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IRRIGATION ORGANIZATION

In compliance with the request of Mayor Wither that a mass meeting be held Sunday afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of forming an organization to aid in securing federal aid to reclaim groundwater lands in eastern Nevada, a large number of people were present and a temporary organization formed, says the Ely Record.

At an adjourned meeting held Monday evening, which was well attended, it was decided to form a permanent organization to be known as the Eastern Nevada Reclamation Association, and the following officers were elected: A. B. Wither, president; W. A. Leonard, vice-president; Thomas A. Bath, treasurer; G. S. Hoag, secretary. A committee on finance was appointed by the president as follows: D. C. McDonald, John Gallagher and S. C. Patrick. A committee on organization and by-laws was also appointed as follows: G. S. Hoag, C. A. Eddy and D. C. McDonald.

After some discussion it was decided to admit members from all sections of eastern Nevada, as it was the idea to make the association representative of the entire eastern section of the state rather than to confine the work of reclamation to the valleys of White Pine county. The membership fee was fixed for the year at \$10, and it was the sense of the meeting that there would be no dues.

After considerable discussion by those present it was decided to send a representative of the association to Washington in the near future, in order to call the personal attention of Secretary Lane to the importance of the groundwater lands of eastern Nevada, in order that he might become familiar with this class of land resources and make provision in the bill which he is now drafting for their reclamation on the same general terms as the lands of irrigation and swamp drainage projects. It will also be the privilege of the committee to point out to Secretary Lane the fact that under this plan there will be several hundred thousand acres of land available for reclamation within a very short time, while under the other proposed plans the land would not be available for several years.

C. W. Riddell of the United States geological department was present at the meeting and in addition to the address which he delivered before the association Sunday afternoon, said that in his opinion Snake, Spring and Newark valleys in White Pine county also furnished splendid fields for the development of groundwaters for irrigating purposes. He also said that Butte and Clover valleys in Elko county were most favorably considered by the geological department for such enterprises, and that from general report he had reason to believe that the field could also be extended to the lower White river valley in Nye county, and to the upper portion of Railroad valley where groundwater was demonstrated in a number of wells some years ago when drilling was done for potash. It is also known among local people that perhaps Lake valley in Lincoln county presents the most favorable field of all valleys in this section for this particular class of work, and it is also probable that many thousands of acres of land could be reclaimed by the same method in Cave valley, also in Lincoln county, and it was for these reasons that the association decided to extend its field of endeavor beyond the confines of White Pine county. It will therefore be the object of the association to secure appropriations for all valleys in eastern Nevada where the possibilities of securing groundwaters are probable and have been recommended by the geological survey.

NEVADA'S DRAFT FIGURES ISSUED BY ADJT. SULLIVAN

Of the 12,228 Nevadans who registered for the selective draft on June 5, 1917, the number of inductions into the service was 2,871 whites and 21 colored. The total number of men of the first registration to enlist was 963. These figures are shown by a table prepared by Adj. Gen. Sullivan for submission to the war department.

The number of men to register for service in August and June, 1918, was 725. Of this number 204 whites and two colored were inducted and twenty-nine enlisted.

On September 12, 1918, there were 17,772 who registered for the draft. Of the class of 19 to 36 years of age there were 82 inductions and 68 enlistments.

Of the class of June 5, 1917, deferred classification was granted to 2,428 non-enemy aliens and to 512 enemy aliens. Of the class of June 5, 1918, 191 aliens were exempted from service; 1,675 between the ages of 19 and 36 years were exempted on that ground and of the 18-year-old class 69.

The adjutant general's record shows that of the total number of registrants in Nevada 1,914 remain available for service; 58 of the 1917 class, 47 of the June, 1918, class, 1,696 from 19 to 36, and 114 of the 18-year-old class.

Snowfall Now Ample for All Stock
Wednesday night and Thursday Pioche was again visited by a heavy snowstorm. Enough snow has now fallen to insure plenty of water and feed next summer for all stock in this section and all danger of a drouth this year is past.

