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## CHURCH BURNS ITS MORTGAGE

Methodists Celebrate With Pleasing Conflagration on Sunday Last

The last vestige of indebtedness was cleared from the property of the Methodist church last Sunday when the \$750 mortgage which stood against the property was paid in full and burned in the presence of the assembled congregation. Then as a token of good will at the kindly manner in which fortune has treated them they generously raised an additional hundred dollars for new improvements. This is for the planting of trees and vines on the property and building an arbor between the church and the parsonage where out-door services can be held during the summer months. Of the \$850 raised the Ladies' Aid has paid \$150.

The church now has a very attractive church building completely furnished, a two-story parsonage well built, commodious and comfortable and a small house to rent, all situated upon its lots on the corner of Third and Bridger streets.

The first service of the Methodists in Las Vegas was held June 11, 1905, at the school house, then a tent situated near the creek, Dr. J. W. Bain officiating. On June 18, 1905, an organization was effected with Geo. F. Goodwin, Carl Swisher and Jas. E. Lane as trustees and Mrs. Jas. E. Lane, Mrs. R. E. Lake, Carl Swisher and Jas. E. Lane as stewards.

The church building was begun in December, 1907, and the first service held in the new church one year afterward, Dec. 6, 1908. Rev. W. C. Stone succeeded Dr. Bain as pastor in September, 1908, and served one year. Rev. Oscar Smith served from Sept. 1, 1909, to Feb. 1, 1910, when he was succeeded by Rev. E. A. Palmer, who is still pastor of the church.

At the beginning of Dr. Palmer's pastorate the church was \$2,300 in debt. After raising the money to clear this \$425 was spent for new oak pews. In the spring of 1912 a movement was started for a new parsonage. The old Bullfrog Bank building at Rhyolite was purchased, torn down by volunteer labor and shipped to Las Vegas free through the courtesy of the Las Vegas & Tonopah road. The work of unloading this lumber and building the parsonage was largely volunteer. For the first two days there were 20 men on the work, the Ladies' Aid serving all with dinner in the church. In completing the building it was necessary to borrow

## Con Ahern Passes

Con Ahern, aged 68, a pioneer resident of the Comstock and widely known throughout this state for his business and political activity for the past 30 years, passed away at his home at Virginia City about 6:30 this morning. He died as he lived, a smile illuminating his gaunt features. Death was caused by a serious attack of malarial fever, from which he had long been a sufferer.

"Con," as he was known to his countless friends, arrived in Virginia City from Grass Valley in the summer of 1867. He at once secured a position in the mines, where by was a trusted and competent employee for many years. Later he was appointed a member of the paid fire department, where he remained until he took possession of the famous Crystal Palace Cafe about 20 years ago.

He served as sergeant-at-arms of the state senate for several terms and later was elected presidential elector. He was his party's candidate for surveyor general against the present incumbent for the last two terms. The deceased was a great lover of home life and had entered the matrimonial state on three occasions, his present wife now being confined at Lane's hospital, San Francisco, with a serious illness and not expected to recover.

He also leaves a son, James, a former resident of this city, now in business at Point Richmond, Cal. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.—Carson Appeal.

## Desert Trip

Dr. R. W. Martin and C. P. Ball left Saturday last in one of J. W. Woodard's Ford cars with a driver and went to Indian Springs, where they were joined by Ira MacFarland. Various portions of the surrounding country were visited during the next two days, including the Groom district about 60 miles north of Indian Springs. The trip of over 300 miles was made quickly and without mishap, the party arriving home Wednesday morning.

\$750, which has just been paid off as stated above.

Under the leadership of Dr. Palmer the church has made remarkable progress, having been cleared of this heavy load of debt, until now it holds a property fairly worth \$10,000 free of all indebtedness. It has a good congregation in attendance upon all its services, a Sunday school next in membership and attendance to the largest in the state, and is an important factor in the life and advancement of the community.

Rev. Palmer and the congregation desire to express their appreciation of the generosity shown by the many friends of the church.

