

SENATE.

Called to order at 11 A. M. Lieut. Gov. Pouljude, presiding.
Roll call, and all present.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Clyne.
Reading of the Journal etc.

S B 25, by Patchen, amending an act fixing salary of Lincoln county officers. Referred to Lincoln Delegation.

S B 25 by Kaiser, authorizing the destruction of wild, unbranded stallions found roaming at large in this State. Agriculture.

S B 27 by Comins, advocating the appointment of a commission for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. Judiciary.

S B 8 by McDonell, to regulate proceedings in civil cases in the Courts of Justice in this State. Passed.

S B 18 by Williams, to provide for the destruction of badgers. Passed.

A B 7 by McCarthy, to prohibit live stock from running at large on streets, commons and real estate, and providing damages thereof. Passed.

S B 22 by Foley, amending an act providing for management and control of the State Agricultural Society. Ordered engrossed.

S B 29 by Patchen, to repeal an act fixing time of opening and closing of saloons and gaming houses. Lost, 7 to 3.

S B 23 by Comins, relative to reports of State officers. Ordered re-engrossed.

S B 24 by Stearns, fixing salaries of Justices of the Peace, of Eureka county. Passed.

A B J Res. No. 5, referring the Legislature of Idaho to the matter of fishways and ladders on Bruneau river in that State and impediments which prevent the free and unlimited passage of fish therein to the waters of Snake river in this State. Passed.

At 12:45 adjourned till Monday.

ALL SORTS.

Miss Maggie Moody, of Oakland, is visiting Miss Nellie Bourgeois, of Empire.

Winslow corn 15 cents per can and Elaine oil only \$1 75 per can at C. H. Kelly's. Net cash.

That good old fashioned Uncle Tom's Cabin, will be here on the 10th with any amount of Toppies, lawyers and bloodhounds.

Frank Francis, who made such a live paper of the Lovelock New Era during the campaign, is spending a few days in the city.

The Comstock pay roll for the month of January amounted to \$126,683 58, showing a decrease over that of December of about \$13,000.

The Ohio Legislature did not adjourn out of respect for ex President Hayes. It was the only Legislature in the Union which did not.

When your watch or clock needs repairing, consult Frank Blotken, of the Carson Exchange block. Frank is a skillful workman and moderate in his charges.

The Glove Match.

At last Carson is to be treated to a genuine glove fight. The makers of the Trembly-Meyers match have insisted on a finish fight, and they will not be allowed to enter the ring on Tuesday night unless the balance of the stakes are deposited.

Both men have been training hard for some weeks past, and are in fine fettle for the contest. There will be a carload of Comstock sports down here to back their man, and they will be met by all the Carson money they want.

On the same evening the great stallion Triumph will be raffled off. Altogether there will be a great gathering of the fancy. It will be a square raffle and a game fight.

St. Peter's Church.

St. Peter's Church, Sunday Feb. 6th. (Sexagesima.) Holy communion and Sermon at 11 a. m.
Sunday School at 12:15 p. m.
Evening Prayer and Address at 7 p. m.

St. Peter's Guild meets on Thurs. at 2 p. m.

JOHN W. HYSLOP, Rector.

Keno at the Monarch tonight.

THE IRRIGATION BILL.

A Plain Exposition of its Provisions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE APPEAL:—As the Irrigation Bill recently introduced in the Senate by Mr. LaGrave is a measure of great importance to the people of this State, affecting as it does, matters of vital importance to our whole agricultural population, and having, in the opinion of the writer, such a direct bearing on the future of our State, it may be of interest to your readers to know some of the reasons that have prompted the proposal of such a system of water laws for this State.

To begin with, the productiveness and value of land in Nevada depends almost wholly on its water supply, and everything which impairs the validity of the right to this, lessens the value of the land and threatens the progress and stability of irrigation. The titles to water, therefore, should be as definite and secure as deeds to land. This is not the case now, nor can it be, so long as the nature and basis of appropriations are so illy defined and so misunderstood, and so long as our statutes permit the continued overappropriation of our streams.

The most important section of the bill introduced by Mr. LaGrave is that providing for the creation of a Board of Control by which the settlement of water right questions is taken out of the courts and vested in officers who make them a subject of special study, being burdened with no other official duties, and who, having the responsibility for the work placed squarely upon them, must of necessity exercise great care and rare judgment in making decisions.

