

# LEASERS ACTIVE AT RANDSBURG

### Prospectors Finding Values in Many Old And New Claims

By JO. P. CARROLL  
 RANDSBURG, March 24.—Through the last 12 tons of gob from the Napoleon mine fill, the beautiful castles of Spain were shattered; up to the 60 tons of the milled product, the dream fest continued. Then and there, Chas. Baker, amalgamater, cautioned the leasing trio that they had better call it a day. All of the material milled was panned, no assays were had. Assays cost money, and that is the farthest off from a Rand prospector's dream, so taking a chance, run the full 72 tons. After the clean-up, the bunch of amalgam weighed 58 1/2 ounces.

Prospecting for leases on old and new ground is taking good; showings from many of the prospects are convincing the half hearted seeker, that to succeed there is a lot of hard work, long hours besides powder and steel. Randsburg miners and prospectors have started the good work. Take the new gold territory brought in at Yuca Grove, 74 miles south of Las Vegas. The Death Valley Gold Mining Co. is offering leases. The property is on the highway 15 miles from Baker, a station on the Union Pacific railroad.

Leases there are 200 feet long on the strike of the vein, 100 feet wide and 200 feet deep. Royalties start 10 per cent on \$15 ore and advance at the rate of one half of one per cent on each dollar increase in the value. Freight to Salt Lake valley smelters is \$4 a ton and \$15 ore, hauling is estimated at \$1 to \$1.25 per ton. The office of the company is 511 Newhouse building, Salt Lake City. Stewart Frasier of Tehachapi on his return was very enthusiastic over what he saw in the new gold field.

A hike through the Randsburg gold fields finds many new holes being dug. Panning made on white quartz on the Rattlesnake below the surface are almost as large as pannings made on the Akinson ground adjoining the Sunshine mine. Should this new find be in place, much prospecting for leases will follow.

On the W. H. Williams No. 1 leasers are now sinking, being in the same territory as the Rattlesnake and nearer proven gold mines, prospects are encouraging. No matter in what direction, across Filders gulch, from camp to the Little Butte, on the north, the Minnehaha on the west, the "stringer" on the south and Cinnabar five miles to the east, prospectors can be found hitting the ball.

Much of the prospecting calls for powder, a continuation of which means much in developing, and advancing the possibilities of the Rand and the Mojave desert mining districts. Hardly had the stamps on the Napoleon material stopped when up came the first bucket of ore from the "Tex" Lovett and Jim Christensen lease on the King Solomon mine. The ore to be milled, 100 tons, comes from the Nossor vein on the 300 foot level. The youngest set of leasers, three Randsburg raised boys, Ronald, Bennett and Loftus, leasing on the 200 level, have the same vein running into the Nossor vein. Sanderson and Shea are still stacking up ore on their second pile from the Bing Hole lease. The Bander mine is hauling and milling. Many of the leasers have ore piles started, and soon they will have mill runs made. Once started, reservations for mill runs will follow.

C. H. Lockwood, Roy R. Salisbury of Los Angeles and Frank Traver, then of Randsburg, having an option on the Buckboard, are expecting the first shipment of machinery and equipment, including a new dry gold separator.

E. W. Dawson will soon have his wet gold saver on location, near the Yellow Aster water pump station, two miles north of camp. The Norman-Holchon wet process will be in the running on or about April first.

A carload of gold bearing ore was shipped from Fremont, a station on the Santa Fe, to an Arizona smelter. From observations it is not long before the Fremont peak section will be in the producing class. The links, Kramer Hills-Fremont Peak-Rand, and the Barstow camps would have much to do with a Mojave desert mining revival. It's going to take a world of hard work, nerve and more tightening of the belt, to tell, after you are successful, the romantic stage of your questing rich overnight. For more than a year, a prospector on the Big Butte, Tom Danehar, has hit the steel, and at no time, was he even discouraged. As long as he had a little grub he struck. Finally, like others in camp, he decided to prospect the surface. Finding a 2-inch stringer he applied for a lease on 125 feet of virgin ground. For better than a month he has followed the little streak until he can show an 8-inch vein that will have much to do in bringing full returns for his faith and the long weary siege.

A score of "hard rocks" some as hard pushed as Tom Danehar, are fighting the battle of bringing back this camp and district. It is not a fight on paper—it is cold blooded. Miners as a rule don't want to be idle, nowhere to go, they must take a chance on what little reserve they may have, for as yet, no one has seen fit to grubstake a prospector or a set of prospectors.

It will come, and when the tide turns, the rush is on. It's the story of all camps brought in through the hardships and trials of the leasing man.

# HOOVER DAM MAGNET FOR 'JOB-SQUATTERS'



Thousands of job-squatters near the site of Hoover dam are making the best of things in their make-shift homes. Upper right shows Billie Wagner (at tub), formerly of Cleveland, and Thelma Griffin, formerly of Spokane, doing the washing. An amateur barber (left) has found a customer, and the wife of one job-seeker se's doughnuts (below) while her husband waits for work.