## BIG ARTESIAN DEVELOPMENT

Work Begins on Wells for Irrigating Several Thousand Acres of Valley

Work was begun yesterday on the greatest artesian irrigation project yet undertaken in the Vegas Valley. Peter Buol, representing the South Nevada Land and Development Co., with the support of a wealthy British syndicate, has started work on the first of a series of 12 and 14 inch artesian wells in the neighborhood of his record breaking well northwest of Vegas.

The plan of development is to secure a sufficiently large flow of water by means of artesian wells and convey the same by means of a concrete canal or a pipe line of large capacity to the several thousand acres of rich land lying east of Las Vegas.

This is the most pretentious irrigation project yet entered upon in this valley and will have a very important bearing on our future prosperity. That there is an abundance of water to be had is believed by all, and the large capital needed for the completion of the irrigation works will be forthcoming as soon as the water is in sight. We congratulate Mr. Buol and those associated with him upon this important undertaking.

## Pleasant Trip

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken and Mr. Henry, ore buyer for the Western Ore Purchasing Co., went to Jean last Monday evening in Mr. Riley's Imperial. The trip was made over the new road which Mr. Riley reports in better condition than when the auto excursion took place. The return trip was made Tuesday in quick time.

## GARY AGAIN GETS IN BAD

Arrested on Charge of Felony Embezzlement After Ten Weeks Chase

Carleton N. Gary, an attorney of San Diego and said to be a nephew of Judge E. A. Gary, head of the steel trust, was arrested by Detective Grant Roberd yesterday on a warrant from San Diego charging him with felony embezzlement.

He was last at the police station several months ago when his brother, Geo. Gary of Sierra Madre, was in jail on a charge of having passed fictitious checks. The brother appealed to Carleton Gary for aid and the latter came here from San Diego to extricate him.

According to the police records Gary has been arrested previously on the charge of having passed bad checks. His description is registered in the gallery of criminals.

Carleton N. Gary is general counsel for the First Mortgage and Real Estate Company at San Diego. He has been trailed since February 4th by San Diego County Detective McDuell. Charles H. Doty of San Diego charges embezzlement of \$250, through a deal operated through the mortgage company.

Since the warrant for his arrest was issued on February 4 Gary has been missing from San Diego. On that day while driving through Oceanside Gary stopped and gave a check for \$10 to J. Culp for repairing his automobile. The check is alleged to be fictitious.

Gary lived in San Diego for about a year and assisted in the promotion of the mortgage company and several of the subsidiary corporations of the company are now involved in civil actions in the superior court alleging fraud and misrepresentation.

Friends of Gary claim that he is a clever corporation lawyer, but that in

## Nice Compliment

It was a pretty compliment that the printers of Carson yesterday paid to William King, editor of the Carson Weekly. As is well known Mr. King is now in one of the Reno hospitals, having just suffered the loss of a leg. Because of the confusion in his office following such an unfortunate affair a natural delay in the publication of his paper occurred, so the printers got together, gathered the news, put it into type and got out the Weekly nearly on time.—Carson Appeal.

## School Election

The election for two members of the school board will be held Saturday, April 4th. As yet little interest is manifested by those who should be interested in school matters. No nominations have been filed and the time for so doing expires Monday next.

## A Long Drive

Messrs Moyd and Roy Thomas left this city Tuesday on a long journey by team. They are first bound for Southern California. At Victorville Mrs. Roy Thomas will join the party. After remaining in the south until June 1st, they will spend the summer driving north into Oregon and back to the south again through the Sierra Nevada mountains. During the entire trip they will keep their eyes open for favorable business opportunities.

this case he is being made the scapegoat for others. He has been living at La Jolla, where his wife now is. None of the officials of the mortgage company could be located tonight and the company is said to have abandoned operations. The officers are: W. L. Bennington, president; W. C. Hale, vice-president; W. C. Hale, Jr., secretary; H. E. Swayne, treasurer.

After his departure from San Diego Gary was trailed to Chicago by Detective McDuell and then to San Francisco and later located in Los Angeles. Detective McDuell will come today to Los Angeles to take Gary south.

