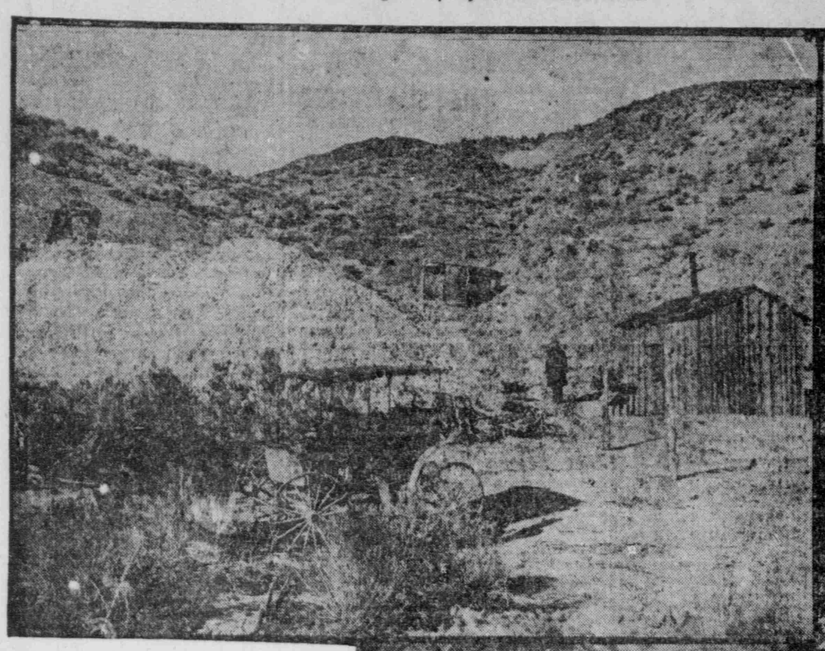
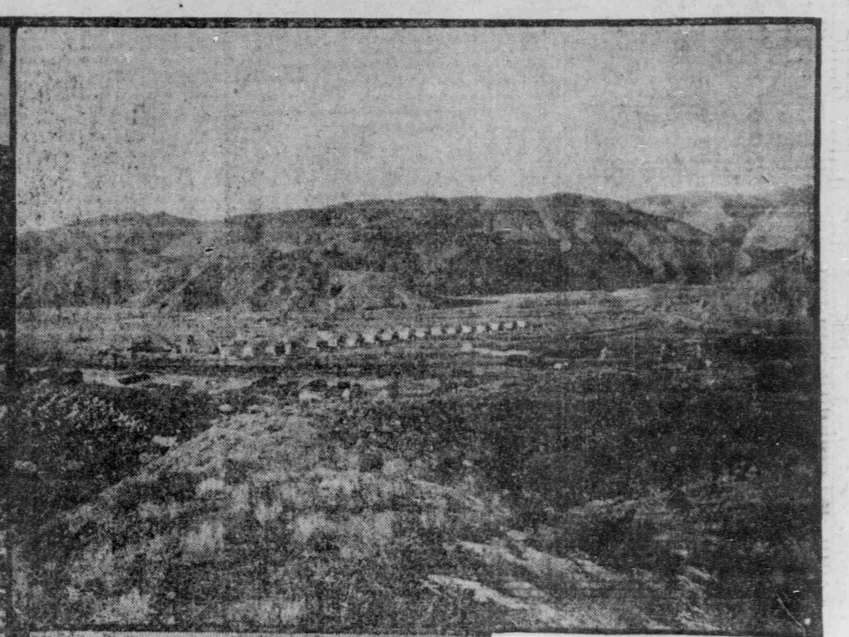
Thriving Caliente, Centre of Rich Region

Caliente Gold Mining Company's Fetterman Mine.



Calico Mine in Antelope Canyon, Property of Dr. E. R. Keen.

Caliente With Mountain of Rich Gold Deposits



The Lone Star, 800-Foot Breast of Ore South of Denton Hotel, Caliente.

Antelope Canyon, Where Some of the Rich Caliente Mines Are Located.

