

Death Valley Live Doings

By "The Rambler"

Senator and Mrs. Charles Brown, who have passed most of the winter and spring months in Sacramento, have returned to their home, at Shoeshone, in southern Inyo county. Charlie, who used to represent—and fight for us, in the Inyo county councils of the Board of Supervisors, but who was elevated, at the last election, in 1938, to the California state senate, says he used to think he had some work, and some scrap-pin' to do, in the county job, among the Board members, but that the change from the county job to that of state senator, was a good deal like goin' from a ladies' ping-pong game into a big-league football game; Says they went into many a 'huddle' during the recent, stormy session, and thinks they really did a lot of good for the middle class and common people, at the recent session. He adds that, while there was a lot of "pullin' 'n' haulin'", in all directions—there was not much hair-pullin' because there were only a couple of women in the august body.

Mrs. James Rogers, former pioneer resident here, has been visiting friends and attending to business affairs in the Death Valley district, during the past week. Mrs. Rogers, who lived at the Junction, with her husband for close to 30 years, after having sold out their holdings to the Borax Co., departed, with Mr. Rogers, on March 6. On the way to Los Angeles, Mr. Rogers was seized by illness, and immediately placed in a hospital there, where he passed away, March 16—just 10 days following their departure from here. Since then Mrs. Rogers has traveled considerable, and has been making her home with a sister, in Massachusetts, where she will return in the near future. She states her youngest son, James, who is married and has a fine wife and baby, is living with his family in Truckee, California.

Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Miller have recently returned from a short trip to Los Angeles, and environs. The Millers state their son, Bernard, formerly employed here, is now an enthusiastic aviation student in the Los Angeles district.

Miss Rosalind Fuller has just returned from a visit to friends—and her sister, Miss Jane Fuller, at Barstow and vicinity. Miss Jane, who has been employed for some time in the offices of the Barstow schools, has been expected back at the Junction, following closing of the schools, but Jane seems to have a pretty solid "stand-in" with the school people down there.

Mr. Edgar (Sheik) Wagnon, a native born and bred, Death Valleyite, who has been diligently pursuing his senior year high school course, at Lone Pine, was graduated with his class therefrom a couple of weeks ago. It is reported that Sheik made a splendid showing in his work and his grades, in high school. When the school authorities had signed on the dotted

line of his diploma, and Sheik had finally frozen onto that tough, old hard earned sheep skin, having a good job awaiting him, he did not even come home to say "good-bye" to his friends at the Junction, but lit out immediately for Yellowstone National Park, where he slid right into the old job he held last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barlow, the former general manager of the Company garage here, left last week, for a six weeks' outing at Oceanside and other southern California resorts. During Ben's absence at the garage, Eddie Grimes, of the floor of the Valley, has moved up, with Mrs. Grimes, where Eddie is in charge of the big garage here.

Miss Goldie Paulsen has just returned to her home, at the Junction following completion of her junior year in the high school in Barstow.

Mr. Owen Montgomery, Borax Co. accountant, returned home last Friday from a short trip to Sacramento, where he visited with Mrs. Montgomery in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vernard Davis. Mr. Montgomery edged into the Senate Chamber, in the Capitol building, and watched the merry go round, where his daughter, Mrs. Davis served as secretary to Senator Charles Brown. Mr. "Monte" said, however, that ONE HOUR in the Senate Chamber was all he could stand; said it set his head to swirling.

Mr. Tex McCall formerly associated with King Gillette, in production of a high class, facial beauty clay obtained from his property in Ash Meadows, has been in and out of the district for the past ten days, on business connected with heavy holdings which he still retains in Ash Meadows. He is still operating one of his ranches, known as the Japan Ranch. Mr. McCall was accompanied by Mrs. Harding, a pioneer financier and business woman of the Angel city. Her daughter was formerly, for a period of four years, one of ex-president Herbert Hoover's secretaries, while he occupied the White House.

Within two hours after termination of Commencement Exercises at U. S. C., in Los Angeles recently, Miss Mary Lillian Gower, was on her way, with her father Mr. Harry P. Gower, to Dear Old Death Valley, home of her youth, where she loves to be with her family and friends, in the free, open desert earned one of the few scholarships, at Hollywood high school, last year, had a great thrill at graduation exercises at U. S. C., this year. During progress of the program, with interest centered upon, and most of the honors going to the seniors, her name called out and spoken of as the outstanding student of the freshman class. This is interesting indeed, to us Death Valleyites, who remember Miss Mary Lillian, as just a few years ago, a pupil in the Death Valley Junction grade school. Miss Mary Lillian returned to Hollywood during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gower, for the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Riley Shum, of the Emergency hospital were delighted, during the past week by a surprise

visit of Dr. Shrum's brother, Mr. Dick Shrum, the latter's wife and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Coffeyville, Kansas. They were accompanied by a sister, Miss Bradie Shrum, of Salem, Indiana, who just retired from the Salem schools, where she terminated 40 consecutive years of teaching in the primary grades. Miss Shrum lost less than one week's time, in the 40 years' service, because of illness, or fault of her own. The visitors, having already visited Boulder Dam, Los Angeles and Hollywood, before arriving here, after a tour of Death Valley proceeded to the Fair, on Treasure Island, and thence to Yellowstone National Park.

