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ENTERING NEW ERA

The purchase by the Bank of America of interests of the First State Bank of Las Vegas may be taken as the date upon which Las Vegas begins its entry into a new and greater era in business and finance.

The First State Bank, one of the strongest in the entire state and which, when other banks were failing or feeling the distress of financial panic, was always ready, able and willing to meet every demand upon it, has been one of the important factors in creating the present substantial city. Its reputation for soundness has brought capital and enterprise to us and we have seen Las Vegas growing steadily and surely each year.

Men of financial vision have for some years recognized the certainty that Las Vegas is destined to become one of the great cities of the inter-mountain region. Those controlling large aggregations of capital have seen the vision of future greatness which some of the Las Vegas people long have observed and have desired to establish themselves in this field. Hence we have had the Bank of America among others seeking entry.

This does not mean that the First State Bank has in anywise failed in its service to the community. On the other hand those controlling the destinies of the Bank of America have appreciated the strong position financially and in public regard of the local bank and, naturally, desired to step into a similar position. Hence, the change of control comes as a natural step.

The community may with confidence welcome the advent of new capital and new opportunities for development which those in control of the Bank of America will create by their advent into this field. And, instead of being served by strangers not in touch with local men or affairs, the new bank will be operated in its practical details by Ed. Clark, Cy. Wengert and the splendid personnel which have supported them so loyally during all the years.

Instead of feeling a sense of loss in the passing of the old institution, those who have controlled its destinies may well and properly feel that the entry of the Bank of America is a tribute to their skill, courage and integrity, and is, in fact, the highest compliment which could be paid them.

There is, doubtless, some sadness in the hearts of those who see their financial child, now grown to maturity, taking on new greatness. It is the same sentiment which has wrung the hearts of many of us when our children married and stepped out from under the parental roofs into new worlds of their own. Yet we could not wish it otherwise. The world moves on its way and we move with it in spite of our wishes that it might remain as we have known it.

GREETINGS, WESTSIDE!

Westside was really both father and mother to Las Vegas. Long before the railroad townsite was opened, approximately

a year before there was anything whatever in the way of improvements where the main portion of Las Vegas now is, "The Original Townsite of Las Vegas" had been subdivided and lots sold by J. T. McWilliams.

During the winter of 1904-1905 there was a lively little city there, with stores, gambling houses, saloons, big corrals with hundreds of horses and mules, all operating with a rush while still there was nothing but brush and weeds on the east side of the railroad track.

Following the auction sale of lots in the railroad townsite, May 15, 1905, the Westside gradually changed in character to a residential section and the main city grew up east of the railroad. Ever since that time, Westside has suffered partial isolation because of the reluctance of people to live west of the tracks.

Now, with the completion of the great structure which unites the two communities into one, we may expect to see Westside take its place as a leader in the growth and improvement of Las Vegas. The former barrier between the two localities is completely removed.

In behalf of the people living east of the railroad, The Age is happy to welcome Westside into closer and more neighborly relations, and we suggest that the name "Westside" is now practically obsolete and that the more dignified name of "West Las Vegas" would be more fitting.

The completion of the underpass marks the beginning of new growth and prosperity for West Las Vegas which will develop it into one of the most desirable sections of the city.

Pioche To Have Power In Month

The line is cleared for the great three-day celebration in Pioche on September 5, 6 and 7, when labor and capital will join in celebrating the most important development which has come to Lincoln county in the past fifty years, exceeding in its possibilities for the future, perhaps, even the advent of the railroad in 1904.

Pioche, with her usual energy and enterprise, is planning to make the Labor Day-Boulder Dam power celebration worthy of the occasion. The Pioche Record will issue a forty-page number in commemoration of the part Lincoln county has played and still is playing in the Boulder Dam development, and every civic and governmental element of the county will do its part.

The transmission of Boulder Dam power to Pioche is the beginning of a great era of mine development and operation which will within the next two or three years, make Pioche a greater city than she was when, in the 1870's she was one of the greatest silver camps in the country with a population estimated at ten or twelve thousand souls.

The prosperity which will come to the Pioche district will spread to every portion of Lincoln county and to the whole state, because the use of Boulder Dam power will create millions of dollars worth of new taxable wealth and promote the building of electro-metallurgical plants for the separation of lead-zinc ores and the fabrication of the metals into merchantable products.

Incidentally, the Pioche development will keep the millions of dollars per annum which have passed to other states with the shipment and treatment of ores from the mines, in Nevada for the creation of payrolls and the enrichment of every line of business and enterprise.

J. H. Buehler, head of the Lincoln

County Power District; H. W. Crozier, electrical engineer, and Mrs. Crozier; Chas. Thompson, electrical engineer for Lincoln County Power District, and Wright L. Felt, acting state director of the PWA., met in Las Vegas Thursday to complete the details of the arrangement which will enable the Lincoln county interests to receive Boulder Dam power on or about September first instead of next December.

Through H. W. Crozier, arrangements were made whereby three of the transformers heretofore used by the Nevada-California Power Company in receiving power from Southern California during construction of Boulder Dam, will be loaned to the Lincoln County Power District and be in operation on the Pioche power transmission line within a month.

The arrangement claimaxes a series of efforts to hasten the transmission of electric power over the newly completed line without the necessity of waiting several months for the manufacture and installation of the necessary transformers.

EDWARD VIII PENNIES NEW GUINEA CURIOS

(Australian Press Bureau)
SYDNEY, Australia. — The only Edward VIII pennies to be minted in the British Empire are just filtering into Sydney, where they are exciting great curiosity and will soon have a high collector value.

They were originally minted at the Royal Australian mint for use in New Guinea. The coin has a hole through the middle to facilitate its carriage on wire or twine which is the original "purpose" in many Pacific islands.

Although he served throughout the World War without a scratch, Stephen Catalina of Luling, Texas, broke a finger in two places when he jerked off a sock.

Nine years after their wedding in Russia, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Kreinuck were remarried in London to make sure the union was legal.