do credit to the county and to the state the following letter is published by E. W. Griffith, president of the Chamber of Commerce. It is sincerely hoped that the entire people of the county will take a live interest in putting Clark County where she belongs, at the top of the bunch. A proper effort will bring forth an exhibit in variety and interest to astonish our neighbors of the north.

"Las Vegas, Nev., June 25, '13. "Dear Sir: Next fall the Nevada State Fair will be held in Reno. A liberal appropriation made for this purpose assures us that this will be well attended and very successful.

"The opportunity is here presented for Clark County to place herself in the lead of all counties in the state, both in the variety and in the perfection of her various products.

"The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce asks the entire county to co-operate in making the Clark County exhibit the best in the state.

"Four years ago it will be remembered that at the state fair Clark County took the first prize for twenty-six out of thirty-two fruits shown.

"Each citizen is requested to give his hearty co-operation by selecting and preserving whatever he has worthy of special attention, that a complete showing of our agricultural and mineral resources may be made. Attention should be given to those products especially which illustrate the semi-tropical nature of our soil and climate as contrasted with all other sections of state.

"The Chamber of Commerce is now purchasing a quantity of glass exhibition jars to properly show the grains, fruits, etc., and will furnish a reasonable number to each community as desired upon application. We will also attend to the proper packing and transportation and, so far as possible, to the arrangement of the exhibits at Reno.

"Let us work together to place Clark County before the people in the position of offering to prospective settlers the best and most varied opportunities of any county in the state.

"Further information and suggestions along this line will be cheerfully furnished upon application.

"Yours very truly,
"E. W. GRIFFITH, President."

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W. E. Hawkins

We sincerely thank the people of Las Vegas for their valiant work at and following our disastrous fire of Friday morning. Although the hard work of several years was lost in a few moments, yet we are already up again, and at it. We are placing the remnants of our stock in the Boggs building across the street from our former location and as soon as the insurance adjusters have completed, their work will have a fresh, new stock of Men's goods for the accommodation of our friends and patrons.

Will Beckley

The Men's Store