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**SHOPPING NEWS**

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**OBSERVATIONS**  
By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

**THE DAY OF YOUTH**

I wonder if, when Longfellow wrote the lines about youth in his immortal "Moriturus Salutamus," he had in mind today in Las Vegas! "How beautiful is youth! how bright it gleams

"With its illusions, aspirations, dreams!

"Book of Beginnings, Story without End,

"Each maid a heroine, and each man a friend!

"All possibilities are in its hands, "No danger daunts it, and no foe withstands;

"In its sublime audacity of faith, "Be thou removed! to the mountain saith,

"And with ambitious feet, secure and proud,

"Ascends the ladder leaning on the cloud.

"We who are old . . . salute you; hail you; take your hands in ours,

"And crown you with our welcome as with flowers!"

Because this day is the special day of youth for this youthful city of Las Vegas. Several hundred young folks are here attending the Epworth League convention for Southern California, Arizona and Nevada, and the Beta Sigma Phi state convention and we are greeting them with the gift of the young spring; the tender green of the cottonwoods; the turquoise skies; the crystal air and the graceful crescent of the young moon.

And so "We who are old" if any there be in Las Vegas, join in the welcome Henry W. Longfellow wrote for us sixty-five years ago. We can only hope that you will cherish that priceless jewel of youth. It is said by oldsters, "There is no substitute for experience!" We oldsters also say, "Youth is life's choicest treasure." So, if I had the wealth of Croesus, I would give it all to the last sen, yen, kopek, sou or cent if it would buy back for me the past fifty years. This being impossible, may we preserve and take our youth with us on the journey into old age as the most precious luggage time will allow us to carry.

**MORE INDIAN MURDER STORY**

Las Vegas may be well tired of Queho and the mysteries of Indian murders, but my old and dear friend J. T. McWilliams, who came into this country about the year 1893 and his lived and been a part of its history and its activities ever since, is kind enough to set me right on the particulars of the story I wrote in the Age, November 26, 1910 and quoted last week, in which I said the Indian killer in 1893 killed among others Tom Murphy, brother of Frank Murphy.

McWilliams tells me that the time was 1895 instead of 1893 and that it was Charley Monahan, brother of Frank Monahan of the firm of Monahan and Murphy of Needles, who was killed, and that Tom Murphy, brother of Dan Murphy is still living in California although Dan Murphy died a few months ago.

I also am indebted to Mr. L. V. Root, Editor of the Mohave County Miner (Kingman) for a correction of the story.

Victims of the murders at Eldorado Canyon and Cottonwood Island Mr. McWilliams tells me, were Judge Morton, who received his title because he was notary public at Nelson, and two men named Jones and Franzen.

An Indian named Abbot did the killings, and his brother was sent out to avenge them. He finally overtook the murderer, killed him and cut off one hand which he took back as evidence of duty well done. The whites were not satisfied with this, so the avenger went back to where he had left the body, cut off the murderer's head and took it back. This, being still in such condition that it could be identified, was considered satisfactory evidence that vengeance was done.

Mr. McWilliams is a real pioneer, not a recent arrival of 1905 or thereafter. He came to this desert country in 1893 and was employed on one of the first efforts to develop the Colorado River. He was sent out as an engineer and surveyor to report on the feasibility of taking water from the Colorado and building a canal to irrigate a tract of 100,000 acres of land in Arizona not far from Needles. After making surveys and investigations he reported the project not feasible unless a high dam was built in Bulls Head Canyon. This, of course, was out of the question at that time because of the engineering difficulties and the great cost. Moreover, it was impossible to get a permit from the War Department which had jurisdiction over navigable streams be-

**Mesquite Club Hears Interesting Talk On Indian History**

The Mesquite met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Carl Rau presiding. It was a special occasion as there were guests from the clubs of Needles, Caliente and Overton. Music was provided by pupils of Mrs. LeRoy Whipple which was very much enjoyed. Dr. Park gave a most interesting talk on the pre-historic Indian occupancy of Clark County. He had many relics which he had unearthed in the Moapa Valley and from around Las Vegas. Tea was served from a beautifully appointed table and a delightful social hour brought the afternoon to a close.

