

Pioneer Meets Sudden Death

Kirby A. Willett, for more than thirty years an engineer and fireman for the railroad at Las Vegas, was instantly killed shortly after six o'clock last Wednesday evening when the car he was driving was side-swiped by a truck said to have been driven by Walter Lowell.

The veteran engineer was identified by his brother engineer Harry Stewart of this city, who stopped his car at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred. Out of curiosity he walked up to the wrecked car to see the victim and was horrified to find his friend's body in the car with the head almost severed from the body.

Willett was on his way to Los Angeles, where he was to receive his final certificate of retirement from officials of the Union Pacific. He planned then to proceed to San Diego where he was planning to build a home. He was supposed to have \$400 in cash with him, but the cash, it is alleged, could not be found in the pockets of the dead man.

Mr. Willett came to Las Vegas in 1910 and with his family resided here ever since. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. K. A. Willett, two daughters, Mrs. M. Larson of Los Angeles, and Lucille Willett; one son, Frank Willett, of Las Vegas; two sisters, Clara Willett of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Margaret Knauss of Townsend, Michigan; and one brother, Philip Willett, also of Townsend, Mich.

Funeral services will be held in the Elks' Club Saturday afternoon, September 18, under the auspices of the Elks lodge and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Other organizations of which deceased was a member, including the Odd Fellows lodge and Encampment, Royal Neighbors and Rebekahs, will attend the services.

Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery in this city.

The Age wishes to express to the sorrowing family the sincere grief of the community at the loss of one of its most respected and best loved citizens.

Buehler Talks Boulder Power

J. H. Buehler of Pioche, for the past several years leader in the activities which resulted in formation of Lincoln County Power District and the construction of the Boulder-Pioche power transmission line at a cost of \$1,050,000, was the principal speaker at Tuesday's meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. He was accompanied by Mr. O. F. Burton general manager of the district.

Mr. Buehler thanked the Chamber and its secretary for the telegram of congratulations sent the district on September first when power was first sent to Pioche over the new line. Discussing the power question, Mr. Buehler said, in part:

"The people of Lincoln county already begin to feel the beneficial effects of cheaper power. The rate here is now fixed at 2 cents per kwh for the first six months, after

which a readjustment will be made probably to a one-cent rate and a readjustment made with those who have been paying the higher rate.

"If the program of the Pioche operators are carried out for building an electrolytic zinc plant near Las Vegas, we will see great development here. The population and wealth of the southern counties will equal that of the entire state today.

"I noticed two articles in the Las Vegas daily the other day, one voicing the ambition of Mayor Arnett of this city for cheap power, and the other a statement of the intention of the county and state to tax the Pioche power line and thereby add approximately \$200,000 to the assessed valuation of Clark county and \$300,000 to Lincoln county. Such a policy will retard and interfere with the use of power and defeat the development of the state.

"It is my understanding that it is the policy of the state of Nevada to deliver blocks of Boulder Dam power to consumers at cost. It should not be the policy to attempt to secure direct revenue from the power, but the state and all governmental agencies should try to induce the location of industries here and bring vastly increased wealth into the state. However, officials seem to think it more important to put this half million dollars on the tax rolls than to create five or ten million dollars of new wealth. It is overlooking the dollars to search in the dirt for pennies.

"It is my belief that the legislature provided for the creation of municipal, non-profit bearing, public-owned power districts and had no intention of subjecting such public bodies to taxation.

"I still hope to induce my companies to build their industrial plants in Las Vegas, but cheap power, unhampered by taxes or royalties or profits of any kind will be the deciding factor.

"There is an excellent chance I believe of developing an industrial area here and I hope everyone will get behind the policy of providing the cheapest possible power advocated in his article by Mayor Arnett."

Mr. Buehler closed his remarks by inviting every member of the Chamber to be present at the Pioche-Boulder Dam power celebration.

Guest Speaks On Rotary's Value

Jim Urie, member of the Lions Club of Cedar City, Utah, was the guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of Las Vegas Rotary.

Relating his experiences and observations of service club activities he recalled the time after the depression had made things difficult in Cedar City, that the proposal was made that both Rotary and Lions clubs be abandoned in order to keep the money at home that was paid as dues in the National organizations, and strengthen the local Chamber of Commerce.

"What can Rotary do to help the Chamber of Commerce," he was asked.

"If those who are members of

the Cedar City Rotary Club are real Rotarians, Cedar City will have nothing to worry about," he replied. And that seemed to be the opinion of most of those concerned. The Rotary and Lions club were both maintained and their activities have resulted in much good to the community.

The speaker recounted two cases, among others, in which crippled children were given a chance to live a normal life. One case was that of a boy who was nearly blind and therefore backward in everything. Through the efforts of the service clubs the boy's sight was completely restored and he is now a normal person. The other was the case of a small girl, 14 or 16 months of age, who was unable to learn to walk. An examination disclosed the fact that she was born without the necessary sockets to form the hip joints and that she probably was doomed to be crippled all her life. The parents were poor and unable to secure surgical aid.

However, through activity of the clubs, the child was taken to the Shriners' Hospital in Salt Lake City, where she remained for two years while a series of operations were performed. She came out of the hospital well and strong, able to walk and a completely normal child.

"I am sure the city of Las Vegas is a better place to live because of Rotary," the speaker said. "It is simply putting into practice the Golden Rule. That is a most profitable thing for the community."

KIWANIANS GO TO RIVERSIDE

R. J. Kaltenborn, president of Las Vegas Kiwanis Club, led a delegation of local Kiwanians to the annual meeting of officers of District No. Six at Riverside Thursday.

Among those on the list of attendants were Messrs. and Mesdames Bruce Kilatprick, O. A. Kimball, Harve Perry, Frank Beam, C. H. Sloan, R. B. Griffith, C. D. Baker, R. J. Kaltenborn, S. G. Parks, and Herbert Krause.

SMITH NOW MEAT INSPECTOR

Dr. W. R. Smith has been appointed by the city commissioners to the position of milk inspector to succeed the late Percy Nash. Dr. Smith already is city meat inspector.

VEGAS PAST MATRON VISITS WINNEMUCCA

(The Humboldt Star)

Members of Silver State Chapter No. 6, Order of Eastern Star, met last evening at Silver State for their first meeting of the fall season.

Mrs. Lillie Pistole, of Las Vegas, who was formerly Miss Lillie Hamilton of this city, was a visitor of the local chapter during the meeting. Mrs. Pistole is a past matron of the Las Vegas chapter.

Plans were discussed for turning the hall over to the Past Matrons' society October 14 for their public card party which will be given on that date.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

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CHARLES STARRETT

HE DROPS A PISTOL BY THE "FANNING" METHOD... PULLING WITH HIS RIGHT HAND WHILE HE SHARPS IT STRAIGHT WITH THE OTHER... SHOWS HIS SEAL OF THE "ONE MAN JUSTICE" SET, OF DRAMAS, FANNING, AND FIRMING IN A SPLIT SECOND!

AS A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, BARBARA WEEKS HELD THE GIRLS' ALL-AROUND TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TWO YEARS...



A WHISKERING CONTEST WAS HELD AT COLUMBIA TO SEE WHO COULD GROW THE MOST LUXURIOUS BEARD DURING THE PICTURE SCHEDULE. DIRECTOR LEON BARSHA WON BY A LENGTH.

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