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A FINE JOB

Senator Frank Ryan did an outstanding service for Las Vegas when he prepared, introduced and secured the passage of his act providing for amendments to the city charter.

The bill provides among other things, that the Municipal Judge and the City Attorney shall both be elected by the vote of the people instead of holding their offices at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Commissioners.

The Age for several years has advocated such a change. We believe it will make for a better and more independent administration of their duties by the officials named and at the same time relieve the city commissioners of a responsibility which they should not be expected to bear.

The proviso relating to the annexation of territory to the city and the publication of all bills allowed are likewise wise.

Senator Ryan and other members of the Clark county delegation who were instrumental in passing the bill are to be commended. We sincerely hope that Governor Kirman will sign it promptly.

WORLD SYMPATHY

Las Vegas joins with the whole world in pouring out its heartfelt sympathy to the fathers and mothers of the hundreds of school children killed and wounded in the terrible disaster at New London, Texas.

It is probably the most terrible loss of life among school children in the history of the nation. How or why it happened is a mystery. But the most careful study should be made to determine the cause of the ruthless killing of those innocent children so that our schools and thousands of others throughout the country can take precautions to prevent a repetition.

**FORMER GOODSPRINGS MAN
DIES IN CALIFORNIA**

Word has been received of the death a few days ago of Phil Rankin, formerly of Goodsprings, who is well remembered by many of the old-timers in this section.

Mr. Rankin has long been associated in metallurgy with Morris P. Kirk, also a former resident of Goodsprings, whose daughter he married.

**Platt Married
In Carson City**

Attorney Samuel Platt, of Reno, and Mrs. Antoinette Murtaugh, also a Reno resident for many years, were married Saturday afternoon,

March 5, in Carson City at the home of Mr. Platt's sister, Mrs. W. H. Cavell.

The marriage ceremony was performed by District Judge Clark J. Guild, with Mrs. Cavell and Mr. John Sinai as the witnesses. Others present for the ceremony were Mrs. Philip Carey, Dr. W. H. Cavell, Miss Barbara Nash, Mrs. John Sinai, Mrs. Clark J. Guild and Mrs. John Cavell Smith.

After the ceremony the party drove to Reno where dinner was served at the Plumas street home where Mr. and Mrs. Platt will reside. —Carson City Appeal.

UGLY POSSIBILITY

The disclosure that Roquefort cheese is now made in Pennsylvania mines may give a hint about the possibility of a coal strike. —New York Sun.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

Judge James Dysart, of Elko, judge of the Fourth Judicial District Court, who has been holding court in Las Vegas a few days, is one of the pioneers of Elko county, having succeeded Judge E. J. L. Taber, first judge of the district in which Las Vegas was included after its division.

Judge Dysart tells many interesting things about his home city and county, the most interesting just now being the phenomenal rise of the Mountain City Copper, located about 80 miles north of Elko.

Mountain City was first started as a gold camp back in the '90s. However, in recent years Mr. Hunt, an experienced geologist and metallurgist, became interested in the camp because of its possibilities as a copper district. For some years Mr. Hunt persisted in his enterprise and finally convinced the copper magnates of the truth of his theory that vast deposits of copper ore richer than any other great deposit in Nevada, existed in the Mountain City district.

Mr. Hunt made a sale of his Mountain City properties to the Anaconda interests, retaining a large stock interest in the company. It happened, however, that for several years the stock in the company went begging for buyers at anywhere from ten to twenty-five cents per share and that a number of Elko people, willing or otherwise, found themselves with considerable amounts of the stock on which they could not realize.

Only about three years ago, as I remember it, stock in the company could be had at 25 cents per share. Now, with almost startling suddenness, the stock is sought on the market at \$16.50 per share.

Such great developments take a little time before the general public realize the truth. And in spite of themselves, some Elko county people have had wealth forced upon them much as we observed in the case of the Yellow Pine mine at Goodsprings more than twenty years ago.

The Mountain City copper ore differs from that in most other great copper mines in carrying an unusually high percentage of the metal. And, we are told, geologists express the belief that Mountain City is the greatest copper mine in the United States, if not in the world.

**"BEAM" MESSAGE TWO
THOUSAND YEARS AGO**

Mr. E. T. Fisk, chairman of Australian Amalgamated Wireless, told an audience recently that the first record of a "beam" message was more than 2,000 years old. It was made at the battle of Marathon, when the Grecian commander noticed a Persian soldier on a mountain top making the sun flash a reflection from his polished shield. By means of this heliograph message the Persian fleet was being guided into the harbor. Marathon made an economical start on the business of transmitting messages. Today, 30,000,000 words pass by cable between Australia and the rest of the world. The rate of speed at which a beam wireless message goes on its way today is the same as that of the sun flash sent by the Persian signaler at Marathon 2,000 years ago. —Australian Press Bureau.

CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

216 South Fourth street, across from grammar school, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts. Meets every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Christian Science reading room, 112 North Third street, open week days, except holidays, from 1:15 p. m. until 4 p. m. Evenings, except Wednesdays, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

"Matter" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, March 21, 1937.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah 43:12, "I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange God among you; therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."

The Lesson-Sermon includes the Bible passage, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

Also the correlative from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love." (p. 140).

**SAM GAY'S NEPHEW IS
VISITING IN LAS VEGAS**

Norval Schroeder, of Armstrong, B. C., a nephew of the late Sheriff Sam Gay, was a visitor in Las Vegas during the week.

Sam Gay and his sister, Mrs. Schroeder, mother of the visitor, settled in San Diego together years ago.

The Okonogan Valley, in which Armstrong is located, is the heart of the region, extending across the international line into the state of Washington, which furnishes most of the apples for the British Empire. It is world famous for the fine quality of the fruit it raises.

This is not Mr. Schroeder's first visit here, as he comes occasionally on business.

**FIRST LOCOMOTIVE CHUGS
AROUND EXPOSITION ISLAND**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — With smoke belching from its miniature stack and rocking like a toy on narrow gauge tracks, the first construction locomotive made its debut on the site of the San Francisco 1939 world's fair this week.

The little engine, operated by the Guy Atkinson company, building contractor's, was barged to Exposition Island, in the center of San Francisco Bay and will chug around the mile square site hauling materials for exposition palaces.

VALUABLE DIAMONDS

In Geelong, Australia, a woman who bought a secretaire at an auction sale for \$37, discovered in a secret drawer uncut diamonds valued at \$15,000.

After the secretaire was delivered to her, the woman discovered a secret drawer in which were some pebbles, carefully wrapped in a curious looking wool. The wool was of a type not grown in Australia, and was at least 200 years old. The "pebbles" were uncut diamonds, and they have been sold for \$15,000. — Australian Press Bureau.