

SOCIAL ITEMS

Richard Lee Williams, familiarly known to his friends as "Buddy" entertained a number of little folks Saturday in honor of his fifth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. N. E. Williams entertained the members of the Auction Bridge Club Thursday. The afternoon was a very enjoyable one.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bulette entertained at dinner New Year's Day, their guests being Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Sandall of Moapa and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheerin.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of their daughter, Margaret, who is home from the Reno university for the holidays. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Whitteneck and Miss Eleanor Siebert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Mrs. F. J. Siebert, Miss Eleanor Siebert, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Squires and Russell Squires motored to Indian Springs New Year's Day and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ira MacFarland.

OLD MINING CAMPS ARE BEING REVIVED

History may repeat itself but never in quite the same way. Nevada has had many mining booms during its romantic and hectic career as a territory and a state, but its past mining

excitements have always been confined to limited area.

There was Treasure Hill, the Comstock, Rhyolite, Bullfrog, Goldfield, Wonder, Rawhide, Manhattan, Tonopah and many others, but the present budding excitement is different; it is not a Tonopah, a Goldfield or a Gilbert boom, but a mining boom that is slowly but surely covering the entire state. This is what makes it so puzzling to the old-timers. They don't quite grasp it yet. It is a new angle to the industry in which they were born and have spent their lives.

Old camps are being revived and new districts discovered. Better transportation facilities, automobiles, motor trucks, good highways and more modern methods of mining and improvements in mining machinery have a bearing on all this.

The cost of labor and the cost of living is higher than in the old days but this is more than made up by modern methods, better machines, better roads and more accessible markets.

There is a big difference between hauling ore by mules and ox teams over long, sandy and almost impassable desert roads and hauling ore over a good highway with a motor truck.

In the old days when a mine quit producing high-grade it was abandoned, not from choice, but necessity. The ore could not be mined and hauled long distances by ox team at a profit. What was low-grade in those early days is now high-grade. This is why many of these old camps are now being revived and put on a producing basis once more.

Nevada has always been noted for its ghost cities. It looks now as though most of these so-called ghost cities would soon put aside their ghostly robes and become up-to-date flapper cities.—Gilbert Record.

1917 MTDL CAR SHOWS PROGRESS

He was passing in a decrepit car of 1917 vintage. High in the back, low in the front, ratty and chuggy. There was no automatic windshield wiper, so naturally he picked his way along through the rain by craning his neck around the side of the windshield which, incidentally, was built narrow so as to invite the elements just as though they couldn't get in well enough as matters stood.

He was struggling to keep the car from skidding. Tires were three inches wide and smooth of tread with something like seventy pounds of air in them. Upon striking a hole in the road the entire rear end of the car went into the air, sliding around in a hair-raising skid when they touched earth again. Their action reminded the onlooker that the car was without spring control devices.

How the driver struggled with the clutch. In order to get anything approximating a steady motion at low speeds he had to slip the clutch continually. Even then the whole business went off like a shot every now and again.

He could not tell what was behind him unless he turned his head clear around, for the yellow celluloid window light in the rear curtain was designed to afford him strict privacy.

There was a stone crusher under the hood. A trail of smoke followed in the wake of the car. The horn was a scream. The headlights revealed every danger point on the tree tops. Yet that car represented class transportation just eight short years ago.—Reno Gazette.

HUGE BOARDING HOUSE FORMALLY OPENED

Over one thousand people attended the opening of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company's new large boarding house in McGill last Wednesday night. The event was featured in splendid supper, dancing and music.

This magnificent structure which was designed by Walter Inwood, the company's resident engineer and architect, is the last word in building elegance and perfection and will endure for years as a monument to the enterprise of the company which has carried it to completion. The main building covers a ground space of 156x98 feet with full concrete basement. The employees' dining room is 108x68 feet and has a comfortable seating capacity of 504 while the staff dining room has a capacity of 160. The interior is beautifully decorated, has heavy beam ceilings and both dining rooms are elaborately furnished. The kitchen arrangement is especially interesting and is modeled in detail to fulfill every requirement for modern arrangement, convenience and sanitation. The building is provided with an up-to-date bakery. There is also a spacious lobby for the use of employees, officers and guests.

The cost of construction totals \$150,000. Of this amount \$18,000 was appropriated for the heating plant and in addition there was an expenditure of \$40,000 for battleship linoleum for floor coverings. Other furnishings run into the thousands.

The edifice excels any building of like character in the State of Nevada and has few equals in the West.

KEYMEN DOOMED TO THE DISCARD

"The last of a vanishing race," and a "lost art," is the way O. T. Stackpole, district chief dispatcher of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Sacramento, describes the telegraph operator and his trade in these modern days of speed and efficiency.

In demonstrating this fact, Stackpole declared that, effective last week, 24 railroad stations on the east side of the Sacramento Valley from Roseville to Gerber via Marysville and Chico are abandoning the telegraph instrument, replete with romance since the early days of railroad history in California for the speedier telephone service both for the transmission of commercial messages and for the dispatching of trains.

"Within a few weeks the telegraph as the basic system for dispatching trains in the Sacramento Valley will be a thing of the past," Stackpole declared. "The last leg which will force the new era in communication is now being installed. That is on the Tehama to Davis division, via Williams. Linemen have strung telephone wires as far as Williams now and are fast nearing completion of the project.

Telegraph operators wishing to remain in the service may, Stackpole declared, pointing out that should the telephone line be crippled due to weather conditions the telegraph might be resorted to as a secondary means of protection.