**4-H'ers Boosting Electrical Work**

Farm electrification will be stepped up throughout Nevada this year through the acceptance by the State Extension Service of the National 4-H Rural Electrification Contest. Full particulars may be secured from the local county agent. It is open equally to 4-H members on farms with and without electricity.

The contest is aimed to encourage and assist boys and girls to conduct a study of the values of electricity to a community, to determine practical uses in their homes, to do their part in adding to the conveniences and efficiency of the farm and home operation, and to develop an understanding of how electricity may be utilized in producing light, heat, and power.

Many communities have benefited by past activities of clubsters in this line, and in a number of cases county rural electrification committees have been organized as a result of 4-H sponsored lectures and exhibits.

The contest offers gold medals for county winners and all-expense trips to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago November 29 to December 7 for top State records. Six college scholarships of \$200 each are provided with the other named awards by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company for a national blue award group selected from State winners. No fee or obligation of any nature is involved.

**Governor Visits Rotary Meeting**

Las Vegas Rotary Club had as its particular guest of honor at its meeting Thursday noon, Nevada's Governor E. F. Carville. After expressing his pleasure at coming to Las Vegas to attend the meeting of the Tri-State Conference of Colorado River commissioners and the dedication of the new Union Pacific depot, the governor declared that the conference is making progress along lines which, if followed through, will be very beneficial to the entire west.

Mrs. L. B. Hodges, chairman of the motion picture committee of the California PTA, declared: "The motion picture is an art in itself yet it incorporates all the arts, literature, science, music, architecture and all the others. After 20 years experimentation in the class rooms with motion pictures, we have found that we can accomplish quickly results in education of the young what otherwise would be long and tedious."

Following her address a composite film of many subjects was shown by K. O. Knudson as illustrating the methods used in education by motion pictures.

Among other distinguished guests present were a number of the officials here to attend the Colorado River conference.

The high school male quartette provided the musical feature of the program, giving two excellent selections.

**Beta Sigma Phi Convention Here**

Lambda Chapter of older City and Kappa Chapter of Las Vegas will be joint hostesses to the delegates attending the Beta Sigma Phi convention which will convene in Las Vegas Saturday afternoon.

Several state officers and delegates are expected from Reno, Carson City, Fallon, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely and Tonopah.

An informal dinner at the Apache Marine room at which Kappa members will be hostesses will be followed by a business session.

The Lambda members will entertain with a breakfast at the Boulder City hotel Sunday morning after which the guests will enjoy a trip through the Dam.

Dr. and Mrs. Hale Slavina spent the week in Los Angeles.

**Today's Program Of Dedication**

The dedication ceremony of the new depot will commence Saturday afternoon with the march of the City Band and Drum Corps down Fremont street to the new Union Pacific depot.

The dedication ceremony follows.

4.00 PM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies, A.E. Cahlan, Editor Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal.

4.15 PM Address of Welcome by Honorable E. P. Carville, Governor of Nevada.

4.30 PM Dedication by W. M. Jeffers, President, Union Pacific.

4.45 PM Acceptance by Mayor Russell, on behalf of City.

5.00 PM Benediction by Bryan Bunker, President LDS Stake.

Traffic officers will be stationed at Main and Fremont to guide automobiles north and south on Main street so that the circular driveways and park will be available for the public. Automobile drivers are requested to use Carson and Ogden streets, where ample parking room will be available near the bus garage south of Fremont and near the freight depot north of Fremont.

The dance will commence at nine o'clock in the evening at the War Memorial building, to which the public is invited as guests of the Union Pacific.

After the dedication ceremonies are completed at five o'clock the interior of the new depot will be open to inspection by the public.

**DR. DANA LITTLE CLAIMS BRIDE**

A wedding of much interest to the many friends of the participants will be solemnized Saturday evening at seven thirty o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Balcom when their son, Dr. Dana Little of Boulder City, will be united in marriage to Mrs. Helen Groves of Long Beach, California.

To the strains of bridal music sung by Mrs. Mildren Stewart the young couple will proceed to the improvised altar where their vows will be pledged before Rev. Ford Gilbert. They will be attended by the groom's twin brother, Dr. Morse Little and his wife, of Reno.

The bride will wear a powder blue gown and carry a shower bouquet.

The bride is an attractive young lady from Long Beach, California. The groom is very well known here where he and his brother spent their summers while preparing for their chosen profession. He is located in Boulder City.

