

Sketches Of Mormon Trail

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In December, 1855, William Bringhurst, in a letter written at Las Vegas to friends at home, enclosed a specimen of cotton of very good quality planted the first of July and gathered the first of November. The brethren were interested in planting peach pits and the seeds of other fruits and also making arrangements to procure

grape cuttings, fig trees, etc., from lower California.

A letter arrived from Brother Hopkins of San Bernardino relative to the grist mill so badly needed. The cost of one delivered at San Pedro was \$275. News came that the documents for establishing a post office at Las Vegas were on the way and would arrive in a few days.

On December 2 Brother Bringhurst and a few others staked out their pre-emption claims, taking in the whole valley, on both sides of the creek, probably eight miles in length and one or more miles wide. This precaution was deemed neces-

sary lest it should turn out that our camp was in New Mexico, whose citizens are entitled to a certain amount of land.

Christmas, 1855 was the coldest day yet experienced by the brethren at Las Vegas. The ground froze hard enough to hold up a horse and rider.

On Jan. 10, 1856 the documents arrived creating a post office at Las Vegas to be called Bringhurst's P. O. Las Vegas, county, territory of New Mexico, with Wm. Bringhurst, postmaster. When the mail carrier, James Williams, arrived at dusk with the mail from Salt Lake President Bringhurst

made a bargain with him to bring grape cuttings and fruit seeds from California during February at the rate of \$10 a hundred. One thousand slips were ordered.

Friday, Jan. 11 Jefferson Hunt arrived from California with the mail. Brother Bleazard had brought a thermometer with him and the brethren would now be able to keep a proper account of the temperature.

Saturday January 19 President Bringhurst and a few others accompanied some of the Indians to a small creek one and one-half miles north of Las Vegas and laid out some lots for the beginning of an Indian farm. (Kyle Ranch now called the Taylor ranch.)

Wednesday Jan. 30 at nine o'clock Wm. Bringhurst and company started on an exploring party. They took the nearest route to the Colorado river and then followed up the river about 10 miles to the canyon. The trail then bore to the left over a very rough country until it struck the Virgin river 10 miles below its confluence with the Muddy. They followed the last named stream up to the crossing of the California road and from there returned home after an absence of one week.

On Feb. 24 at a meeting in the tabernacle in Salt Lake the following men were called to go to Las Vegas: From Salt Lake county: Wm. Camp John S. Fullmer, Lewis Robins, Lorenzo Brown, Andrew Cahoon, Almon L. Fullmer, Thos. Hall, Hyrum Kimball, Geo. Mayer Sam Thompson, Aaron Farr, A. A. Lemon, Justin Merrill, Sam Turnbow, Ute Perkins, Dan Shearere, Allen Stout, John Snyder, Wm. Moss Francis Boggs, J. L. Workman and Eliza K. Fuller.

From Provo: Edson Barney, Philander Colton.

From Parowan: Miles Anderson, John Lowder.

From Beaver county: Beeson Lewis.

From Palmyra: W. W. Riley, John H. Redd.

Feb. 25.—Some grape cuttings arrived today from California and the 1000 cuttings ordered arrived on March 10.

In April a party visited the Potosi mountain and returned with 180 pounds of lead. In May Philip K. Smith arrived in camp and accompanied a party going out for more lead.