Stackpole pointed out that the telephone is much faster and there is less chance for errors in transmission than through telegraph communication, with the resulting safety percentage in keeping trains routed far enough apart during periods of heavy traffic to prevent wrecks.

INDIAN BASKET WEAVER SAW GENERAL FREMONT

The death in Carson City recently of Dat-So-La-Lee, the famous Washoe Indian basket weaver, took from life, perhaps, the last living person who remembered John C. Fremont, the great Western explorer, asserts the Gardnerville Record-Courier.

Fremont came to Nevada in 1842, having with him Kit Carson, the guide and scout. They traveled northwesterly from the Las Vegas section,

where the Fremont band and the Indians had a scrimmage, wherein some of the Indians were killed, the only damage done to the whites being an arrow through the shirtsleeve of one Goody, scout.

Dat-So-La-Lee was at that time a girl in her early twenties and lived with her people in Eagle Valley, in fact where the city of Carson now stands. Some years ago she took Abe Cohn—who had been her guardian, mentor and guide for the past thirty years of her life—to a spot below the Walsh ranch, to the west of Carson City, and showed him where she saw the first white man.

Her history, as told, was that she and a young Indian brave stood on a knoll and watched the white men come. Most of them were mounted on horses, and seeing the Indians on the knoll, rode up to them. One of the mounted men forced his horse against the young Indian and knocked him down. While the Indian was lying on the ground, a man whom Dat-So-La-Lee described as having bunches of gold on his shoulders, referring, undoubtedly, to the epaulets then worn by the officers of the army, and who undoubtedly was Fremont, rode up and spoke gruffly to the man who had assaulted the Indian, and made the white man speak to the Indian. Dat-So-La-Lee's explanation is taken to mean that the white man apologized to the red.

The valley was then full of game and was a favorite hunting place of the Indian. Antelope and deer abounded and the hot springs at both the states prison and at Shaw's Springs were the favorite camping grounds. The soldiers stayed in the valley for some weeks and made friends with the Indians. Dat-So-La-Lee had several times worn brass buttons, bearing the American Eagle, which she always claimed were given her by the soldiers when they first came. These were among her prized possessions and were buried with her.

During her last illness she had a fear of the white doctors and the hospital at the Indian school. She absolutely refused to be removed to the hospital, as she claimed that any one going there sick would never get away. Her attempts to stave off any movement to take her to the hospital were pathetic. She always had Abe Cohn near when any of the whites came to call on her, and wanted Abe to claim that he was her half-brother and as such was the one to look out for her. She had abounding faith in the Indian doctors, and one who reported to her that he had charmed a double-headed dog out of her swollen, dropsical leg, was firmly believed by her.

STOCK MALADIES CHECKED BY DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

Three emergencies, each constituting a national menace to the livestock industry, were successfully met during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry. Two of them were outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease, in California and Texas, while the third was the invasion of the United States by the European fowl pest, a new disease which, though extending to nine states, was successfully eradicated.

While emergencies of the kind mentioned are sometimes regarded as occurrences affecting only the livestock industry, information received from many sources shows clearly the serious effects on industry and commerce. These effects extend to unemployment, transportation difficulties, reduced market prices of products, and public unrest. Realizing such consequences, the bureau has met the invasion of foreign diseases and pests with the greatest vigor.

In eradicating tuberculosis of livestock the combined state and federal forces tested about 32 per cent more cattle than during the preceding year. Altogether more than seven million head were officially tested of which 31 per cent were condemned as diseased. This proportion of reactors is a slight decline compared with former years. A waiting list of 2,500,000 cattle at the end of the fiscal year shows the strong desire among cattle owners to have their herds tested.

The prevalence of hog cholera during the year was unusually low, due apparently to the practice of using the preventive-serum treatment.

Studies of interest to sheepmen deal with the rate of wool growth. Practical knowledge on this important question is extremely limited, though preliminary work shows that the growth of wool and hair varies considerably during the different months and seasons of the year.

Extensive investigations concerning the quality, palatability, and food value of meat were planned during the year covered by the report, in cooperation with state experiment stations, producers, and the meat trade. This branch of research is expected to have an important bearing on the future of livestock production and public knowledge concerning the value of meats. In order to provide a means of measuring the quality of meat a machine has been designed for fibers and another for measuring the testing the tensile strength of meat force required to shear or break the fibers.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

Christian Science services are being held in the American Legion Hall, Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday evening services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. The public is cordially invited.



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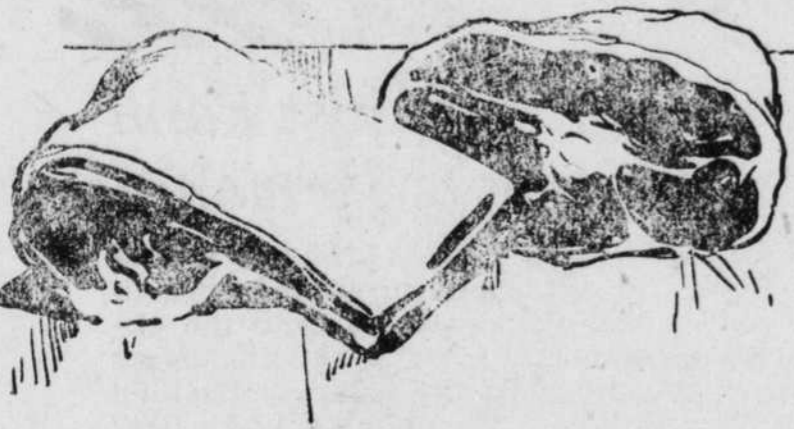
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