After the ceremony, which will be witnessed by the families of the young couple and several old friends a delicious buffet supper will be served. The guests include:

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodbury, Dr. and Mrs. John McDaniels, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Hardy, Dr. and Mrs. Morse Little of Reno, Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Balcom and daughters, Betty and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Breeze, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Morse and children, Mollie and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Stewart and daughter, Barbara of Pomona, Mrs. F. A. McMillan of Long Beach, Mrs. Bradshaw of Beverly Hills, Lowell Guest, brother of the bride, and Mrs. Emma Morse of Las Vegas, grandmother of the groom.

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**Hams Hosts At Hardy Wedding**

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The ceremony was performed by Judge Roger Foley in the living room of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ham at 1000 South Sixth street. Among the wedding party were the mother of the bride, Mrs. M. L. Jones, her sister, Betty Brooks; her brother, Thomas Jones; Attorney Ben W. Shipman of Los Angeles; Mr. Hardy's secretary, Ernest Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Russell.

The groom, who received his final decree of divorce February 23, 1940, after waiting three years because he was too busy to attend to it, gave his age as 48. The bride is 26.

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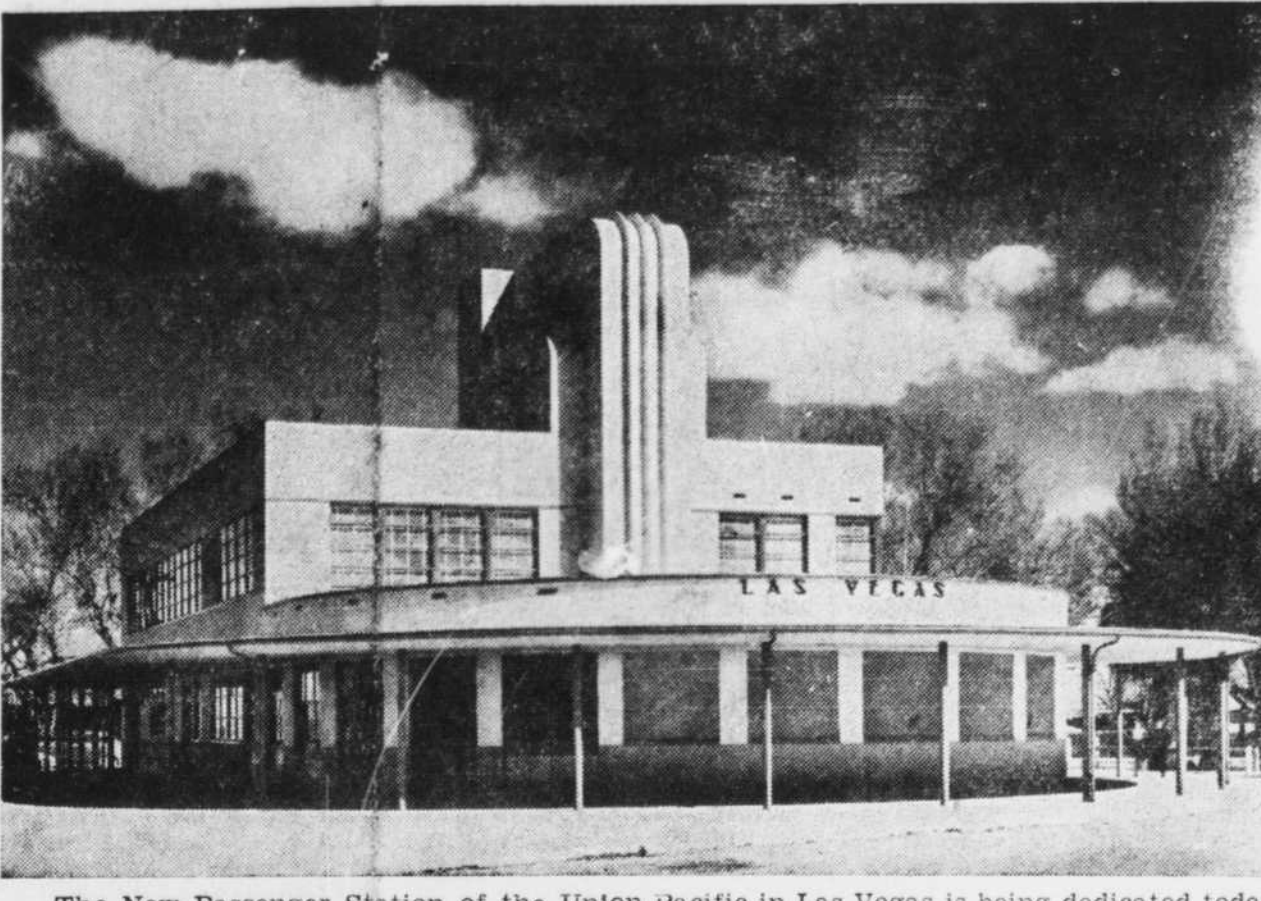
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**UNION PACIFIC'S NEW DEPOT AT LAS VEGAS**