Ninety-first to Return March 1

The Ninety-first, or "Wild West division," United States expeditionary forces, in which are many Pioche and other Lincoln county men, has been designated for return, with the date for embarkation set as March 1, according to word conveyed in a letter from Major General William H. Johnston, in command of the division.

General Johnston's letter also tells of an inspection of the division by General Pershing, in which he personally presented the congressional medal of honor to two sergeants and nearly eighty distinguished service crosses to officers and men for extraordinary heroism.

District Court Meets Thursday

A session of the district court will be held in Pioche beginning next Thursday, Judge McFadden of White Pine county presiding in the absence of Judge Orr.

The most important matter to come before the court will be the case against Joe Oseletto, who is charged with assault with attempt to kill on the person of Giovanni Olivero Aug. 15 last. F. R. McNamee is attorney for the defendant.

The court will consider the application of Katherine Kuchenmeister for guardianship in Nevada over the estate and person of Frank Kuchenmeister, minor. The estate is valued at \$3,500 and Mrs. Kuchenmeister is now administrator for Utah.

J. F. Roeder and Mrs. Maggie Nesbitt, as administrators of the estate of J. A. Nesbitt, have applied to the court for an order confirming transfer of Pioche property to William Mitchell Sr.

Evans After the Smelter Trust

Charles R. Evans, congressman-elect, is on the way to Washington. He has blood in his eye and hair on his teeth. He is from the wild and woolly west and goes to his new job sided with the minority. Mr. Evans, nevertheless, expects to be able to do something which previous representatives from the mining states have confessed they were unable to do. One of these is to find out why the smelters can take or reject offerings from the miner and why a miner is virtually barred from erecting any sort of a smelting plant on his property, says the Tonopah Bonanza.

"I may not succeed," said the new congressman, "but I am going to be heard, and if there is any way to secure redress I am going to get it. In the first place, I want to find out why the Western Ore Purchasing Company, representing the smelter trust, will not accept copper matte from the Wall Street mine at Luning. We would be operating that property today, using Coaldale coal and bringing out an industrial expansion that would be beneficial to all classes of labor. We found that by installing a reverberatory furnace and using Coaldale coal, which is better suited for the purpose than any other fuel, we could produce a copper matte at a profit. While we were arranging for the furnace we were advised by the Western Ore Purchasing Company that we might as well quit since that company would not buy the matte and would offer no encouragement unless the ores from the Wall Street went to the smelter. I want to know why there is no market for copper matte and I am going to find out."

"This is the same game they worked with the Thompson smelter trust and was allowed to reopen with the consent of that interest. They are about to close on the first of March, having received orders to that effect, so the copper producers of western Nevada will suffer a serious setback. When one set of men can dictate to an important interest like the mining industry there must be something wrong at the bottom of the whole business. I have been reading the Congressional Record and find that the men who are supposed to be looking after the people's interests don't get anywhere. They start something and quit."

"I would like to represent Nevada on the irrigation committee, but do not know if I can get on that committee. Nevada is the greatest arid state in the Union and should be represented."

Organize Commercial Club at Milford
The business men of Milford, Utah, met at the Milford State bank and organized the Milford Commercial Club, with 175 charter members. The officers elected were: R. J. Pearson, president; C. C. Sloan, vice-president; E. B. Jorgenson, secretary; Ben C. Clinton, treasurer; D. E. Hurley, W. J. Burns and H. E. Nebecker, additional directors.

RUGS—Save your old clothing; have it woven into rugs and couch covers; elaborate and artistic designs with colors blending. Send self-addressed envelope and get correct information how to prepare materials and in a quick way. Dyeing furnished if desired. ELIZABETH BLAIR, St. George, Utah.

Marriage Licenses in Lincoln County
Twenty-three licenses to marry were issued in Lincoln county during the year 1918.

