

JAMES MORAN KILLED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

Myrtle Neilson Also Seriously Injured in Accident on Tonopah Road Sunday Evening

James Moran, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and the World War, was instantly killed and Myrtle Neilson was seriously injured at about 7:30 o'clock last Sunday evening when the car in which they were riding overturned six miles out of Las Vegas on the Tonopah road.

According to the injured woman's version of the accident they were driving toward Las Vegas in her car, a Jewett coach, when they met another car on a narrow strip of road about six miles out. She was at the wheel and sought to give the other car room to pass. The lights of the approaching automobile, blinded her so that she could not see the road. In crowding to the side of the road the car slid down the embankment and rolled over. The other driver did not stop.

Moran was killed instantly, and the woman, badly bruised and broken, was rendered unconscious for some time. When she recovered consciousness she crawled from the wreckage of the car and attempted to extricate Moran. She then started to walk back to the road to signal a passing car for help, but was so badly injured that she fell exhausted.

The accident was not discovered until about eight o'clock Monday morning when Rev. W. H. Stockton and Allie Lawson, starting out with a group of Boy Scouts on a hike, came upon the wreck. They brought the injured woman to the Hewetson Hospital where she is slowly recovering from her injuries.

A coroner's jury viewed the body of Moran at the scene of the accident but will not return a verdict as to the cause of death until Myrtle Neilson has recovered sufficiently to be able to testify.

Funeral services for Moran were held Friday afternoon and were in charge of Las Vegas Post, No. 8 of the American Legion, of which he was a member. The funeral service was read by Father Edwards of the Catholic Church and the dead man was buried with full military honors. The body was interred in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The efforts of the local Legion Post to get in communication with Moran's relatives and to establish his record of service in the army have thus far been futile, although it is known that he was in the service during the World War. He was gassed and sustained other wounds while serving overseas. He was also a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and it is thought that he has a record of about 17 years' service in the army.

The local legion post will continue its efforts to locate his relatives and to get his record of military service from the War Department at Washington.

CARLIN SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ILLEGAL, CLAIM

ELKO—Carlin's recent school bond election has been declared illegal by the Palmer Bonding Company of Salt Lake City, which was awarded the contract for the bonds, and as a result the Utah company has refused to advance the money.

The company claims that the notice of the election was not properly worded and published, and in addition insists that because the contract for the sale of the bonds was entered into before the election authorizing the issue was held, the election is void anyway.

Some fifteen contractors in Carlin today were advised that the bids, scheduled to be opened, would all be rejected because of lack of funds with which to construct the building and the election and award of the bond contract will of necessity have to be held all over again.—Reno Gazette.

BOOTLEGGERS FINED IN JUSTICE COURT

Before Judge C. D. Breeze in the Justice Court, Manuel Champion pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquors and was fined \$300. The fine was paid.

Frank Robins pleaded guilty to the same charge and was fined \$200 with the alternative of spending 100 days in the city jail. The fine has not yet been paid.

CALIENTE MINING MEN VISIT IN NELSON

Art Gentry and Floyd Denton of Caliente motored to the mining camp of Nelson in Clark county this week and report the camp as being quite prosperous with the Stiles Bros. doing well easing the Techatticup Mine, formerly in charge of R. T. Walker of Pioche, now with the United States Smelting and Refining Company. Gentry and Denton looked over the Wall Street property with the view of leasing and report the proposition most inviting.—Lincoln County Record.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETINGS GAIN IN INTEREST

The weekly luncheon-meetings of the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club are becoming more and more interesting and the consistent attendance of the members is very gratifying to the sponsors of the organization.

At the regular Wednesday noon luncheon at the Bohemian Cafe, Tom Carroll was program chairman for the day and introduced as the chief speaker, E. G. McGriff, who spoke to the topic: "New Year's Resolutions." There were also brief remarks by several other members.

All joined in the snappy singing led by Monty Montague, with Warren Parker at the piano.

The membership application of Carl Ran was accepted by the club.

At the next meeting, Wednesday, January 6th, L. J. Oakes will be program chairman and will present as the speaker of the day, Charles Lee Horsey, whose topic will be: "Our Aims."