The New Passenger Station of the Union Pacific in Las Vegas is being dedicated today. It is the World's First Streamlined, completely air-conditioned railroad passenger station. It has been described by architects as one of the most beautiful in design and superlatively complete in appointments in the United States.

List of Union Pacific Railroad executives attending the opening of the new station includes:

WILLIAM MARTIN JEFFERS, president. ARTHUR A. MURPHY, assistant to president.  
F. W. ROBINSON, vice-president. WALTER R. BRACKEN, special representative.  
OTTO JABELMANN, vice-president. A. V. KIPP, traffic manager.  
G. F. ASHBY, assistant to president. W. H. GUILD, general manager.  
J. C. GALE, assistant to president. R. E. DRUMMY, general passenger agent.

**Chamber Fears National Park**

At Tuesday's meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, two new members were elected to membership, Home Lumber Company and Standard Wholesale Supply Co.

C. D. Baker reported on the proposal to make the Lake Mead recreational area a National Park. He advised that the effect of such action upon mining in the area be carefully considered and steps taken to insure the rights of prospectors and miners in case the change should be made.

An interesting motion picture showing the history of petroleum and petroleum products and their vital influence on the civilization of today, was shown by representative of the Standard Oil Company of California.

**Will Dedicate Masonic Temple**

Formal ceremonies will be held March 30 in dedication of the Masonic Temple, built and completed by Vegas Lodge No. 32, F & A M several years ago, but never dedicated.

Grand Master C. A. Carlson, Jr., will officiate at the dedication ceremonies and he will be assisted by other grand officers and past grand officers.

Preceding the dedication dinner will be served in the dining room of the temple promptly at 6:30. The dedicatory ceremony will begin at 7:30. At 8:00 there will be a Masonic address of note.

All Master Masons are invited to be present.

**Visits Mother**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Von Tobel, Sr., 214 South Second street are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth H. Zahn and small daughter, Margaret Mary, of Los Angeles.

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**Joe Morgan Will Enjoy Vacation**

Joe Morgan, owner of the Silver Club, Silver Cafe and Golden Camel, has leased his property for two years and is planning to enjoy a well earned vacation in the meantime.

Joe, for many years active in the life of Las Vegas, will be missed in business circles, but, as always, he will return after a little travel, and get busy again, we hope.

**Many Shriners Coming April 7**

Between sixteen hundred and two thousand Knights of the Mystic Shrine will arrive in Boulder City early on the morning of Sunday, April 7, by special trains, according to information received here by President Howell Garrison of the Boulder-Vegas Shrine Club.

The plans include a visit to Boulder Dam and Lake Mead, following which the crowd will visit Las Vegas to remain here until the special trains leave for California that evening.

A dinner-meeting of Boulder-Vegas Shrine Club has been called for next Monday evening, March 11, at the 91 Club to make arrangements for such entertainment as is possible to extend the visitors.

One of the great problems of the affair is to secure sufficient automobiles to transport the visitors. It is estimated that at least 65 cars must be provided to properly care for the big crowd.

**Mrs. Miller Spends Weekend in Boulder City**

Mrs. Lillie Miller, 1000 South Sixth street spent last week-end visiting at the home of Mrs. Bus Krause in Boulder City, with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Schurr and two small daughters of Yuma, Arizona, who were also house guests of the Krauses.

**Epworth League Youth Are Here**

The members of the Epworth League of the First Methodist of Las Vegas are entertaining the Epworth League of the southern California, Arizona conference some 200 strong.