PERSONAL GOSSIP

Joe Powers returned Wednesday from a few days' hunting trip.

W. H. Pitts will go to Salt Lake today on a three-day business trip.

O. R. Nation, formerly editor of the Record, is in Pioche this week on business.

H. C. Henderson, Pioche's only druggist, will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles, where he will take a vacation of two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culverwell went to Caliente Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Culverwell's mother, Mrs. Eliza A. Culverwell.

C. E. Stephens, manager of the Sharp Land and Cattle Company, was a Pioche visitor Tuesday from the company's headquarters at Sharp.

Ray Cole has received his discharge from the service and returned to Pioche. Mr. Cole was accompanied by his wife and her father, Mr. Alexander.

Frank A. Thompson, who prior to his entrance into the army was for some time interested in mining in this district, has been discharged from the service and returned to Pioche to reside permanently.

While living at Osceola, in the eastern part of White Pine county, for over thirty years, J. C. Marriott this week paid his first visit to Pioche. Mr. Marriott is an extensive stock raiser and merchant of the border town, and also dabbles in placer mining in his spare time.

Pioche Rifle Club Being Organized

Preliminary steps were taken at a meeting Wednesday evening in the office of A. L. Scott toward the organization of a rifle club. It is the desire of those attending the meeting to organize a club of between fifteen and twenty-five members and apply to the government for the issuance of free arms and paraphernalia necessary for indoor and outdoor shooting. When a few more members are secured an application will be forwarded to the National Rifle Association for membership in that organization. It is the intention to take the younger men of Pioche into the association that they may be enabled to prepare themselves for any eventually that may occur in this country at any time in the future.

Anyone wishing to join the club may make application to A. L. Scott, W. H. Pitts or M. L. Lee.

Eliza Culverwell Pioneer Resident

Mrs. E. A. Culverwell, for many years a resident of Lincoln county, died in Los Angeles, Friday, Feb. 14, after a long illness. Bright's disease was the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Culverwell was born in Oden, Utah, fifty-nine years ago, and at the age of 2 years came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Langford, to Panaca. There she grew to womanhood, attending the public school there. Upon her marriage she moved to Pioche, and later to Culverwell's ranch, which is now Caliente. Living as she did in Caliente from the time of its very beginning, she was known to practically everyone in Lincoln county. At various times during the lively periods in the hotel business in Fay, Delamar and Goldfield.

Because of her skill in nursing and a willingness to help those in need of her services, it was often said of Mrs. Culverwell that she was "the best doctor in Lincoln county." The trees in Culverwell grove, the site of the old farmhouse, planted by her when a young woman, will stand as a lasting memorial to one of Caliente's pioneers.

The remains were brought to Caliente on Sunday's train and the funeral conducted here Monday afternoon. Services were held in Warren's hall, Rev. Percival S. Smith of the Episcopal church officiating. A choir consisting of Mrs. E. N. Mitchell, Mrs. J. West Smith, Misses Edna Milsap, Ruth Spotts and Blanche Jeffs and George G. Riding sang the hymns "By and Bye," "Is It True?" and "Your Best Friend Is Always Near."

The casket was completely covered by beautiful floral pieces, the offerings of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Culverwell leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Mrs. George E. Cox of Hanover, N. M., and Miss Amy Culverwell of Caliente, both of whom were with her at the end; two sons, County Treasurer Charles Culverwell of Pioche and Sheriff William Culverwell of Caliente; four brothers, W. J. Langford of Caliente, Harvey Langford of Price, Utah, Hunt Langford of Summit, Utah, and Jeff Langford of Douglas, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Virginia Culverwell of Caliente, Byron Forbes of the army, Gordon Forbes of Seattle, Vivian Forbes of Hanover, N. M., Mrs. D. W. Bickle of Hanover, N. M., Georgia Cox of Los Angeles, Louise Culverwell of Caliente, and two great-grandchildren, George Webster Bickle and Gordon Forbes Jr.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

Born, Friday, Feb. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Carter Humes, a son.