By WILLIAM WARNE  
 LAS VEGAS, March 25. (AP)—The southern Nevada desert has become a teeming center of hastily constructed tent cities, from Las Vegas to the site of Hoover dam, 32 miles away in Black canyon on the Colorado river.

With preliminary construction work on the gigantic project now under way, 2,400 men personally have filed application for work with the federal state labor bureau here, and 7,000 letters from job-hunters have been received.

In addition, the United States reclamation bureau office in Las Vegas has on file 12,000 additional letters from unemployed.

Frank T. Crowe, superintendent of construction for Six Companies, Inc., the San Francisco group which was awarded the contract for building the \$48,890,995 dam, said no more than 3,000 men would be required at any time, even when work is in full swing.

Walker R. Young, construction engineer of the reclamation bureau, who will represent the government at Crowe's office, said: "There are already in Las Vegas and the tent cities more men than will be required for construction of the dam."

But the outlook has not discouraged the job-squatters. Like those who during another era rushed in and squatted on western land to have a prior right to homestead, some of these job hunters have been on the scene for months, staking out claims to jobs.

Every day more of them arrive. 8-hour basis, the King Solomon, Bender and the Cons mines mill, and runs on the Big Butte leasers' ore, there are other mills coming in. The Baltic mill is to be put in good condition, should the present holders of an option on mine and mill start.

The holders of the Buckboard option state that a carload of machinery and equipment for mill and mine has been shipped out of Los Angeles. E. W. Dawson states that his wet gold saver will soon be brought up from Los Angeles. The Norman-Holchon wet process gold saver near Jo'burg will be in action on or about April 1.

The Rand mining district, with all-the-year-around favorable conditions, well supplied with electric power, Southern Sierras Power Co. water systems, domestic and for mines and mills, the Santa Fe system to Johannesburg, two miles, a daily mail service and as good a telephone service as in the best regulated offices. Good hotels, eating houses and business houses of all needs and 12 miles of paved county road, hitting all of the principal mines, an airport and a new county elled road in the near future from Red Rock canyon and a Business Men's club.

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They come in battered automobiles, by train and on foot, some hoping for no more than the excitement of being on hand when the "big job gets under way."

The thousands already here either live in rented houses in Las Vegas, or if their purses will not allow that extravagance, in tents pitched at random on the desert, the rocky walls or Black canyon, or the tilted bed on the bank of the muddy Colorado.

The women wear gingham dresses or beach pajamas, which have been something of a fad among the job-squatters' wives. They cook over the open fires before their tents, and use packing boxes, crates or anything at hand for furniture.

In a tent furnished with a packing-crate table, apple-box chairs and bunks made up on the sand, there often will be found a beautifully carved mirror, a plush chair, or some other piece which the family could not bear to leave behind.

The men, while idle, have used their time building rude frame houses from scrap lumber, or piloting sightseers to the site of the government's proposed Boulder City, or to the dam site.

Most of the job hunters accept their present discomfort philosophically, with the cheering thought that they possibly may live in one of the 2,400 houses the government will build in Boulder City, seven miles from the dam on a 2,000-foot plateau.

The children — and there are many — accept the desert life as a lark. The sand makes good digging, and there is no such thing as being shut up in the house.

The unemployed horde, while orderly and peaceful, has furnished officials of Las Vegas, the reclamation bureau and the construction companies with difficult problems. Many arrived without funds and work was not to be had.

But at least there will be no difficulty in recruiting labor.

**Buffalo Wrecks Train**  
 BANGKOK, Siam, March 25. (AP)—A buffalo wandered on the track of a new branch line of the Royal State Railway and wrecked a train, killing one, and injuring six persons.

## PLANT PATENTS START NEW LEGAL TANGLES

WASHINGTON, March 25. (AP)—The extension of patent laws to plants has created a difficult situation which probably will result in litigation over such intangible characteristics as odors and hardihood.

Already about 35 applications for patents have been received by the patent office and the department of agriculture has begun the task of deciding whether or not the plants are new. There are thousands of varieties in some species and the job admittedly is a difficult one.

There is the hypothetical case of a flower having a new odor. Obviously it would be impossible to keep all flowers available for smelling tests.

The law does not apply to seed plants such as the grains but includes most of the fruits.

**STATE TAKES UP RADIO LABEL**  
 SALEM, Ore., March 25. (AP)—Radio broadcasting in Oregon has been made subject to the same label laws that now govern newspapers and other publications.

**APRICOT OUTLOOK GOOD**  
 EASTON, Cal., March 25. (AP)—Prospects for a good crop of apricots are better this year than at the same time of season in several years past. The trees bloomed well and farmers say pollenation was better than usual. Fruit now is reported firmly set and in some orchards of appreciable size.