This Board not only adjudicates claims, fixing the order of priorities and the amount of water to be allowed, but it also controls the division among appropriators, to the end that each shall receive that to which he is justly entitled.

The advantages claimed for this procedure are that it places the settlement of water right questions in the hands of those best informed—best qualified by training and experience to solve them—and the most interested in the success of the system. It consolidates, simplifies, expedites and cheapens the settlement of water right controversies, or the acquiring of title to the use of water, and tends to create a body of specially informed and skilled administrators of water right laws.

If we ever hope to extend agriculture in this State; if we desire to reclaim the millions of acres of sagebrush lands now lying idle by the application of water, and in this lies Nevada's only chance for future growth and prosperity,—we must speedily proceed to the determination of all existing rights, so that we may know whence the water required is to come.

It may be well to state that it has never been the intent of the framers of this bill to deprive any appropriator of water of any rights, which he has already acquired, nor could this be done was such the desire. All vested rights must be respected, and all parties will be entitled to the water which they legally claim under existing laws. Under the proposed law priority of appropriation gives the better right.

This brings me to the next section of the bill, providing for a State Engineer. That such an officer is a necessary part of any irrigation system that may be adopted by the State surely cannot be doubted by any thoughtful person. As in every thing else, and preeminently so in irrigation matters, their supervision of the operations of all connected therewith. Besides this, the creation of such an office provides the only proper, reliable and economical means of collecting the data absolutely required if we propose to develop the agricultural resources which we believe Nevada to possess.

It is not believed that any argument is necessary in favor of dividing the State into water divisions, and the appointment of a superintendent for each division who shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Control. The conditions governing the use of water on the various streams of the State vary somewhat, and it is essential that the superintendent should have an acquaintance with those conditions. Hence the Superintendent should be a resident of the division for which he is appointed.

In providing for the subdivision of the State into minor sections, and the appointment of commissioners

therefore, it has been the idea to provide the simplest, fairest and most economical superintendence of the division of the State water among the appropriators.

There may be doubts in the minds of some as to the policy of the State refusing permission under any circumstances to divert the public water, but it would seem that only a little study of the evils growing out of over appropriation will dispel that objection. Every ditch built in excess of the capacity of a stream means one of two things, either it will be a useless and losing investment, or those entitled to water will be robbed thereby, and as a rule it results to a certain extent in both. Nor should ditches be permitted to carry water where the division is positively against the public welfare.

All, it is believed, will admit the necessity for a speedy trial of water cases that may be taken to the courts, in so much as that the delay of even a few weeks may cause the loss of thousands of dollars.

It has been suggested that the expense of the system which the bill creates will constitute an objection to its adoption by the State. In reply to this it may be stated that if the assessed valuation of the property of Nevada be \$30,000,000, the direct annual cost to the State will probably be under two cents on each \$100, and further, that there is now more money being expended annually in water suits in the State than would suffice to maintain and operate the entire system proposed even if its cost were three times what it will be. So the question becomes: Is it better for the State to incur an expense of a few thousand dollars, or to permit, as now the impoverishment of our agricultural classes through constant and expensive litigation over insecure water rights?

Is it good business policy to refuse (from mistaken motives of economy) to incur an expense of only a few thousand dollars when, by incurring that expense we open the way to the creation of property to the value of hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of dollars which will return in taxes to the State many times the outlay made by her?

Is it better for the farmers of our State to continue under the present system with insecure and undefined water rights, and consequent low and uncertain values of land, or to have those rights definitely determined and fixed as are their titles to the land and thus the value of both at least doubled, and a constant source of expense and worry done away with?

Is it better to apply business methods to this question, placing its solution in the hands of the men best qualified to deal with the problems involved—viz. the irrigator and the engineer—or to let matters go on in the manner they have gone hitherto?

That some such system as the one proposed by the bill introduced by Mr. LaGrave is bound to be adopted sooner or later in this State, if we hope to develop our agricultural resources, thus building up a great and prosperous commonwealth, is beyond question, and the longer it is deferred the more difficult and expensive will it be to put into operation.

L. H. T.

A Local Jockey Club.

There was a meeting of the Carson horseman last night at the Brigg's House to form a local jockey club. Gilbert Briggs was elected chairman and H. R. Mighels, secretary.

It is proposed to give races once a month for Nevada horses only.