INQUEST OVER BODY OF BUD RUSSELL

An inquest was held Tuesday, December 29th to inquire into the death of Bud Russell, Indian, who was killed near Glendale December 19th. The jurors were W. I. Roberts, J. R. Kelly and Frank Duncan, who brought in a verdict that the accident was unavoidable. Josephine Russell, the wife and J. D. Daley and his son were the witnesses.

EYES OF THE WORLD TURNED NEVADAWARD

W. M. Davis, Western Writer, Points Out State's Attractions for the Tourist

W. M. Davis, well known writer of the West, has the following to say in the state press concerning the scenic wonders of Nevada:

"Take the three counties lying in the southwestern portion of Nevada—White Pine, Clark, and Lincoln—an area embracing an empire in extent, you will find more and varied natural scenic wonders than are to be found in any other section of similar area anywhere.

"Lehman Caves, the Lost City, the Valley of Fire, Black and Boulder Canyons and Cathedral Gulch, are attractions which will undoubtedly bring much fame and many tourists to the state, and as development progresses it is not improbable that the eyes of the world will be turned Nevadaward.

"Then, too, there are lesser attractions that in themselves would focus attention wherever located. With the completion of an adequate system of highways these attractions, too, will serve to attract thousands annually. The southern end of the state is fortunate indeed in having so many features which will act as a lodestone to attract tourist travel whenever these attractions become sufficiently advertised, and with the campaigns which have already been inaugurated, it is safe to say that they will be the means of attracting many thousands of worth while people to our state, some of whom will, no doubt, grasp the opportunities which exist for the man who cares to grow up with a state which does offer advantages not to be found elsewhere and remain as citizens of our great commonwealth.

"After having visited all of the above scenic wonders, it is indeed difficult to catalog them in the order of their superiority, as all have outstanding features not possessed by the others, and within themselves are unique.

"From the time that the cowboy's horse broke through the crust and gave Lehman Caves to the world, it has had a remarkable drawing power only circumscribed by the fact that the wonders to be seen in the caves could not be made known to many in the absence of any well developed plan for advertising these remarkable caves to the world. True they drew the attention of the entire section of the country in which they lay, but it has only been in the last two years that the number of visitors has increased appreciably. This is the result of an energetic advertising campaign conducted with but little expenditure which resulted in a very considerable increase in visitors to the caves, as they became better known, as they are bound to be, for everyone who visits the caves immediately starts on a personal campaign of making them better known to their friends.

"Take the Salt Mountain and the many scenic wonders located in Clark county. These have been known locally for a great many years but the present season has given them a greater impetus than has been previously known. This is due to the publicity which Governor Scrugham has been able to secure for these attractions in connection with the pageant at Lost City. This pageant was an example of highly efficient advertising, skillfully put on, so that

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FIRST CITY MAIL DELIVERY TODAY

R. C. Ryerse and C. W. Edwards Make First Trip Over Routes Today

Another milestone in the advance of Las Vegas from a small desert colony of tents to a city of importance in the state, was marked this morning with the inauguration of free city mail delivery. The new service will prove a great convenience to patrons of the Las Vegas postoffice and will also relieve much of the congestion in the office during the rush hours.

R. C. Ryerse and C. W. Edwards have secured the contracts as city mail carriers and made their first trips over the routes this morning. They will make two trips a day, in connection with the beginning of this new postal service, Las Vegas people are urged to lend their aid in getting it off to a good start and maintaining the service at a high state of efficiency by having their mail directed to both street and number. The omission of these details will cause delays and hamper the service.

This latest step forward for Las Vegas recalls to the minds of the older residents of the city the progress that has been made since its inception as a little desert mining town. Slowly but surely Las Vegas is becoming grown up. They have watched her, with pride, from the time she was but a cluster of tents. Gradually the tents became houses and then beautiful homes. The bare mesa has changed into green lawns and beautiful flowers. The pathways have become paved highways with cement walks bordered by trees with their welcome shade. The town is lighted at night and we have telephone service. The city boasts, rightfully, of the best water in the state. We have enough to supply a city many times larger. All this in 20 years—since May, 1905.

