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N. Vegas Wants Buy Fire Truck

North Las Vegas is considering the purchase of fire equipment for that community and has asked the city commissioners regarding the old Reo fire truck. The matter has been taken under consideration by the commission.

NEVADA LOSES TAX SUIT TO STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Nevada's attempt to collect taxes from a steamship company incorporated in this state was lost yesterday when the circuit court of appeals at Portland, Oregon, held that the company can be taxed only in the state where it does business.

The decision was in an action brought by the state of Nevada against the States Steamship Company for \$6,000 in taxes.

The court upheld the company's contentions that its ships were not in Nevada and never could be, that its activities were centered in Portland, and that it had always paid its taxes in Oregon.

The Portland company, which operates eleven ships, is incorporated in Nevada. The case was tried in the federal court at Portland last summer, with William Mathews deputy attorney general, Nash P. Morgan, Washoe county district attorney and Elmer Johnson of Portland representing the state.

Two other steamship lines have paid taxes in Washoe county. The United States lines has paid taxes since 1935, its assessment being based on the tonnage of its ships. Its tax amounted to \$1,300 annually. This line formerly operated the one-time luxury liner Leviathan, which recently was sold to a British firm for salvaging. The other company, the Tacoma Oriental Steamship company, paid taxes in Nevada for a brief time, then was sold and re-incorporated in another state.

\$300,000 PAID FOR NEVADA COPPER MINE LEASE

ELKO, Nev.—James Galoway, an Oklahoma oil operator, has obtained bond and lease on the Copper Mountain claim near Mountain City for a reported price of \$300,000. The property lies near the Rio Tinto mine of the Mountain City Copper Co. Extensive prospecting of the ground with diamond drills is planned.

Several companies are carrying on exploration of holdings in the Mountain City field, including the Copper King, Rio Grande, Warm Springs Copper and Owyhee Copper Mines. All are seeking extensions of the high grade copper deposits developed in the adjacent Rio Tinto mine.

MISS BRAY HEADS ORPHANAGE BOARD

Miss Mildred Bray, recently appointed superintendent of public instruction, succeeding the late Chauncey W. Smith, has been elected chairman of the board of the state orphans' home. This board is composed of the state treasurer, the state surveyor-general and the superintendent of public instruction. It is a matter of moment to have a woman on the board of an institution devoted to the care of little children.