PROSPECTORS BUSY IN LAKE MEAD AREA

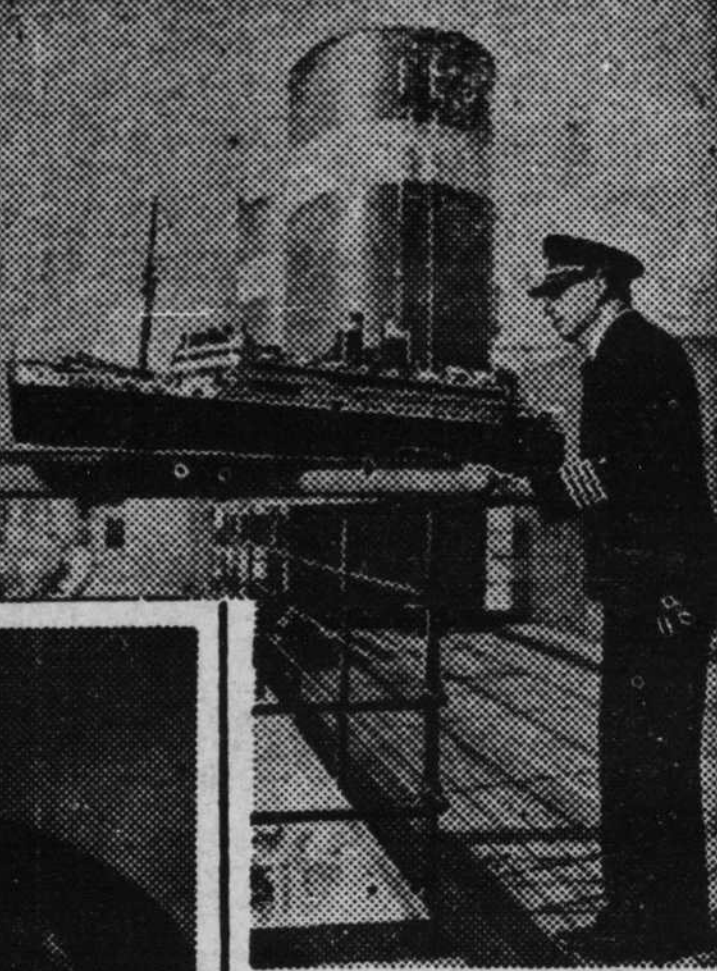
R. G. Knickerbocker, head of the U. S. Bureau of Mines at Boulder City says that some 30 or 40 men have been busy since last August prospecting in the area around Lake Mead. This region is highly mineralized and is now easily accessible by water.

O. W. Yates of Las Vegas and his company are shipping gold ore from some old workings in Iceberg canyon to the U. P. railroad at Boulder City on a barge which is called the "Queen Mary."

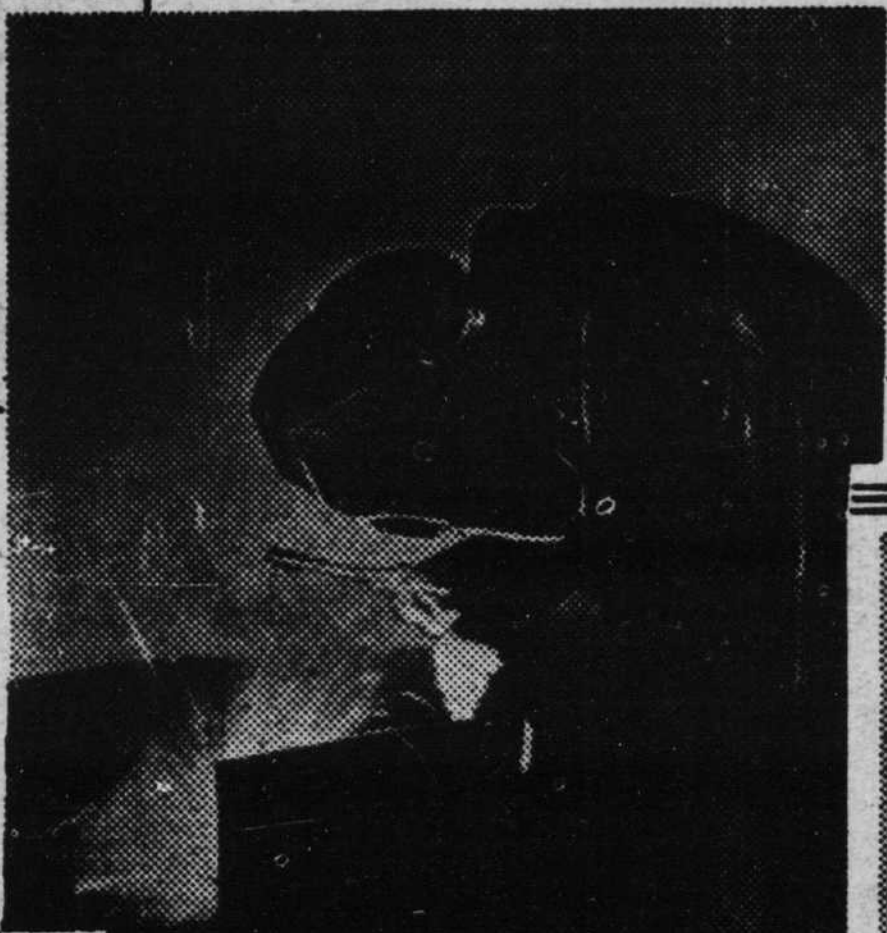
In The WEEK'S NEWS



PERFECT MODEL— Captain Harold L. Winslow, skipper of the liner Pennsylvania, inspects five-foot model of his ship made by a Cuban messenger boy. Captain Winslow, impressed with its faultless workmanship, bought an option to purchase.



