

**INCIDENTS OF THE OLD MORMON TRAIL**

In 1847 Capt. Jefferson Hunt, a member of the Mormon Battalion, reached Salt Lake City from northern California. He had learned that his family which he had left in "Winter Quarters" on the Missouri river, had arrived in Salt Lake with one of Brigham Young's parties. After leaving his family at "Winter Quarters" to await the coming of spring to make the long trek he had enlisted in the war with Mexico—had journeyed from the Missouri to San Diego where the battalion raised the Stars and Stripes for the first time. When the war was over he went to Los Angeles, then a tiny hamlet, and then to the goldfields to the north. When he arrived in Salt Lake City he found the settlers facing starvation. In an interview which he had with Brigham Young he told of the prodigal harvests in southern California and was sent with ten other men to find a short cut to southern California. He it was who was the pathfinder of the old Mormon rail. They reached the old Lugo ranch which is where San Bernardino now stands. This Lugo ranch was one of the Spanish grants

consisting of 37,000 acres of land given by the Mexican government to Don Antonio Maria Lugo and his sons in 1842.

After resting a few days Jefferson purchased 300 head of cattle and 150 horses of the Lugos. He packed the horses with provisions he had secured from government officers—these provisions included seed for the spring planting. Hiring twenty Indian vaqueros to help care for the stock he reached Utah in time to save the colony from starvation.

He remained with his family in Utah for a year. In the fall of 49 he undertook to pilot a party of old seekers over the trail he had broken on his previous trip to California. He had agreed to bring the party thru in a certain length of time, but as they were so encumbered that their progress was much slower than they anticipated. Some of them became greatly dissatisfied and finally determined to leave Capt. Hunt's party, select a new leader and go on by themselves. Capt. Hunt called them together and said that he was going on over his old trail and that all who desired could go on with him. They decided to separate and Helen J. Stewart said that the separation oc-

**HELEN OLHEIM WELL RECEIVED**

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Helen Olheim, mezzo soprano of the Metropolitan opera association last Friday evening.

She entranced her hearers with the sweetness and beauty of her voice as well as with her friendly and charming manner. She possesses in a rare degree the art of interpreting the varying moods expressed in the numbers on the program. Her accompanist, Charles Ruetschi, was also well received and proved to be a pianist of great ability. The next concert is dated for December 6, when Iso Brusselli, a Russian violinist will be heard with Charles Ruetschi, again appearing as his accompanist.

occurred at the Old Ranch in Las Vegas. Those remaining with Capt. Hunt arrived safely in the San Bernardino valley and went on to the mines. The fate of the other party was tragic. They wandered up the valley past Indian Springs—on down through the pass beyond Rhyolite into Death Valley where they suffered untold agonies and finally, February 4, 1850, the tiny remnant wandered into the rancho of Senor Del Valle near the little village of Newhall.

During Capt. Hunt's sojourn in southern California he was delighted with the climate and agricultural possibilities of the country and on his return to Utah he gave such glowing accounts to Bishop Young that he became desirous of sending a party of Mormons to form a colony in this land of abundance. In the spring of 1851 two high church officials, Amasa Lyman and Charles C. Rich were sent with 500 Mormons to try their fortunes in the new country.

The party was too large to travel as one body so was divided into three sections. The first under command of Charles C. Rich with Capt. Hunt as guide; the second under Amasa Lyman, piloted by David Seely, the third under Capt. Andrew Lytle.

The 10th of June, 1851, saw the first section under Captain Hunt safely encamped in Sycamore grove at the mouth of Cajon pass. Another section camped a short distance away on the bank of the creek now known as Lytle creek and the third not far away. These people lived in the Pass some months, secure from the troublesome Indians, while negotiations were in progress for the purchase of the Lugo ranch.

(To Be Continued)

**DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS HOLD MEET**

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Mrs. Mina Stewart Wednesday evening and enjoyed a most interesting program. George Perkins, one of the Clark county pioneers, gave a graphic description of several incidents which occurred on the "Old Mormon Trail" in which his uncle "Billie Perkins" participated. His recital was interspersed with bits of original verse which were greatly enjoyed. Several of the old songs were sung and refreshments typical of pioneer life were served—barley coffee and molasses cake. The barley coffee was good.

This organization has for its members descendants of those who came to Utah from 1849 and earlier to 1869. While sponsored by the L. D. S. church, it is not a part of that institution and anyone with proper credentials may become a member. The members are gathering together a fund with which they hope to place appropriate markers at all historic spots in southern Nevada. The first will be at the Old Fort at the Old Ranch in Las Vegas.