The young folks accompanied by many men prominent in the Methodist church of the Citrus belt region arrived Friday evening in special cars attached to the regular train.

Accommodations have been arranged for them by a very efficient staff of local league members. From four to six visiting guests registered and were assigned to their quarters and at seven thirty were entertained with a buffet supper at the church dining room. The speaker of the evening was Royal H. Reinsner, who spoke on the subject, "Men or Marionettes."

Devotions this morning were in charge of Rev. Glenn Smiley followed by an address on "Christian Fellowship; a Way of Peril and Source of Power," by Royal H. Reinsner. After lunch the visitors were taken to the Dam. At six thirty this evening they will reassemble for a banquet with Gerald Ellis as toastmaster.

Sunday morning at nine fifteen there will be an address on "Christian Fellowship; a Way of Life or a Way of Worship," by Royal H. Reinsner. This will be followed by an installation of regional officers. The out of town guests will leave at eleven a.m. for their homes.

Among the adult guests are three District Superintendents, Dr. F. G. H. Stevens of the Pasadena district, Dr. J. L. Lyons of the San Diego district and Dr. Paul Hueber of the Arizona district. Also Rev. Eymann of Boulder City, Dr. I. A. Engle of San Bernardino, Rev. E. Dow Hoffman, Fullerton; Rev. Harold Preston, Needles; Rev. J. D. Van Buskirk, Corona; Rev. E. Clyde Smith, Tempe, Arizona; Rev. Robert M. Horniston of Trona, California; Harvey Stanford of Las Vegas who led the discussions.

The Vegas committee who so efficiently cared for the guests were as follows:

Housing . . . Martha Scott  
Transportation . . . Bill Gildner  
Housing Committee . . . Aran Berry  
Checkroom . . . Lois Hampton  
Communion . . . Phyllis Baker  
Decorations . . . Sarah Smith  
Program . . . Virginia Harris  
Meals . . . Mary Jane Griffith  
Reception . . . Wilma Burns  
General Convention Chairman . . . Buff Dawson

Local League President, Martha Scott ably aided and abetted by Rev. and Mrs. Ford Gilbert.

**WALL STREET MANAGER HERE**

A. E. Place, manager of the Wall Street mine in Eldorado Canyon, was a visitor in Vegas Friday last.

He reports that the Canyon is prosperous with a number of properties operating with profit. The Wall Street is employing about 35 men it is reported.

Miss Emma Lonergan of the Carroll Gift & Toggery shop left early in the week for a few days visit in Los Angeles.

**WORLD'S FIRST STREAMLINED COMPLETELY AIR-CONDITIONED PASSENGER STATION FINISHED**

(By R. B. Denton)

Nestling against the rugged western slopes of the Charleston Mountains where the desert begins in the primitive country of southern Nevada, lies Las Vegas, one of America's last frontiers, on the transcontinental mainline of the Union Pacific railroad.

Although its setting is primitive, Las Vegas is modern, up-to-the-minute community, host each year to hundreds of thousands of tourists from both coasts who make it the base for trips to nearby scenic areas.

These tourist attractions include Boulder City, lovely model community at Boulder Dam, thirty minutes drive from Las Vegas; the Grand Canyon, readily accessible by boat across Lake Mead, which extends more than 100 miles back into the mountains behind Boulder Dam; Death Valley; the Southern Utah Parks; and the winter snow sports areas in the Charleston Mountains, 45 minutes from Las Vegas.

As a Greta Green, because of Nevada's amiable marriage laws, and as a divorce center where a minimum residence is required and there is such a wide variety of diversions for the visitor, Las Vegas is rapidly outstripping widely-publicized Reno.

Nevada's leniency in the matter of games of chance, of course, applies at Las Vegas.

Since 1905, when the Union Pacific railroad completed the westward drive of its mainline rails to the coast and established a station in a railroad car at Las Vegas, the railroad has kept pace with the continued development of the community.

And the latest improvement there is the world's first streamlined, completely air-conditioned railroad passenger station, just completed.

The station has a typical modernistic western motif, executed in frame and stucco. The structure has been described by architects as one of the most beautiful in design and superlatively complete in appointments in the United States.

