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**PACIFIC COAST REPRESENTATIVE**

**NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

With the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Clark county Monday last, E. G. McGriff, the veteran who has served the people of Clark county long and faithfully, stepped down and George T. Hanson takes his place.

The Age expresses the appreciation of the community for the years of effort Mr. McGriff has given, with but very slight compensation, to the people of Clark county. In his retirement he carries with him the best wishes of hundreds of friends.

Mr. Hanson brings to the task of carrying on the important business of Clark county both mature judgment and ability. He is earnest and sincere in his desire to give the people of Clark county the best possible administration of their business, and The Age predicts a successful career for him in his new position.

**BOULDER JUSTICE**

For the first time Boulder City has a justice of the peace as part of Nelson township. A. J. Schur, through the simple expedient of filing for the office before the November election, was elected to fill the position which had been vacant for several years.

Now that Boulder City has become a permanent and important community, the justice of the peace at Boulder City will probably have plenty of business.

It is to the credit of Mr. Schur that his cleverness recognized the fact that a vacancy existed in an important office. We predict that his administration of the position will be satisfactory to all except those malfactors who may be brought before him for punishment.

**"UNUSUAL" WEATHER**

Las Vegas is experiencing today some of the brand of weather which California calls "unusual." The official thermometer in Las Vegas today (Friday) did not rise above 31 degrees above zero, and last night reached a minimum of 20 degrees above, kept down by the winds which are sweeping down from the Arctic regions over thousands of miles of snow and ice.

However, the cold snap should teach us some appreciation of our blessings. We forget too easily what the most of the balance of the country has to undergo as a matter of course. With our general run of winter weather, more like spring days than anything else, we forget the terrible cold which is habitual in less favored climes.

With almost the entire nation suffering below-zero temperatures, Las Vegas should accept the present cold spell without more complaint than is absolutely necessary. Even "balmy California" is experiencing weather nearly as inclement as ours today.

**OBSERVATIONS**

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

**"EL OSO VIEJO"**

In Number One, Volume One, of "The Pico Pioneer News," under the heading "The Memoirs of a California Pioneer," is published a thrilling story of Death Valley, "Under the Desert Sun," a true story by "El Oso Viejo."

In another place in that issue I observed the heading, "'El Oso Viejo' Speaks for Himself," under which is printed a letter which interested me greatly because of the name signed. It reads as follows: Pico, Calif., Dec. 24, 1936.

I am introducing myself to the people of this community as an old timer who crossed the plains in 1860 in a covered wagon. I came to Los Angeles in 1874 and having been a 20-mule teamster hauling supplies to the various mines in Lower California and Nevada, I am well acquainted with the development of California and Nevada and will try to present to our readers of the Pico Pioneer News many of the early incidents taken from my diary written at that time.

I am also writing of the conquest of California by Fremont as told to me by some of those who participated in that event. I shall write of the history of Death Valley which will be published from time to time in the Pico Pioneer News.

Now, I am an old pioneer and not an up-to-date writer, so I am asking the public to look with leniency upon the many errors that I shall certainly make.

Thanking you in advance and hoping to become associated in this enterprise, I am

Respectfully yours,  
J. A. Delameter.

**LAS VEGAS CONTRACTOR**

Mr. Delameter will be recalled by some of the older residents of Las Vegas as a former builder and contractor of this city. He it was who took the contract for constructing the first concrete walks in the residence districts, including those on Fremont street between Fourth and Fifth; Fourth street between Fremont and Stewart, and the west side of Fifth street between Ogden and Carson.

That he did a good job is evidenced

**Chamber Favors Federal Schools**

In compliance with the appeal of Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Leonard Sledge at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, a resolution was adopted advocating federal aid to the public schools of the nation.

The Fletcher bill which is advocated by the resolution, would provide a fund of one hundred million dollars as the start, to be increased by fifty million dollars a year until the maximum of three hundred million is reached.

According to Mr. Sledge Nevada would receive about \$59,000 the first year, increasing to a maximum of \$177,000 per year when the maximum amount is reached.

**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**

Las Vegas has suffered, in common with the entire Pacific coast and the intermountain region, from abnormally cold weather during the first week in January. The minimum reached 20 degrees above zero last night after the storm of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday cleared. There was a flurry of snow accompanying precipitation of .33 inches on the 6th and an additional .05 on the 7th.

Maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded by the thermometers of the government cooperative weather station in this city are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
January 1	39	27
January 2	47	26
January 3	47	23
January 4	45	23
January 5	54	23
January 6	49	34
January 7	42	27
January 8	31	20

It will be observed that an almost unprecedented condition prevailed Friday, the 8th, when the mercury failed to rise above freezing at any time during the day.

by the fact that those sidewalks, built approximately 25 years ago, are still in excellent condition. I shall look with interest for more of Delameter's stories in the Pico Pioneer News. I am sure they will be as good as his cement work.

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