The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic. The club starts out with thirty-seven members and there will be another meeting next Saturday evening at the Court House to effect a permanent organization.

Late Reading Matter.

All the magazines for February and the literary and illustrated papers from East and West are on sale at Cagwin & Noteware's book store.

New publications in pamphlet and cloth are furnished at publisher's prices.

Notice!

There will be an important meeting of the Capitol Hunting and Fishing Club at the Armory Hall Monday evening at the usual hour. A full attendance is desired.

By order of the President.
R. H. Davis, Sec.

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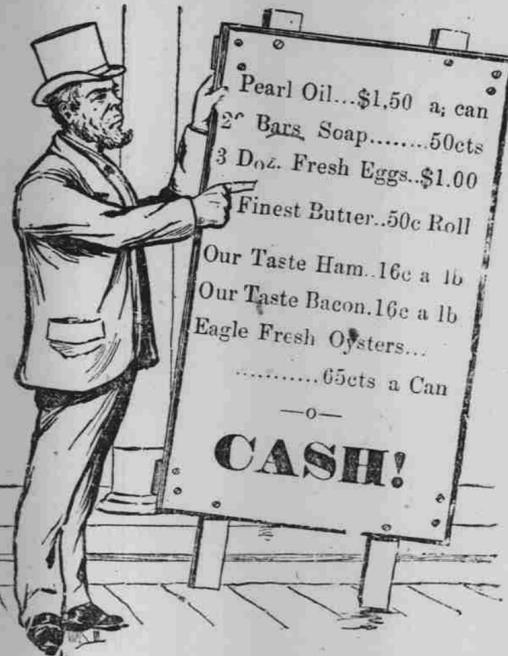
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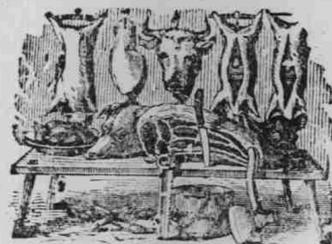


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Grand Masquerade.

A grand St. Valentine Masquerade Ball and Concert will be given at the Carson Opera House, February 9, 1893. Elegant and costly prizes will be given as follows:

First and Second for the best dressed lady and gent. Third and fourth, for the best sustained character lady and gent. Fifth for the best group.

Fredrick's complete Reno orchestra of eight pieces will furnish the music. The concert program will be rendered between 8 and 9 o'clock for the entertainment of spectators. The grand maskers tableau with calycum light will take place promptly at 9 o'clock, grand march immediately to follow. Special rates have been secured between Virginia and Reno.

Ticket admitting gentleman and lady \$1.50, each additional lady or lady without escort 50 cents. Spectators 50 cents

C. W. BLETHEN,
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Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

John Henderson, representing Wanamaker & Brown of Philadelphia the largest clothing and merchant tailoring house in America will be at the Arlington Feb. 12 and 13, and every two weeks thereafter with a line of Fall and Winter goods. Don't miss this opportunity of getting your clothing for one half the usual price. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed.

Tobacco Users Smile Sometimes when told that tobacco hurts them: their wives never do, because shattered nerves, weak eyes, chronic catarrh and lost man hood, to list the story. If your husband uses tobacco, you want him to quit, post yourself about No-to-bac the wonderful, harmless, guaranteed tobacco habit cure, by sending for our little book titled: "Don't Tobacco Spit and smoke your life away," mailed free. Drug Stores generally sell No-to-bac. The Sterling Remedy Co., Indiana Mineral Springs, Indiana. j19tf.

A. Livingston now practically controls the wholesale liquor trade of the city. He is continually adding to his stock and sells only standard brands. He is also introducing some excellent California wines to the people of Carson, as well as foreign and domestic cigars of the finest quality. Drop in and inspect his stock. d 13 tf

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The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a lunch and bazaar at Odd Fellow's Hall on Friday, Feb. 10 a fine lunch will be served from 12 to 2. Evening entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock. Lunch 50 cents. Admission in the evening 25 cents. Children half price. f1

Dissolution of Copartnership.

Notice is hereby given that Lee Siun, Lee Gow, Tui Leung, Tui Ben and Lee Qui, under the firm name of Chew Kee, was, on the 20th day of November, 1892, dissolved by mutual consent, and the business will hereafter be conducted by Lee Qui, who will be responsible only for debts contracted by himself.

Signed:

LEE QUI,
CHAW KEE STORE.

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