CALIENTE is one of the principal towns on the line of Senator W. A. Clark's railroad between Salt Lake and the southern metropolis of California, Los Angeles. It is one of the main division points, and contains a population of about 500, ranking as the second town in Lincoln county. The railroad company has its repair shops at this point, and also one of the largest roundhouses along the line of the road.

The population is made up of progressive American citizens, and has made the town a lively and enterprising place.

Among the many improvements here are to be found eighteen cottages built by the railroad company for the accommodation of its employes. They are of the finest construction, the smaller cottages one story in height and containing four rooms, while the two-story structures contain six rooms, and all of them completed with a view to the convenience of the tenants. There is no company in the country that has looked more to the comfort and welfare of its employes than has this company.

Center of the Mining Districts.

Caliente is the natural distributing point for many of the big mining districts of the state, and the remark is often made by many who have never seen the town that to get to any of these great bullion-producing districts you must first visit Caliente. You can reach from here Pioche, De Lamar, Ely, Irish Mountain, Freiberg, Timpaute, Groom, Fay, Pennsylvania and the Jack Rabbit districts, not to mention our own great mineral empire, the equal of the best. All are contiguous to Caliente.

Stages run daily out of Caliente to Pioche, Panaca and De Lamar. Senator Denton, with his line of stages, makes regular trips, to those camps, and he has never been known to miss a trip.

The mineral possibilities about Caliente are simply wonderful. The hills and valleys are ribbed with leads and ledges containing valuable minerals of all kinds and characters.

The country in and about Caliente is streaked with gold ledges, varying in value from a few dollars to the ton to fabulous assays from pieces picked up here and there along the course of the veins and ledges. Pioche alone, one of the great bullion-producing camps the world has ever known, lies only a short distance from Caliente; and De Lamar, one other that promises to equal any, has its outlet through this town. All of these camps are again in preparation for sending forth the wealth that yet remains within the fastness of these mountain belts ribbing the great Nevada desert. Pioche has been forgotten in the mad swirl of other Nevada camps, but it is not all, but only short distances intervene between many of the old mining camps in this desert country in the vicinity of Caliente that are being revived owing to the progressive personality of Senator Clark, who has made it possible for the upbuilding of Lincoln county into one of the greatest mineral empires known in the west.

Great Future in Store.

Caliente is in but the beginning of its greatness. There are more prospectors in the mountains about Caliente now than there are in any other portion of Nevada, and they are preparing for the day of harvest that is bound to come. Even at the very threshold of the homes and the firesides of the residents of Caliente are rich leads of enormous size, which in a short time will be turning out riches that will in themselves make those who have profited by their judgment in securing ground, equal in riches to any of the mining men of Nevada. This is no idle dream. Caliente has a magnificent future, and the residents of Lincoln county will share in the harvest.

It is now a fact that the ties and rails are to be laid on the Pioche branch, which has been graded for the last five years between this place and Pioche. The ore shipped from the mines belonging to the company at Pioche, to the Salt Lake reduction works, terminated very satisfactorily; even more so than had been expected.

The company has agreed, it is said, to put up the money, amounting to $80,000, for completing the road to Pioche, and the company is to get that money back in freight rates over the line. This the Utah-Nevada company will do, for it has learned by the experience of others that it will not pay to reduce the ores at the mines, and that it is much more economical to haul them out than it is to ship freight in.

What Pioche Branch Means.

This will be welcome news to all of this surrounding country. It means much for Caliente. After the road has been completed all the freight and supplies will have to go in by this route, not only for the mines of Pioche, but to all of the other mines, including the rich copper country about Ely. Caliente will be the natural distributing point for all of these places.

It means much, not for this place alone, but it means equally as much for Pioche, for it will be from that point that teams will load for all of the other adjacent mining camps tributary to that place. There is no doubt this is one of the greatest mining centers in the state of Nevada. Every mining man of experienced who has visited the mining sections about Caliente, pronounce them the most wonderful mineral showings that it has been their pleasure to investigate; and this does not apply to the mines about Caliente alone, but to those of all of the surrounding camps as well.