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# SLAYER OF BETRAYER OF DAUGHTER IS GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE

### Father Convicted By Jury After Telling Of Daughter's Betrayal By Man He Killed

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 25. (AP)—A five year suspended sentence was voted by the jury for A. B. Johnson of Port Arthur for killing Oltis Lee Adams, young married man whom Johnson believed betrayed his daughter, Elizabeth, aged 17.

Johnson told the jury that stories of the intimacy between his daughter and Adams caused him to kill Adams to avenge her honor. Adams acted as a pallbearer at the girl's funeral after she was found shot to death in front of the church at Port Arthur last December. Three weeks later the father shot and killed the youth.

Johnson, who is a teamster's boss, testified that he first believed from stories of Adams' relations with his daughter brought him by various people that Adams killed Elizabeth, but later learned that she killed herself, driven to suicide by Adams' betrayal.

The youth was estranged from his wife. His affair caused a quarrel between the girl and Robert Williams, Texas university student, son of the presiding elder of the Methodist church at Austin, Tex. Williams testified that he drove the girl to the Port Arthur church to enlist the aid of the pastor to patch up the lovers' quarrel and, returning to the automobile, found the girl dead from a bullet wound and the gun lying on the car floor.

## Junior Prom To Be Big Event

The junior prom will be the year's biggest dance to be held in the new high school gymnasium Friday evening, April 10. The junior class promises a good time for all and the best music that can be procured. The plans are nearing completion, according to Ed. Healy, chairman of the committee, its utmost to give you the best of the year.

Earlier in the day the district oratorical contests will be held at the high school to determine who will go to the state meet from this district. The contestants entered from this school are Calvin Cory and Bill Cole.

**DIED**  
 Death took G. E. Gray Saturday morning last at the Las Vegas Hospital where he was operated on for abscess.

He came here from a Pasadena, Cal., where he operated a pool room and was well known and well liked. He was 38 years of age and unmarried.

His funeral arrangements were made by his housekeeper, Mrs. Josephine Robertson and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at Palm Funeral Home.

**Suits Filed In District Court**  
 Alice A. Keyse vs. Maurice A. Keyse, for divorce. Parties married June 13, 1919, at Santa Ana, Calif. There are three children of the marriage, John Maurice Keyse, 10; Robert Eugene Keyse, 9, and Elizabeth Alice Keyse, 7, all of whom Extreme cruelty is charged as are in the custody of plaintiff.

William Wells vs. Jennie M. Wells, for divorce. The parties married at San Bernardino, Calif., February 21, 1925, and there are no children of the marriage and no community property. Extreme cruelty is alleged, by the complaint as cause of action. Stevens, Henderson, Noland and Noland are attorneys for plaintiff.

Vera Caswell Lennox vs. Walter K. Lennox for divorce. The parties married at Detroit, Mich., December 31, 1928, and there are no children of the marriage and no community property. Cruelty is alleged as cause of action. Harmon & Satter attorneys for plaintiff.

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# ILLINOIS REPEALS PROHI LAW

### SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25. (AP)—The state senate today passed a bill repealing the state's prohibition laws by a majority of two votes. The measure, which now goes to the governor, would withdraw all state support from the federal government in enforcement of the prohibition law.

**BABE GIVEN AS PRESENT**  
 RENO, March 25. (AP)—Under the influence of liquor, Mrs. Pearl Marconi, Indian woman, gave her baby away to a negro woman.

Chief of Police J. M. Kirkley, who gave the squaw a bed at the city jail at her own request, succeeded in locating the child.

**NEST SETS HOUSE ON FIRE**  
 LODI, Cal., March 25. (AP)—Mrs. Oliver Riggle discovered a bird's nest on top of her back porch. So she took a garden rake and tried to move it. The nest proved to be on an electric switch, and the short circuit set the house afire. Neighbors helped put out the blaze.

**DEER VISITS COURT HOUSE**  
 QUINCY, Cal., March 25. (AP)—A black-tailed deer came to the Quincy court house recently and proceeded to graze on the lawn. It was found the animal, a doe, was owned by B. L. Stratton of Meadow Valley. When the owner decided to take his pet home she resisted, electing to remain in the county seat.

**51 BODIES RECOVERED**  
 BELLAIRE, O., March 25. (AP)—John Shunk, of Bellaire, has the record of having recovered the bodies of 51 persons who were drowned in this vicinity. Shunk said he "got a thrill" out of searching beneath the water for bodies of drowned persons.

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# CITY DADS CONSIDER LICENSES

### Gambling Fees to Be Fixed by City Ordinance

The city commissioners spent yesterday afternoon considering the amount which should be added to the fees provided by the new state law for licensing gambling games. It had been suggested that \$10 per month be added to the total for such games as roulette, \$60 per month or two dollars a day and for other card games, \$35 per month. Money slot machines would be \$20 per month, total.

The board will meet again tomorrow afternoon at which time it probably will be passed an emergency ordinance to go into effect April 1.

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The most prominent man of the month is the weather man. He didn't hold a conference, he merely broke the drought.

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