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JUSTICE?

Three months ago a citizen of Las Vegas had his place of business broken into and suffered the loss of everything of value he possessed. In the robbery 14 slot machines were taken. Police and the sheriff's office made every effort possible to locate the loot, but to no avail. Two weeks ago the man from whom the property was stolen, found some of the loot in Los Angeles — some in Beatty — some in Detroit — some in places not yet made public.

The man who sold the loot from the robbery was arrested — but he claims that he "did not know that the machines," he is said to have purchased for a song and to have sold for as much as \$95 each, "were stolen."

Many "funny" things have taken place in the name of Justice here in the past few years. We wonder if "Justice" will permit the one who sold the stolen loot and received the money therefrom to keep it. Will "Justice" permit the man who lost everything he possessed to be railroaded out of this city without one penny?

Our answer is NO — and we will stand back of it.

PARKING

The police department should receive a lot of credit for the manner in which they are enforcing the parking laws. We would like to see the city commissioners go a little farther now and take all the yellow zones off Fremont street.

If the business man and his employees would leave their cars on the side streets then some of our tourists would have a chance to park their out of state cars — and incidentally spend a few dollars in the stores.

THE CLIMATE

We hear much comment on the continued coolness of the season in Las Vegas, much of it to the effect that "Lake Mead is changing our climate."

The present season has been duplicated several times since the city of Las Vegas was founded and it is not unusual for comparatively cool weather to continue until near the first of July.

As for the lake changing the climate, most people are by this time convinced that Lake Mead, great as it is, will have no more effect on the climate of this region than a bucket of water set in the middle of a forty acre field would have on the climate of the field.

We have only to observe conditions surrounding other similar bodies of water in this desert country. Salton Sea near Imperial Valley, created more than 30 years ago when the Colorado River broke into that below sea-level area, has not changed the climate of that locality in any degree. Other similar examples are Pyramid Lake, 35 miles north east of Reno; Walker Lake, extending for more than thirty miles along the Las Vegas to Reno highway; even Great Salt Lake, the largest of all. None of these great bodies of water have changed the temperature or the character of the areas in which they are set in the slightest degree.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES F. SQUIRES

ELY, THE VITAL

The great copper camp of Ely more than any other city in Nevada, retains the vital qualities of a successful mining camp. Several thousand workers from the great copper pit at Ruth and the immense mill and smelter at McGill, make the city of Ely their center for shopping or entertainment.

Wages are good and employment, until just now, has been maintained at a high average. Many of the workers are unmarried and so it happens that every semi-monthly payday, Ely is filled with hundreds who have no thought for the morrow beyond supplying themselves with the bare necessities of life on which to live until next payday, the balance of their earnings being devoted to having a general good time. All of which means that Ely is a "ready money" town, in which everyone seems to be prosperous.

Just now there is a lull in the town's business activities because the Nevada Consolidated has found it necessary to cease operations for a time. The situation is somewhat alleviated by the fact that the Copper Mines Consolidated, at Kimberly in the same district, is still operating under a contract which permits them to ship something like 6,000 tons of ore per day to the Nevada Consolidated mill on a favorable contract.

It is the belief of those who should have the most accurate view of the situation that the shut down of the Nevada Consolidated will not last more than thirty days. Therefore, while Ely is worried somewhat by the situation just at present, there is a general spirit of optimism among all classes.

ELY A PLEASANT PLACE

Ely lies at an altitude of nearly seven thousand feet, is three hundred miles north of Las Vegas, and naturally has snow, ice and bitter cold during the winters.

During the summers, the climate is delightful and the mountain regions about are full of trout streams and hunting grounds. It is an interesting country, with historic old mining camps to arouse interest. Among others are the famous old camps of Hamilton; beautiful Oscola; the "Coke Ovens" and many others.

Mount Wheeler with an altitude of more than 13,000 feet, is the highest peak in Nevada. On its eastern foothill slope is the famous Lehman Cave, noted far and wide for its interest and outstanding beauty.

ELY PEOPLE

The thing which gives Ely its greatest attraction is the fine, upstanding, vital character of its people. I know of no place where there is a larger proportion of interesting people than at Ely. And, for those who are privileged to go there once in a while, the chief pleasures come from associations with the people of Ely who seem to possess in an unusual degree the happy faculties of congenial sociability.

HIGHWAY TO ELY

The drive from Las Vegas to Ely, a distance of about 310 miles, is made in about six hours without trouble. The trip is full of interest, every mile presenting something of

scenic or historic interest.

From Las Vegas the paved highway goes to Glendale; thence, branching to the northwest, through a few miles of typical desert badlands into Paranaghat Valley.

Maynard lake and lower and upper Paranaghat lakes add beauty and interest and there are vast areas of green meadow lands dotted with contented herds. Alamo is still a town of the old west although it now boasts a fine high school plant and many new dwellings are being built.

After leaving Alamo the highway turns east near Crystal Springs and climbs the long slope within sight of the famous old camp of Delamar, to the juniper clothed summit near Callente.

From Callente the highway winds up Meadow Valley Wash, past the pioneer town of Panaca where is situated the Lincoln County high school; past the ruined smelter and town of Bouillionville where ores from the Pioche mines were treated more than sixty years ago, to the reborn city of Pioche.

At Pioche some of the most important developments in Nevada are quietly being pushed since the construction of the \$1,055,000 power transmission line which makes cheap power available to that entire region.

The mining companies to facilitate the handling of ores from various parts of the underground areas, are constructing a great working tunnel at the 1400 foot level to connect two working shafts 4,450 feet apart. A notable piece of work. In addition to this plans are made for the construction of large mills for working the ores and actual construction on these will be begun in the near future.

The Pioche operations are preliminary to the building of great electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical plants in the Las Vegas area where the availability of very cheap electric power makes it desirable to treat the concentrates produced by the Pioche mills.

From Pioche north, the highway runs for nearly 100 miles up the vast expanse of Lake Valley. Midway of this course is the Guyser Ranch, for many years the only sign of civilization in that region. The 110 miles of highway between Pioche and Ely is all paved except 49 miles, the contract for the oiling of which has already been let.

Through Connors Pass near the Ely end, the highway runs through a scenic mountain country, and, although about the most crooked road in the west, is said to be easy and pleasant to drive. This is a great sheep country and one may suddenly find the highway overrun by thousands of sheep being driven to pastures new.

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