Monte Connor was here from Salt Lake the first of the week for a brief visit with his mother.

James Hulse, old-time Pioche miner, is suffering from an injured eye received while using a pick. He is employed by John R. Cook.

Rev. Percival S. Smith of Las Vegas held religious services in Pioche last Sunday. In the evening he delivered an eloquent address on the life and work of Theodor Roosevelt.

J. L. and H. L. Sharp of Alamo have made application to State Engineer Seymour Case for permission to pipe water from Reservoirs Nos. 1 and 2 at Sheep Mountain Dry lake for stock watering purposes.

Stindt & Donohue have secured an extension of their lease in the Harney group for a period of one year after the expiration of the original lease. They have a car of ore on the dump awaiting teams to transport it to the railroad.

H. E. Freudenthal left Tuesday for Bouse, Ariz., to remain a week on mining matters in connection with the Providence Mines and Commercial Company, a bankrupt corporation having holdings in Arizona as well as in Nevada. Mr. Freudenthal is the trustee.

The San Francisco Federal Reserve bank advises the Bank of Pioche that they are unable to deliver Liberty Loan bonds of the fourth series in the smaller denominations. Subscribers for this issue in the \$50 and \$100 amounts will have to wait until a new supply can be had from Washington.

This week's Saturday night dance at Thompson's opera house has been turned over to the Rebekah lodge. A large attendance of friends of the lodge is anticipated from Pioche and other outside points. Tickets are \$1 per couple and extra ladies 25 cents. Refreshments will be served in the hall at 11 o'clock.

Alamo has a vice-president of the Southern Nevada Cattle Owners' association in the person of C. W. Love, who was elected at the first annual meeting of the association in Tonopah last week. Other officers of the association elected at this meeting are J. B. Humphrey of Goldfield, president; Ira Murdoch of Goldfield, treasurer; C. Curley, secretary.

Last Wednesday the Delmuc brothers shipped four cars of range cattle to Los Angeles. This shipment was composed of inferior grades and is classed as "canners." Those making up the shipment besides the Delmuc brothers were John Francis of Spring Valley, W. A. Hollinger of Ursine, J. R. Welland of Pioche, John Hammond of Ursine and Edwin Lytle of Ursine.

A letter from J. C. Carson, who is in the lumber business and ranching at Yachats, Ore., says he is meeting with good financial success, his specialty being thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. Mr. Carson formerly lived with his parents on a ranch twelve miles south of Caliente. He was born and reared in the Clover valley and left this section about ten years ago to make a new home in Oregon. He says he "longs to get back to dear old Lincoln county."

The Lincoln county drive for \$750 for relief in the near east is making slow progress. The time limit has been extended and it is hoped by the committee in charge that subscriptions will flow in more rapidly in the future. Panaca is the only district so far that has reached its quota of \$100. Fay has contributed \$4, Clover Valley \$16, Groom \$25.75 and Pioche \$125. No report has been received from Caliente, Alamo or Eagle Valley. A. L. Scott reports that the committee will continue its work until the full quota is reached.

Income Taxes Are Now Due

Collector of Internal Revenue Justus S. Wardell of San Francisco is preparing to handle the flood of income tax returns and payments that will reach him between now and the close of business Saturday, March 15. Legal forms will shortly be available. "File and pay March 15," is the new slogan of the internal revenue bureau.

"Early payment of income taxes is of the utmost importance in meeting the treasury debts brought about by the war," Collector Wardell explains. "The new law names March 15 as the first payment date because there are large obligations outstanding in the form of certificates of indebtedness that must be met on that date."

"Every taxpayer who can possibly do so is urged to pay his entire tax when filing his return, on or before March 15. The installment method, by which one-quarter of the amount may be paid at that time, followed by quarterly payments on June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, is intended for taxpayers whose financing of the tax at one time would tend to upset local financial conditions."