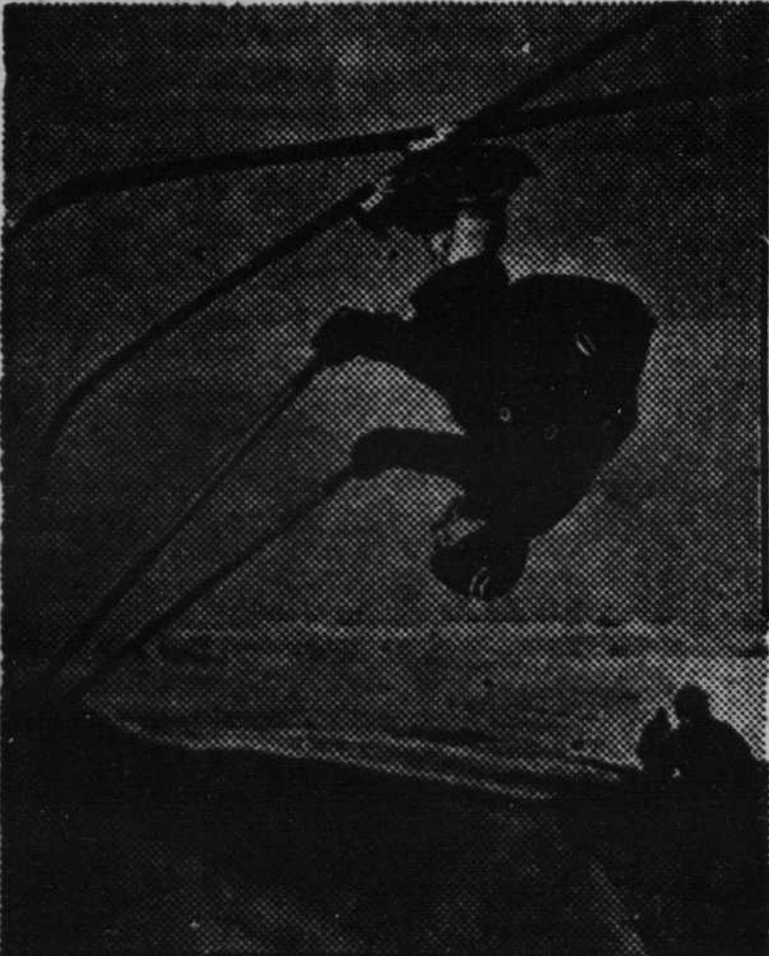
A FOUR YEAR WAIT—Whiskey stocks held in bond for the four years since repeal have now become of age, and famous bottled-in-bond brands will again be available in quantity in 1938, according to Tom W. Balf, Sales Manager for the National Distillers Products Corporation.



TO PROVIDE RESERVE OF SKILLED MEN—Welding apprentices at work in American Rolling Mill Company's Middletown, Ohio, plant. With the cooperation of the International Correspondence Schools, Armco carries on an apprentice training program to train young men to become all-around, skilled journeymen in their respective trades.



BISHOP'S HAT INSPIRES LATEST FASHION — Gretchen Davidson displays the latest in headwear in a fashion show at New York's New Weston Hotel. The attractive chapeau is made from a Bishop's hat used in the current successful Broadway, religious drama, "Many Mansions," in which Miss Davidson has a role.



SOMERSAULTING ON SKIS—It's probably not as simple as it looks, but A. R. Little, captain of Dartmouth's ski team, makes it look easy as he hurtles through the air at the annual International Intercollegiate Ski Meet at Lac Beauport, Quebec, Canada.



PANAY SURVIVOR—J. Hall Paxton, American Embassy attache in China, journeys to Washington to present official reports on the Panay incident in which he also

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