When the road to Pioche is completed, these truths will be more evident, and that time will not be long, for the Utah-Nevada company has an ample supply of ore, both in reserve in the mines and on the dumps of the several claims, fully up to the grade sent to Salt Lake to be tested. When the road is completed there will be no interruption on account of lack of ore.

No one can comprehend the immensity of the tonnage of ore that can be shipped from the mines without having first visited them; and then only can they conceive the possibilities, and why the Utah-Nevada company is wise in putting up the $80,000 to revive the work that has lain dormant for five years.

Credit Where Credit Is Due.

The credit for being able to get these ores to market can be given to Senator W. A. Clark, who has made it possible to work the mines and ship ores to market at a reasonable cost. It is the senator from Montana who built this San Pedro line and equipped it in a manner to meet all of the requirements in the handling of vast quantities of ore and other business. He is the same man who has made it possible to equip and build the branch line from Caliente to Pioche, which means so much for the town and county. One year ago there was but an occasional old structure and several "rag dumps" to mark the site of a promising town of size and population that will rank well with the best in the state of Nevada. Today Caliente has five large general mercantile stores, and their shelves are as well filled as any in any city of its size. Three hotels furnish the best of accommodations. The traveler can always find rest after having returned from adjacent mining camps, in any one of them. There are ten saloons, two bakeries, four restaurants, two meat markets, two drug stores, two barber shops, one clothing store, one lumber yard, two livery stables, one laundry, one assay office, one shoe shop, one newspaper, the Caliente Express; two blacksmith shops, three firms of contractors and builders, one handsome theatre building just completed by George Warren, three physicians, and we believe that not one of them has had a case in a month; one resident minister, the Rev. W. J. Gamble, who makes regular calls in De Lamar and Pioche to hold services, and in other mining camps where there are meetings held by this gentleman; and one of the finest school buildings in the county.

Caliente Grows Rapidly.

The town is on the increase from day to day. There is that spirit of progress that is noticed in every growing town. Caliente is bound to be one of the leading cities in Nevada. It can't help it, for the surrounding country will make a city out of Caliente. It is in the very heart of the great mineral zone of the state.

Through the personal efforts of George Fetterman, who dug wells along the route, Caliente is now the distributing point for the mines of the Kiwash mining district. Mr. Fetterman not only sank for water and was successful, but he built the road at his own individual expense and threw it open for public use. He reports that all of the mines in the Kiwash country are in a prosperous state, and that the producers have commenced shipment of first-class ores to Caliente, while the lower grades are left on the dumps to be worked later. The better class of ores are freighted here and other freight is hauled back.

Many who have had the pleasure of visiting Caliente speak in wonder of its possibilities. Had it not been for the enormous debt of $650,000 with which this county is cursed, Lincoln would have trebled its assessed valuation, but that load is now receiving the attention of prominent and patriotic citizens of the state, and it is hoped that at the next session of the legislature a refunding law will be enacted to lighten the load on the taxpayers. Then there will be such a forging ahead of all the mining and other interests as will startle the other portions of Nevada.

Good Country Around the Town.

The country about Caliente is not devoid of timber and vegetation. There is an abundance of wood taken from the scrubby pine, which abounds on the mountains on all sides; and in the valleys below there are to be found many prosperous farms, where are cultivated during the season crops of all kinds and descriptions. In some of the milder canyons tropical fruits are raised; and as for the grape, some of the choicest and most delicious raised in the west are grown along the Meadow Valley wash. There are great numbers of acres under cultivation, and there are more that can be settled upon and be made as profitable. This, too, will tend to the upbuilding of the town.

Cattle and stock raising is another industry of these surroundings. Owing to the more plentiful supply of water within reasonable distances, stock never suffers, and the ranges are sufficient for thousands of cattle. They are being used for this purpose now. Some of the finest beef cattle to be found in the state of Nevada are raised on the stock ranges about Caliente. This portion of the state, and the numerous mining districts, find their supply of cattle here at their own home, and the best there is in the land. Sheep, goats and other animals flourish in this country. As for ducks, quail and other feathered game, the deer, mountain sheep and the antelope, they are found for the hunting. The country surrounding this great mineral district is in reality a beauty spot on the map of this great state.

