

OBSERVATIONS

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GOLD MINING

The action of the County Commissioners in deciding to cooperate with the government in building and improving some of the Clark county secondary highways indicates that they realize the great importance of the comparatively new revival of gold mining in Clark county.

It is not necessary to recall to the old-timers the tremendous stimulus which activity in mining brings to a region. We will remember when Eldorado Canyon, Searchlight, Crescent, the Yellow Pine Mining district at Goodsprings, the activities at Sloan, the U. S. Gypsum mines and plant near Arden and the Blue Diamond Gypsum properties as well as a dozen other lesser activities in Clark county were the sources of business which through the earlier years of Las Vegas supplied the money which kept Las Vegas prosperous when other more pretentious cities were languishing.

Not so long ago the operator of a gold mine received \$20 for the ounce of gold he produced. Now he gets \$35, a 75 percent increase in price. And almost coincident with the increase in the price of his product, the gold miner finds that the "depression" has lessened the cost of mining, so that he wins both by the increase in price of his product and the decrease in its cost.

So when, in carrying out the government relief program, the county commissioners decided to accept the proposal to match approximately one dollar to every ten dollars the government provides for the improvement of the secondary highways of Clark county, to the constantly increasing activity in gold mining in both the Goodsprings and the Eldorado Canyon regions. Because the highway improvements planned include an easier and better accessibility to Eldorado Canyon, and a "middle route" from Goodsprings town to the Chiquita, Keystone and other active gold mining properties to the west of Goodsprings.

A GREAT CAMP

Beginning with some preliminary activity a few months ago following the development of phenomenal ore bodies in the Chiquita mine, we observe the rapid growth near Goodsprings of what gives fair promise of becoming one of the great gold camps of Nevada, comparable, with the old camps of Eureka, Austin, the Comstock Lode, and Goldfield, when they were most active.

The change of route in the road from Goodsprings will reduce the distance to the Chiquita mine by five or six miles and remove the necessity of going by the present round-about route far down toward Sandy Valley and then back up the grade to the mines.

INCREASED ACTIVITIES

The new route will assist in the continued development of several gold mining properties in that particular neighborhood. Those most particularly benefitted at present include the Lavina, Keystone, Barefoot, Golden Chariot and Chiquita mines. Other activities encouraged by the better transportation facilities will result in the opening of additional properties.

High grade ores from the Barefoot and Golden Chariot mines are being sacked and shipped, and provide funds for further development.

Leasers are also active on portions of the Barefoot ground.

The old Keystone mine, producer in its most active days more than 30 years ago of gold bullion estimated in value anywhere from three to ten million dollars, is being reopened under the leadership of T. P. Ragsdale. An occasional carload shipment of ore is keeping the development going and leasers on part of the property are working an additional crew of miners in their operations. The Shenandoah is doing development and also running its mill on molybdenum ores.

CHIQUITA LEADERSHIP

The Chiquita, as for the past two years, is quietly and efficiently developing ore, adding large tonnage each month to its already vast ore resources. Machinery for mill, bought some months ago, is at Goodsprings ready for assembling at the mine. However, because of the much greater area and volume of the ore bodies than was at first evident, the company now plans to erect a mill with a capacity of probably 800 tons a day instead of the smaller one first planned. The hauling of the large amount of machinery to the mine will be facilitated by the opening of the proposed new road which will save considerable money in transportation charges.

The success of the Chiquita development has encouraged several groups to begin work on mining properties in the same region. The peculiar fact that there is a zone of rich gold ore in a region almost entirely occupied by lead-zinc properties, gives support to the old saying, "Gold is where you find it."

There is a great outcropping dyke of porphyry extending for several miles, from a point west of the famous Yellow Pine (lead-zinc) mine which paid millions in dividends, toward the Sandy Valley and the equally famous though less profitable Boss mine which produced and shipped ores of gold and the platinum group of metals running \$15,000 per ton. It is believed by many that the Chiquita and its neighboring properties may ultimately, with sufficient depth, also find deposits of the plumbogjarosite ores which produced the phenomenal values in the Boss.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The County Commissioners and Bud Barrett, county road superintendent, in promptly undertaking the Eldorado Canyon and Goodsprings road improvements, are giving to the people of Clark County as a whole a valuable Christmas present. Not only do they assist in providing work for the needy, but they encourage activities which will put a vast amount of money in circulation just at the time when the lessening employment at Hoover Dam may make it most desirable.