Gary formed the Palms Land, Light and Water Company together with half a dozen prominent Los Angeles men some years ago. While preparing to put their land on the market in 1907 the panic caught them and the company dissolved.

Gary was shot in 1908 at Garden Grove in an argument over losses connected with the Palms company. After promoting several other companies in Los Angeles he went to Nevada and later went to San Diego.—L. A. Times, March 22.

## PROTECTION FOR MOAPA VALLEY

Plans for Building Flood Water Canal Being Made by the Valley Folks

The protection of the Moapa Valley from the damage by flood waters, recently of almost annual occurrence, is now recognized as an absolute necessity. The valley people have risen to the emergency and now stand almost as a unit in favor of the formation of a drainage or protection district, whereby it will be possible to raise money by the issuance of bonds or otherwise to build a flood water canal.

This canal will extend from Logan to beyond St. Thomas and will be built, under the advice of competent engineers, of sufficient size to carry off the flood waters which enter the Moapa Valley through the Meadow Valley Wash.

This work will necessitate the rebuilding of the irrigation system of the Muddy Valley Irrigation Co. upon modern lines, whereby the water will be conveyed in concrete ditches or pipelines. It is estimated that the water saved by this means will be sufficient to double the acreage in the valley for which water is now available and it is believed that the sale of the excess water thus conserved will pay the entire cost of putting in the new system.

These pretentious plans are the most important undertakings which have ever been attempted in the valley. Their successful completion depends only upon the co-operation of the various communities which seem now to be thoroughly united in favor of the projects. Upon their accomplishment depends in a large measure, the future prosperity of the wonderfully productive Moapa Valley.

## New Sidewalk

John F. Miller has had a new ten-foot cement walk placed on Fremont street in front of the lot adjoining the Nevada Hotel. This is a very noticeable improvement for that portion of Fremont street. Contractor Delameter did the work.

## Sold Ranch

Perry L. Smith has sold his ranch and valuable water rights in the Indian Springs district to Messrs Laravey & Kiernan of this city. The property is valuable chiefly for its water and power possibilities. We are not informed of the plans of the new owners.

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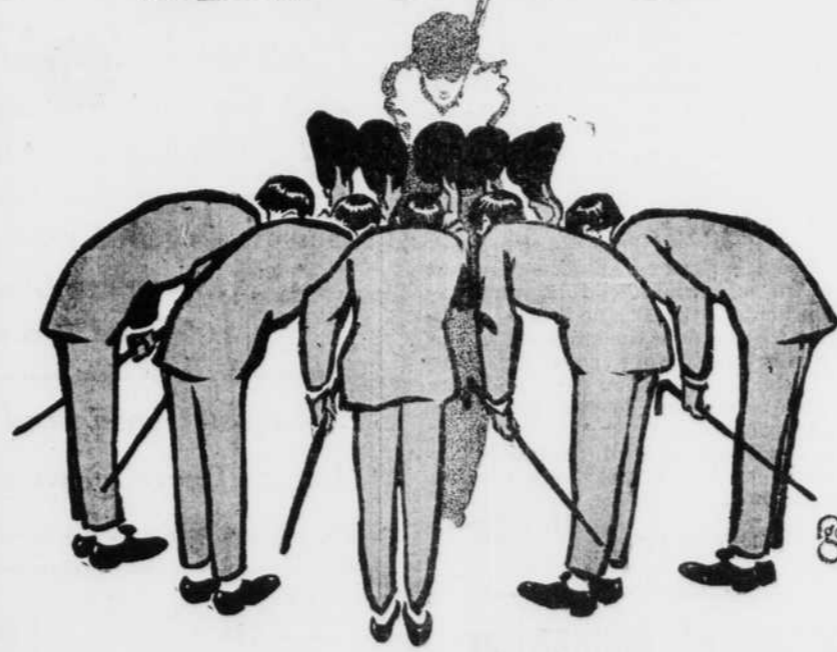
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