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here the faithful padre first erected the cross and tolled the mission bell, whose sweet tones, swelling over the vegas, warned the savages that the white man was amongst them to tell them the tale of the Great Spirit. The Spanish trail was known as the southern or Santa Fe trail.

The Coming of the Mormons.

After the Spanish dominance came the Mormon pioneer. This was in the early '50s. These at that time worked the noted Potosi mine, from which they mined and smelted large quantities of lead ore, shipping it by teams to Utah. There were originally about thirty families. The cottonwood trees planted by them are still standing, and with their noble and beautiful foliage are still giving the oasis of the desert a feature of enchantment unsurpassed in any other clime. In stately manner these mighty trees at the big spring and at the Stewart ranch remind man of his power to transforms the desert wastes of the Vegas valley into an entrancing sphere where unalloyed pleasure and comfort can be enjoyed and where the cereals, fruits and vegetables can be grown in such abundance as to verily proclaim the Vegas valley a veritable storehouse—a land from which annual dividends can be extorted with a less amount of expenditure of energy than any other line of production. Its soil is rich; it is responsive.

The Mormons sent an agent to Europe to select varieties of grape vines best adapted to the soil of the valley. He brought back some fifteen or twenty varieties. The fruitful and productive vines of today are either the original or their progeny, and the annual growth of grapes is not surpassed.

No Finer Grapes in the World.

The fact is that there is no combination of soil and climate in the world that produces finer grapes nor in known abundance than the Las Vegas valley. For size of the individual anl cluster, delicacy of flavor and handsome appearance they are without a peer, and there has never been a scale, pest or any form of disease amongst the vines or fruit trees of the valley.

Apples, pears, peaches, apricots, plums, fig, walnut, cherry, and other nut trees grow and thrive to perfection and bear an unusual abundance. From trees fully matured apple trees on the Stewart ranch in one season was picked and sold 800 pounds of green apples and in October 6,000 pounds of perfect fruit, which placed in bins kept until June following.

For size, appearance and flavor, the fruit of this section is unsurpassed. All kinds of berries grow in great profusion.

Watermelons and canteloupes grow to remarkable size and are of such luscious and delicious flavor as to make them the superior product of their class in all the west. From a three-quarter-acre patch last season were picked and sold over $400 worth of melons.

The peanut does well here. A crop was never known to fail and in quality it is equal to the Jersey product. Every known vegetable thrives and prospers here. It is an early season. The climate and soil are so adapted that these table delicacies in their most luscious features are grown and ready for market at from four to six weeks earlier than the southern California section can grow them for the market. Sweet potatoes surpass the sandy product of the noted Jersey sweet potatoe. Three crops of sweet corn have been raised in one season upon the same ground, the ripened and matured grain of the first and second crops furnishing seed for succeeding crops.

What is true of these enumerations applies clean down the line of horticulture and agriculture. The soil and climate readily respond in harmony to the application of man. Irrigation, true, must be introduced, but the water is here, and thus are blended together the elements that will sustain a thrifty, enterprising and prosperous body of husbandmen. Those who will invest in nature's security in the Vegas valley will be blessed with ample returns.

Great Body of Gypsum.

One of the finest bodies of gypsum ever discovered has been located about eight miles from Las Vegas and is being developed by San Francisco capitalists, who will shortly establish a mill at Las Vegas for treating their product, which, together with mining operations, will give employment to more than 150 wage-earners.