From the first school in a tent at the ranch with its one teacher and handful of pupils, we now have four buildings in the grammar school group and a fine high school and find it necessary to add another building to accommodate the high school pupils. From one teacher the schools have grown until now more than thirty are employed.

Our churches have kept pace with our needs and from the original little Union Sunday School six churches have arisen—the Methodist now housed in a thirty thousand dollar building with a commodious parsonage; the Episcopal with a beautiful stone building and rectory; the Baptist which has just been completed; the Catholic with its large congregation and comfortable building; the Church of the Latter Day Saints, and the Christian Science.

Our first court house has been supplanted by a beautiful structure. The growth of the city has been consistently rapid and the outlook for the coming years is bright for even greater progress.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 4

The Las Vegas city schools will re-open Monday morning, January 4th at the usual hour. The teachers will all be back from their vacations ready for the work of the new semester.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MASQUERADE BALL

One of the most successful dances of the season was the masquerade ball given by the Knights of Pythias lodge at the Elks Hall New Year's eve. A large crowd attended and a jolly time was had by all until the wee small hours of the morning.

GOVERNOR SCRUGHAM IN LAS VEGAS WEDNESDAY

Governor James G. Scrugham stopped in Las Vegas for a couple of hours Wednesday on his way to Los Angeles where on Thursday he joined the members of the Colorado River Commissions subcommittee in discussions of Colorado River development problems.

GRAND JURY MEETS; SIXTEEN INDICTMENTS

The federal grand jury was in session yesterday and late in the afternoon filed a report showing the finding of sixteen true bills. Two charges submitted by the U. S. district attorney were ignored. The indictments were all placed on the secret file.—Carson City News.

DIVORCE GRANTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

A decree of divorce was granted Peter Robertson Whytock from Leonora G. Whytock, December 29th, on the ground of desertion. The custody of a five year old son was awarded to the defendant.

HOPE FOR AGREEMENT ON COLORADO RIVER

Committee This Week Seeks Basis for Further Tri-State Negotiations

With the object of arriving at a closer understanding of the mutual concessions necessary by Arizona, California and Nevada that a compact between the three states may be negotiated which will permit the work of harnessing the Colorado River to begin at an early date, one representative of each state met in informal conferences in Los Angeles beginning Monday.

H. S. McCluskey, secretary to Governor Hunt and a member of the Governor's Colorado River Commission, represented Arizona; Senator Ralph Swing, chairman of the California Legislative Committee on the Colorado River, represented California; and C. P. Squires, member of the Nevada Colorado River Commission, represented Nevada.

The discussions were quite informal, enabling the members of the conference to express their views more freely than is possible when a larger number take part. The problems confronting each state were frankly stated and, while no attempt was made to reach a final solution of the difficulties, a better understanding was arrived at and some advance made toward what it is hoped may be the basis for a compact. It is the opinion of those present that there are no insurmountable difficulties in the way of agreement.

Thursday morning the discussions were resumed with Governor J. G. Scrugham of Nevada and Mr. Reid of Arizona added to the conference and representatives of Los Angeles and the Imperial Valley appearing to give information.

Sufficient advance toward understanding was made to warrant calling the full commissions of each state for a conference early in January, the time and place to be selected by the Arizona committee. At this conference every possible effort will be made to bring about a compact between the three states. It is evident that there is now a desire on the part of all the states to reach an agreement.

However, should the differences between the three states prove to be irreconcilable, the possibility of securing action on the Colorado River through a six-state compact will be immediately considered by California and Nevada. Advices from Washington indicate that the states of the upper basin will not oppose the six-state compact idea should it become certain that no compact with Arizona is possible.

COLORADO RIVER SUIT ARGUED AT CARSON

Arguments on a motion to dismiss the case brought by the government to eject from mineral locations along the Colorado River, Ralph Cameron Jr., son of United States Senator Riph Cameron of Arizona, and a number of others, were conducted in the federal court at Carson City Monday. The defendants are being represented by Frank McNamee, Las Vegas attorney, while Harold Baxter, assistant to the attorney general, conducted the case for the government.