**STATE STOCKMEN HOLD MEET IN ELKO**

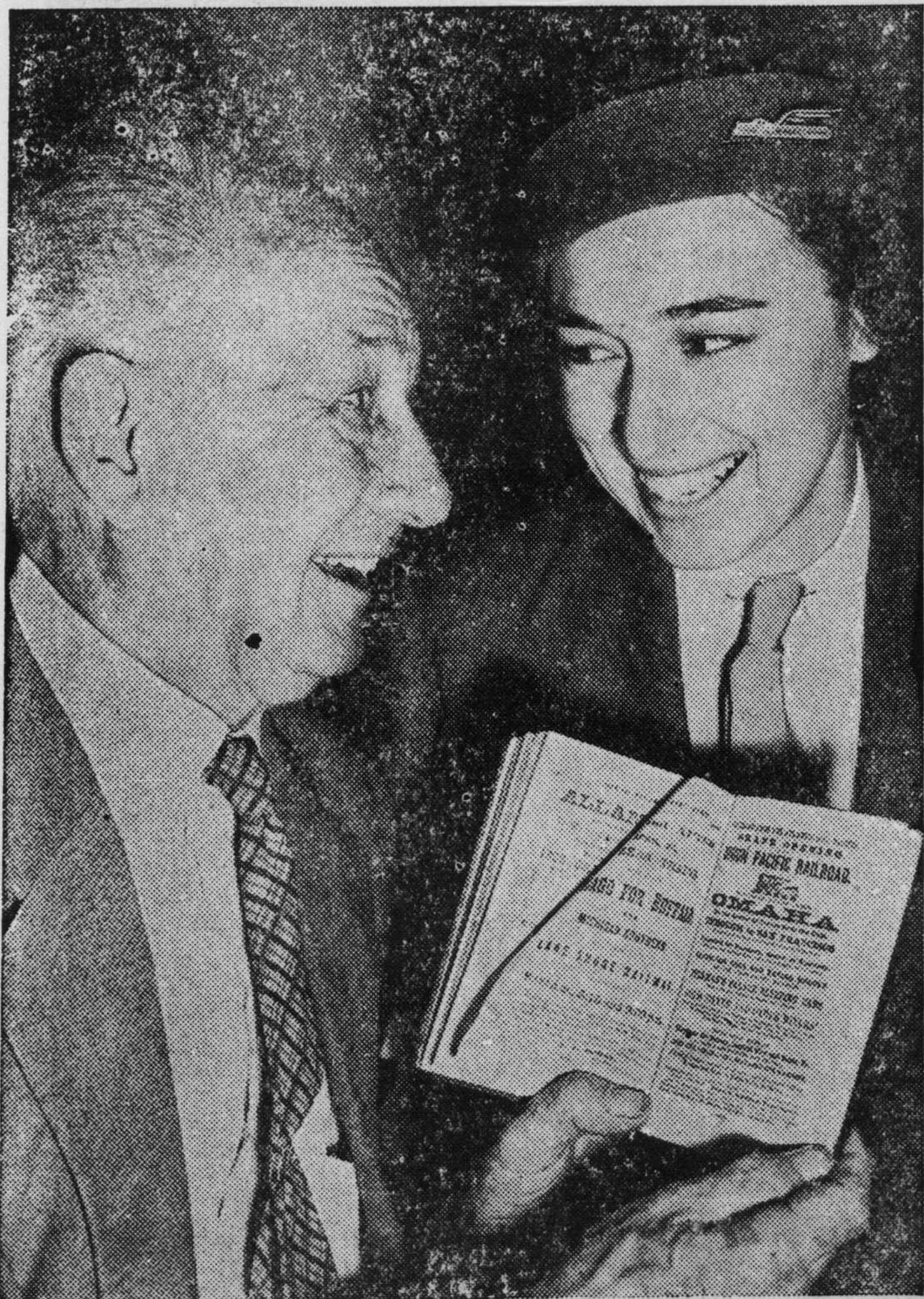
The Nevada State Livestock men re-elected W. B. Wright as president of their association in Elko the past week. Walter Gilmer and Archie Dewar were chosen as vice-presidents with Gilmer chairman of the executive committee. It was decided to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer and the chair to be filled later. The association will again meet in Elko in 1938.

**ENGINEER CHOSEN FOR COLORADO RIVER BOARD**

The Colorado River Commission, through A. M. Smith, state engineer, has named C. F. DeRmond of Elko as engineer for the commission. The newly appointed officer is expected to open offices in Las Vegas by December and will co-operate with the many industries desirous of locating in Southern Nevada.

The engineer has been associated with the mining and water problems of northern Nevada for many years and is familiar with the problems to be met in the development of the industries which will make southern Nevada a seat of great activity. He has served as a member of the Colorado River Commission for the past two years.

**Pioneer Remembers When—**



A NEWSPAPER AD published in Chicago in 1869 was credited by Henry J. Brubaker, for many years president and now honorary president of the Illinois State Society, with bringing him to Southern California as a pioneer 40 years later.

He showed the reproduction of the ad to Stewardess Marjorie Giles a few days ago at the conclusion of one of his many transcontinental journeys since his first trek on a "hay-burnin' rattler."

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