The Salt Lake Route has built a passenger station which is a model of architectural beauty and completeness. It is of the mission design, two stories, with a very handsome graveled and oiled approach from the principal streets. This approach will be lined with palms and the yards fronting the town will be arranged in the best landscape style with flower beds, trees and shrubbery, so as to present an unrivaled beauty spot to the traveler and resident. The depot is 150 feet by 35 feet, of a buff color, with a terra cotta tiled roof. It has its handsome arcade and corresponding baggage rooms, sidewalks and floors of cement, handsome waiting rooms and lavatories of metropolitan effect. Every furnishing is of the best. The upper portion is devoted to train dispatchers and Western Union uses. The building is heated by furnace, has running water in all sections, is equipped throughout with electricity and is well lighted and ventilated and was erected at a cost of $40,000.

The depot is indicative of the interest the powers that be have in the upbuilding and the confidence the San Pedro railroad officers, Senator Clark and J. Ross Clark have in the future triumph of Las Vegas.

Armour Has His Plant.

Armour & Co. have an ice and refrigerator plant, operated by explosive gas, and which gives steady employment to thirty-five men. It has a product of sixty tons of ice per day and has a capacity manifold the present production. It was built to serve future development requirements. Its storage capacity is 4,000 tons. It cost over $200,000. All passenger trains and fruit cars are supplied with their frigid preservative at this point.

Vegas a Railroad Point.

Las Vegas is the principal division point on the San Pedro railroad. The company has a twenty-eight-stall round house about completed. Extensive coal sheds, oil tanks, supply stations and large, well equipped machine and repair shops. The Las Vegas-Tonopah railroad will also have their headquarters at Las Vegas. The two railroads will furnish employment for many mechanics, railroad and repair men, who will reside in the Queen of the Desert City.

The order of the day is substantial buildings. Las Vegas can boast of some neat brick and cement block business structures, and new ones in course of construction. Handsome new cement block cottages and many frame ones are been pushed to completion. The home builders are planting lawns and setting out trees.

Vegas is blessed with an abundance of water. The Land & Water company of which C. O. Whittemore is president and Frank Grace manager, has made connection in all portions of Clark's Las Vegas and will supply in unlimited quantities the pure water to householders and enterprises. The water plant and supply is ample for a city of 35,000 people.

Ready for Big Business.

Las Vegas has six general merchandising establishments, lumber yards, planing mill, furnishing goods stores, barber shops, an exclusive ladies' and children's dry goods store, three drug stores, large forwarding companies, hay, grain, feed corrals, wholesale and retail fruit and commission stores, real estate, mining and information bureau by Busteed & Co., and a first-class newspaper, the Las Vegas Times; two first-class hotels, cement works, restaurants, lodging houses, billiard halls, candy, news, tobacco shops, and a large number of saloons. The latter, however, are restricted to blocks 16 and 17.

The merchants are prosperous and several maintain branch stores at outside points.

Reach for County Seat.

The county seat at present is Pioche, but without question the county headquarters will be at the natural location of the county for a county seat, namely, at Las Vegas, in the near future.

A company is organized for the purpose of developing our artesian water, which exists in great quantities at a small depth throughout the valley.

Some government and state lands are still open for settlement in the Vegas and Pahrump and adjacent valleys.

The Colorado river is about twenty-five miles distant and accessible by a good wagon road.

The present population of Vegas approximates 1,200. There is one resident minister and regular Sunday services. The Roman Catholic church is about to secure a location and erect a sacred edifice.

Fifty Millions in Gold.

Eldorado canyon, which has been a mining camp since 1870, and whose mines have produced more than fifty millions in precious metals by the crudest and most primitive methods and under adverse conditions, bids fair with modern appliances and good shipping facilities to become a greater mining camp of Nevada. Supplies for Eldorado are shipped from Las Vegas.

The board of trade of Las Vegas is a progressive body and includes in its membership the representative business and professional men of the city. N. A. Kuhn is president, and George A. Ward, secretary. The banking business of the city is done through the First State bank. The directors are J. Ross Clark, C. W. Brown, M. H. Walker, L. H. Farnsworth and John S. Parks, cashier.

The bank has a capital of $50,000, and an average deposit of $60,000. It is a safe, sound and conservative institution, and the directors are an index of its reliability. The business conducted inspires confidence. The new bank building about completed is an elegant stone structure of neat and imposing appearance. The postoffice will occupy a portion of the new building.