The government alleges that there are no minerals in commercial quantities in the lands in question and that an effort is being made by the defendants to obtain a monopoly of the power rights along the river.

MARRIED

A marriage license was granted December 28th to Marvin R. Davenport of Las Vegas and Chlita G. Bishop of Las Vegas. The young couple were married the 28th and were recipients of a charivari by their friends.

Wm. A. Smith of Arizona and Margaret I. Martin of Los Angeles were married Monday, December 28th at the court house. Judge C. D. Breeze officiated and Mrs. C. C. Boyer and Mrs. Vincent Cobley were the witnesses. Mr. Smith drove to Vegas from his home in Kingman and met his bride-to-be who arrived that day from Los Angeles. Mr. Smith is a well known mining man and is at present managing the Katherme East End in the Katherme district at Kingman. He was formerly with the Roadside Mine near Pioche and become known as "Roadside Smith."

DEPUTY SUPT. CONDUCTING TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Miss Maude Frazier, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction has been conducting examinations for teachers the past week. The only teacher appearing for the examinations was Miss Matthews of Panaca.

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WEEKLY LUNCHEON OF ROTARY CLUB

At the weekly luncheon of Las Vegas Rotary Club Thursday noon, C. C. Boyer was program chairman for the day and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "New Year's Resolutions."

The club had as guests of the day M. R. Hawington, Don Shellback, and Willis Evans, of the Institute of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, who are carrying on the work of the institute's archeological expedition to the Lost City.

TRAINS ON WELLS-ROGERSON LINE FEBRUARY 15

Train service on the new Oregon Short Line branch line between Rogerson, Idaho and Wells, Nevada, will begin February 15th, with trains running three times a week, according to an announcement by H. V. Platt, Oregon Short Line general manager.

The principal station on the new road is the copper camp of Contact in northern Elko county, which has been clamoring for service since the rails reached the town last summer. Machinery is required for the mines and ore will be shipped as soon as the railroad is ready to start hauling freight. The new branch will give a direct rail line via Rogerson, Twin Falls and Ogden to the Utah Smelters near Salt Lake City.

The development of Contact is expected to bring about daily service on the new line within a year.

AIR MAIL SERVICE WILL START IN APRIL

Several Bills of Interest to Las Vegas People Introduced at Washington

During the consideration of the postal bill in the House of Representatives at Washington this week, Representative Madden of Illinois told the House that airplane service would be put in operation in April between Salt Lake, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. At the same time airplane service will be established between Elko, Nevada, Boise, Idaho and Pasco, Washington.

Contracts for carrying the air mail have been awarded but the delay in putting the service in operation is due to the fact that the contractors must build planes, and complete landing fields and hangars. The contract for carrying the mail between Salt Lake, Las Vegas and Los Angeles has been awarded to the Western Air Express of Los Angeles.

Representative Arentz introduced bills to acquire sites and erect federal buildings at Las Vegas, Ely, Elko, Yerington, Sparks, Gardnerville, Lovelock and Ruth, and to remodel the post at Carson City.

Representative Lineberger of California, told the house that of a large number of endorsements, five came from Nevada for government participation in a conference at Philadelphia next year to plan a campaign against the use of narcotic drugs.

The interior department reports that in the third quarter of 1925 receipts from the sale of public lands in Nevada amounting to \$3337 were given to the reclamation fund.

L. A. TO O. R. C. HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors held their annual election of officers Tuesday, December 22, 1925. The following officers were elected:

Past President—Peggy McCann.
President Sally Wilson.
Vice-president—Daisy Scallon
Secretary and treasurer—Jennie McGovern.
Junior Sister—Josephine Hinge.
Senior Sister—Peggy McCann.
Ins. Sec.—Jennie McGovern.
Chairman Executive Committee—Daisy Scallon; Members, Peggy McCann and Sally Wilson.
Correspondent—Muriel Morrow.
Musician—Muriel Morrow.

BIGAMIST BROUGHT TO VEGAS TO STAND TRIAL

Will H. Whipple, formerly employed by the Union Pacific as a helper in the railroad yards, was brought to Las Vegas this morning on a warrant charging him with bigamy. He is now lodged in the county jail awaiting trial.