The wing of the building housing the ticket office and waiting lounge is semicircular, surrounded on three sides by a sheltered promenade, and one story in height.

The baggage and express departments, and the offices of the operating and other rail officials will be accommodated in the main portion of the building, which rises to two stories.

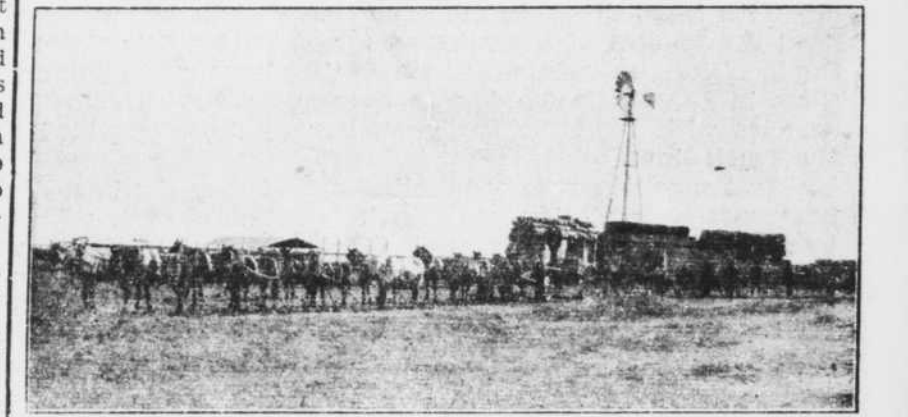
Cleverly concealed in a spectacular tower surmounting the building is the cooling equipment for the refrigerating apparatus of the air-conditioning system.

Extending the full length of the station are platforms long enough to accommodate the biggest trains, including the Union Pacific's seventeen-car streamliners.

Plans for the station are from the board of H. L. Gogery, noted Hollywood architect. The construction work was completed by Ryberg Brothers of Salt Lake City, general contractors.

The list of sub-contractors includes the Nevada Electric Company of Las Vegas, who, with the General Electric Air Conditioning Company, installed the air conditioning system; P. L. Larson Company of Provo, Utah, plumbing and heating; L. D. Reeder Company of Los Angeles, floor coverings; Ted Miller of Salt Lake City, lathing and plastering; Industrial Steel Company of Salt Lake City, structural steel; the Salt Lake Mill and Cabinet Company, millwork; Druwhit Metal Products Company of Los Angeles, steel window sashes; Hugh S. Rawlings of Riverside, California, painting; Walter E. Welborne of Los Angeles, lighting fixtures; Crager Wire and Iron Works of Salt Lake City, ornamental metal; and the Bradford Building Products Company of Los Angeles, steel partitions.

**Transportation, Before the Railroad**



This is the type of transportation in use in and about Las Vegas in and prior to 1905, but which was displaced by the railroad.

Las Vegas in 1905, had many corrals where freighting concerns kept their stock and outfits. At least a thousand head of horses and mules were quartered in Las Vegas during that year and several hundred teamsters attended them. It is not surprising then that the two outstanding features of Las Vegas in those days before the railroads took over the transportation problems of this desert country were dust and flies.

There were no paved streets; in fact most of the travel by the great freight teams of sixteen or twenty horses or mules and three heavy wagons followed tracks here and there through the towns just as they did before the streets were staked out. The hoofs and wheels cut deep into the earth and ground the soil into dust so fine that it would float in the air at the slightest breeze.

As stifling and annoying as the dust was, it ranked second in distress-making qualities to the flies. Horses and flies are just natural companions and in the heat and dust and horse droppings of that summer of 1905 flies found their natural and happy home. In truth it is said by some of those who were here then that the flies were the only perfectly happy creatures in Las Vegas.

So here we have a couple of good reasons again to bless the railroads. They banished dust and flies.

**The Armour Ice Plant**



In the Las Vegas Age of July 1, 1905, we read:

"Superintendent B. H. Wright of the Las Vegas Ice & Manufacturing Co., is getting ready to begin operations about July 10th. Twenty men will be employed at the plant and ice will be furnished at about half the present rates (which was three cents per pound).

The plant was completed and began making ice at the rate of about fifty tons per day. It was a wonderful convenience, the price of ice for local use being reduced to one cent per pound. We considered this enterprise, sponsored by the railroad

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