On our arrival at Panamint Springs, we found the proprietors and camp attendants in jitters, over the elopement of two of their trusted camp employes, Mr. Wallace Campbell and Miss Edna Baker. The couple had left camp a few days previously, without notice or warning of any kind, but the day prior to our arrival, had wired M. Reed, from Minden, Nevada, that they were married—and happy, and that after a few days honeymooning would return to camp.

Panamint Springs is in the general vicinity of famous old Panamint City, which flourished as a silver boom camp, along in the 1870's, following the heavy slump in silver production, from the old Virginia City, (Nevada) Camp, just prior hereto. It was Panamint City to which Senator William Stewart of Nevada retired after his defeat following demonetization of silver by the U. S. Congress, in 1873. It seems that Stewart, able lawyer, who had earned fame and accumulated millions in the early Virginia City boom days, was inveigled into voting for the bill in congress, which demonetized silver. With the heavy slump in silver production, from the Virginia City mines, the slump in the price of the metal, as a result of demonetization and the fact that Stewart had voted for the bill, he was defeated at the next election. Hence, even though able and still active and vigorous, he was a "lame duck," politically speaking. His colleague, in the senate, Senator Jones, however, was still popular, wealthy and powerful themselves together in developing what at first was a very rich, and seemed an inexhaustible deposit of silver in and about Panamint City. A large mill was constructed, and even a smelter was built, and to supply the smelter a series of coke ovens were built, up in the mountains, where timber was plentiful—in Wild Rose canyon. (These coke ovens are still in evidence)—Stewart spent much of his time in the rapidly growing boom camp, while Jones still occupied his seat in the U. S. Senate. (To be continued, if you want it)—

RAILROAD BOYS ORGANIZE BAND

The Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Band organized at a meeting of the players Friday evening. There are now sixteen pieces in the band and they are making good progress as the result of frequent meetings for practice. The officers of the organization are as follows: David Farnsworth, president; H. D. Busick, vice-president; A. H. Johnson, secretary-treasurer and Joe Banner, director.

DR. MARTIN PURCHASES OLD AUTOMOBILE GARAGE

Dr. R. W. Martin has purchased from the Nevada Rapid Transit Company the large building on Main street, known as the automobile garage, with three lots on which it stands. It is the Doctor's intention not to tear down the present building and construct a thoroughly modern up to date hospital on the site. The improvement is one which is badly needed, as present hospital facilities in Vegas are very limited.

Hints to Gardeners

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Know Your Herbs

HERBS are becoming more popular each year because they are easy to grow and help make everyday dishes more appetizing and flavorful.

Here are important facts about the more important herbs:

Anise—Seeds used to flavor bread, cake, cookies and candy; green leaves good for salad flavoring.

Borage—Leaves and flowers give unusual tang to fruit drinks and are good garnish for salads; blossoms attractive as cut flowers.

Balm—Fresh sprigs add flavorful touch to fruit drinks.

Basil—Leaves give spicy taste to green salads, to dishes containing tomato or cheese, and to meats and soups.

Caraway—Seeds used to flavor bread, cake, cookies, cheeses, baked apples and other baked fruits.

Chives—Young leaves eaten like onions, or cut up to flavor soups and salads.

Dill—Both seeds and leaves used for making dill pickles.

Sweet Fennel—Fresh stems eaten like celery or used in salads; bulb at base eaten raw or cooked; leaves add flavor to sauces and soups; seeds used to flavor candy.

Marjoram—Often used for seasoning poultry dressings; young leaves also good in salads and soups; makes attractive house plant.

Sage—Excellent for use in meat and poultry dressings.

Summer savory—Leaves and flowering tops used in dressings, boiled with peas and snap beans, or cut up fresh on salads.

Nervous, Weak, Ankles Swollen?

Much nervousness is caused by an excess of acids and poisons due to functional Kidney and Bladder disorders which may also cause Getting Up Nights, Burning Passages, Swollen Joints, Backache, Circles Under Eyes, Excess Acidity, Leg Pains and Dizziness. Help your kidneys purify your blood with Cystex. Usually the very first dose starts helping your kidneys clean out excess acids and this soon may make you feel like new. Cystex must satisfy you completely or money back is guaranteed. Get Cystex (siss-tex) today. It costs only 3c a dose at druggists and the guarantee protects you.