Whipple was picked up at Roseville, California, by Sheriff Sam Gay, who was returning from a trip to Carson City where he had taken Russell Hill, the Colorado ex-convict who was sentenced in the district court last week on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Miss Frost of Riverton, Utah, has arrived in Las Vegas and will teach at the Indian Springs school.

AUTO THIEF CAUGHT IN RECORD TIME

Man Steals Car While Check Given in Payment is Being Investigated

James A. Beardsley, who claimed to be representing a San Pedro, California produce house, broke into the Western Service Garage last Tuesday evening and perloined a Dodge coupe for which he had been negotiating earlier in the day. He started for California, but the car was missed and he was apprehended by Police Chief Cowan before he crossed the California-Nevada line.

Beardsley bought the car from the Western Service Garage Tuesday afternoon, giving in payment a check for \$300 drawn on a San Pedro bank. While this check was being investigated he negotiated the purchase of a Chevrolet from J. Warren Woodard, writing a check for \$325. This check also was held up for investigation.

That evening Beardsley gained entrance to Woodard's garage and attempted to take the Chevrolet. The car was locked, however, and he was forced to abandon the project. He then went to the Western Service Garage, which was closed, and broke in through a rear window. He drove the car out the rear door and headed out of town, stopping at the Woodard camp ground service station for gas.

When Mr. Tracht of the Western Service Garage returned he missed the car and notified Police Chief Cowan, who immediately started in pursuit of the machine. He overtook Beardsley at the state line and brought him back to Las Vegas.

Beardsley waived his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the District Court. He plead guilty to a charge of grand larceny and was sentenced to not less than two nor more than fourteen years in the state penitentiary. He was taken to Carson City this morning.

LEGION AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS VETERANS

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary entertained the veterans of the World War and their friends at the Legion Hall Tuesday evening, December 29th. There were 60 present.

The entertainment for the evening was impromptu. One of the features was a square dance with costumes worn dating back to the early 80's. Those taking part in the dance were: Minnie Davison, Rose Ullom, Jean McCall, Mrs. S. J. Shaw, Earl Davison, Bryan Bunker, Bob Griffith, Doc Farrar, with Harley Harmon doing the calling. Messrs. Rafael and Ryerse sang some popular songs. Personal funny stories of experiences in the army were told by members of the legion. Community songs were sung and dancing was enjoyed. The music for the evening was donated by Wanda Henderson, V. R. Emerson and Robert Spindler. A very appetizing luncheon was served.

The purpose of the meeting was to secure new members for the Legion Auxiliary. Several new members were signed by each of the members. Everyone had a very enjoyable time and all are awaiting the next of the series of joint meetings which the Auxiliary plans for the coming year.

ELY FUGITIVE SLAYERS RECAPTURED BY POSSE

Chas. Sherman and Walter Farnsworth, alleged murderers who escaped from the county jail at Ely on December 10th, were returned last Saturday after having been recaptured in a mountain cabin 80 miles from Cedar City, Utah, on Christmas eve.

The pair surrendered after a posse of Utah and Nevada officers had fired several volleys into the cabin. They were heavily armed.

The prisoners talked freely of their movements since getting out of the White Pine county jail but refused to disclose the names of the men who aided them in their flight.

Farnsworth and Sherman effected their liberty after overpowering a guard in the White Pine jail with guns that had been smuggled into them.

The trial of the recaptured men has been set for Monday, January 4th.

SCOTTY VISITS TONOPAH

Walter Scott, world famous as "Death Valley Scotty," was here yesterday from his ranch near Bonanza Clure. He reported a large crew of men at work five miles from his ranch, preparing a landing field for airplanes and making ready for the construction of an airbase to house the machines.—Tonopah Times.

TRAIN NO. 4 CHANGES TIME JANUARY 3rd

Effective January 3rd, the time of train No. 4, which arrives in Las Vegas at 11:50 a.m., will be changed to 11:05 a.m. The departing time will be changed to 11:30 a.m.