Gold mining is now not just a prospective speculation as many in the past few years of depression came to regard it, but it is again, as in former financial crisis, providing the enterprise, investments, payrolls and general business activity to restore the country to prosperity. It is a conservative prediction based upon the most obvious facts that, when the Chiquita mine begins to extract the gold from thousands of tons of ore each month as will come to pass in the comparatively near future, Clark

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH OUR CHURCH SLOGAN "Come and See!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday before Christmas December 31st, 1934

8:00 A.M. No Service (Vicar in Boulder City.)
9:45 A.M. Church School and Kindergarten.
11:00 A.M. Christmas Eve Carol Service for the whole family.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHAPEL Boulder City

8:00 A.M. Holy Communion.
7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Carol Service for the whole family.

CHRIST CHURCH Las Vegas

7:00 P.M. Children's Pageant Service with Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Gifts, and The Manger Service of Adoration.
11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass with Christmas Carols and special Offertory Anthem: "Behold! I Bring You Good Tidings" by the quartet and choir under direction of Mrs. Flora Mitchell.

To Have White Christmas

All members of the Methodist church are urged to bring, to all bring, to all services, a gift of food wrapped in white paper and labeled. On Christmas, these packages will be distributed among the needy.

To Go Caroling

After the program Monday evening at the Methodist church, the young people will go caroling from home to home.

To Give Party Thursday

The group of young people who have just newly organized their club but have not yet named it, are entertaining Thursday evening at 8:00 at the parish house.

To Give Christmas Program

The young people of the Baptist church are giving a Christmas program Sunday evening at 7:00.

Choir Giving Cantata

The choir of the Methodist church is giving a Cantata at the 11:00 o'clock services Sunday morning. The name of the Cantata is "The Heavenly Child."

Presenting Christmas Play

Sunday evening at 7:30 the young people of the Methodist church are presenting a one act Christmas play. Those taking part are: Inez Dodson, Gene Parks, Jr., Arthur Wengert, Jr. and Harry Garrett.

Church School Program

Monday evening at 7:30 the Church School of the Methodist church is presenting a Christmas program. There will be a Christmas tree and gifts for the children. Songs, recitations and a little play will be presented.

ADVERTISE IN THE AGE IT PAYS

County's most valuable assets will be the gold mines in the Goodsprings and the Eldorado Canyon areas.

It is the universal experience that the successful operation of one great mine such as the Chiquita brings to light several others of equal importance. That will be the case in Clark county.

L. D. S. CHURCH

Sunday the 23rd
10:00 A.M. Sunday School.
6:00 P.M. Evening Service.
Monday the 24th
7:00 P.M. Mutual Meeting.
Tuesday the 25th
7:30 P.M. Genealogy meeting.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday the 23rd
10:00 A.M. Bible School.
11:00 A.M. Sunday morning service
6:00 P.M. Young People's Meeting.
7:30 P.M. Evening Service.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday the 22nd
10:0 A.M. Instructions for children.
7:00 P.M. Confessions.
Sunday the 23rd
7:00 A.M. Mass.
8:00 A.M. Mass.
8:45 A.M. Sunday School.
10:00 A.M. Mass.
7:30 P.M. Evening Services.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday the 23rd
9:45 A.M. Church School.
11:00 A.M. Morning Service.
6:30 P.M. League.
7:30 P.M. Evening Service.

Hold Regular Meeting

The Children of Mary of the Catholic church held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening at the parish house on South Second.

Children to Entertain

The children of the Catholic church are giving a Christmas entertainment Sunday at the El Portal theatre at 11:00 a.m. There will be several sketches and plays and many lovely performances. These children are under the careful and patient direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family. All are welcome to come. There will be no admission.

Father Conners Returns

Father Conners, pastor of the St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, who for the past 6 months has been in Europe, returned Tuesday evening.

Loyola Students Here

Several students of the Loyola Catholic university were here several days this week with their professor, Father Daze, S. J. While they were here they visited the dam.

Altar Society Meet

The Altar Society of the Catholic church held a meeting last Thursday evening at the parish house on South Second. Several new members were taken into the Society during the evening. Mrs. Charles McGovern and Mrs. Jack Hinge were hostesses after the meeting.

HOME FROM NOTRE DAME

Miss Marlon McNamee who is attending Notre Dame in California, returned home Friday for Christmas holidays.

HOME FROM L. A.

Mrs. S. J. Lawson returned Monday from Los Angeles.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Bruce and Virginia Beckley, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley, who are attending school in Southern California, returned Wednesday to spend Christmas holidays.