The climate of Las Vegas is absolutely an ideal one for all forms of pulmonary trouble. In fact, it is a curative atmosphere for those who are the victims of the white man's plague, if taken advantage of in time.

Oasis in the Desert.

The Stewart ranch is a veritable oasis in the desert—one of nature's dreams—with its great shade trees, orchards, vineyards, beautiful stream of clear sparkling water, it is a natural paradise. Senator W. A. Clark, who purchased the property from Mrs. Stewart, has signified his intention of remodeling and beautifying the grounds, and to that end will employ the best talent obtainable in the landscape gardening line, and contemplates a model, up-to-date sanitarium. No effort will be spared to make this one of the most delightful, restful and health-giving resorts on the continent. The senator's desire to give pleasure to the thousands will have its reward in the grateful appreciation of the health and rest-seeker of the future in this health-giving clime. Such will be the manifestation to the man through whose energy, wisdom and foresight has been created so lovely a spot.

Great Flood of Oil.

Lately the most pronounced indications of a great flood of oil has been located in the territory just north of and tributary to Las Vegas, and prospectors and capitalists have rushed into the field by the hundreds; thousands of acres have been located, companies have been organized and well sinking is on in good style.

Wheat, barley, rye and the general cereals grow rapidly and yield good crops. Alfalfa cuts three crops to the acre.

Some of the most prominent horsemen of both the east and west coast have visited Las Vegas to look the field over, and there are strong possibilities of a race track and driving park being established in the near future here. The situation is everything that is desirable from a horseman's and true sportsman's view. It would enure greatly to the advantage of the horses coming from the east to break the through journey to the coast and stop off for a resting and speeding and recuperative period. The mild and uniform fall and winter climate is peculiarly a happy medium between the winter and storm blasts of the east and north and that of California. In connection with the race track would be an elaborately appointed hotel and casino, with club rooms and ample grounds for an American Monte Carlo, which would be kept open during the winter season. Climate, cultivation all favors this project.

Bright Future for Las Vegas.

The future of Las Vegas has all these features to excel it in the marts of the world. It possesses all the amenities of civilized life. It has the natural features and natural resources that bespeak for it a future population and industrial center that will bring prosperity and plenty to its thrifty and enterprising thousands. As a distributing point or a commercial exchange it has for its votaries or enrichment an empire undeveloped but rich in the resources that make great a community, a territory and builds a city with all its concomitants. By virtue of its topography all this surrounding country depends upon the "Queen City of the Desert" for its supplies and the Clark road is the artery that brings such commerce to the Vegas threshold.

Yea! with the mountains having their rich deposits of gold, silver, lead, copper, gypsum, cobalt, magnesia, oil, salt, nickel, turquoise, borax, etc., and other marketable minerals; with the valleys rich with a soil that has plant food unsurpassed in all the world, and its consequent horticultural and agricultural assurances; with its central location, Vegas can surely claim a great future—a future that is illustrated by Denver, Spokane and Salt Lake today.

ROBINSON'S DRUG STORE.

There are some thirty odd drug stores in this city, but none better known than Robinson's drug store, located at the corner of South West Temple and Market streets.

For fifteen years Mr. Robinson has been dispensing drugs at this corner and has by handling nothing but the purest of goods, at moderate prices, gained the confidence of the public. He is a graduate of the Toronto College of Pharmacy. He makes a specialty of compounding preparations of his own, and through their excellency has built up a large and profitable business.

A well selected line of imported and domestic cigars may be found on sale as well as soda fountain drinks of every description.

Robinson's drug store is only one block west of the new postoffice. He is to be congratulated on his excellent location.

GOOD HEAVENS!

(Chicago Record-Herald.)

"They say she married him for his money."

"Yes. And now they're so poor that she has to press his trousers."

"Alas. A real case of the irony of fate."

IMPRESSED HIM.

(Detroit Free Press.)

"Blank has just been showing me his new auto. Fine machine, isn't it?"

"Yes. What do you think is its strongest feature?"

"The odor."