Every citizen of Lincoln county must make out a statement, whether their income warrants a tax payment or not.

Caliente Notes and Personals

Mrs. W. C. Russey returned Sunday night from Lynndyl, Utah.

James Love, engineer on the Pioche branch, has been confined to his home several days by sickness.

Mrs. A. Milsap and Mrs. A. Wilkes left Sunday night for a short visit to Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. I. Himstreet returned Sunday night from Salt Lake.

Dana Conaway was an arrival last week from Wyoming, where he made his home prior to entering the service shortly after the outbreak of the war. He was recently honorably discharged at Camp Lewis.

Rumel Walker of Pioche is visiting his father, Frank Walker, in Caliente.

Mrs. W. W. Smith made a short trip to Salt Lake this week.

W. G. Hunter of Salt Lake, superintendent of agencies of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, made a trip to Caliente this week to settle some claims, and while here wrote policies to the extent of \$75,000.

Mrs. H. W. Underhill spent the week in Milford.

Rev. Percival S. Smith of Las Vegas held memorial services for Roosevelt in the schoolhouse Monday night.

Last Saturday night while showing the picture, "The Manx Man," Burt and Denton noticed that the machias was not working properly, and called the show off. Upon examination it was found that the Ford used to run the picture had a tank partly filled with water. Accordingly a free exhibition of the picture was given Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nephi Wadsworth and Lawrence Wadsworth of Panaca and Mrs. Frank Walker of Pioche were Caliente visitors Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Alquist entertained at a dinner party Sunday in honor of Mr. Alquist's birthday. After dinner cards were enjoyed until a late hour. Mrs. E. N. Mitchell won the watch and chain. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffs, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffs, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Himstreet and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Mitchell.

Industries Review Throughout State

The Nevada Weekly Industrial Review for Feb. 17 contains the following:

Tonopah's output for week ending Feb. 4 was 7,389 tons, worth \$125,613.

Winnemucca—Quicksilver plant 72 miles south of Battle Mountain in Jersey valley nearly finished.

Tonopah-Divide Extension on Gold Mountain to resume work shortly; 50-horsepower hoist and four-drill compressor ordered.

Jean—Perfected process treatment for low grade ores making Yellow Pine important district.

Jarbridge—Elkora mill averaging 100 tons daily with expectations of doubling capacity.

Mina—Copper output from Dunlap mine increased to 20 tons daily.

Tonopah—Tonopah Extension shipment for second half of January valued at \$71,600.

Goldfield—Ore assaying 30 per cent copper opened in Jumbo Copper Mountain mine.

Hilltop—Road conditions allow continued hauling of ores from Kimberly mines.

Ely—Recently completed plant of Minerva Tungsten Company obliged to close as result of market conditions.

Winnemucca—Silas Branch working on ledge of free-milling ore ten feet wide in Barbara canyon.

Goldfield—Goldfield Consolidated taken over by manager of Cracker Jack company; extensive development to follow.

Bellehelen—Work resumed by Tonopah Kawich Mining and Milling Company, which was closed owing to labor shortage.

Gold Circle—Assays from new gold and silver strike running \$30 to \$360 per ton.

Barcelona—Fifty-ton plant to be delivered to Spanish Belt mine as soon as weather permits.

Reno—Effort being made to secure special automobile freight rate between here and Sacramento.

Reno—Women given jobs as wartime necessity to retain positions.

Tonopah—Business resumption by Nevada Gas Company expected during the spring.

Unionville—New mill of Unionville Mining Company to be rushed to completion.

Pioneer—Mayflower Company reports satisfactory results from development.

Tonopah—To expedite development East Divide puts on another shift.

Yerington—It is rumored Thompson smelter to close down March 1 owing to copper market.

Tonopah—Local men lease Old Glory mine; will develop extensively.

Salt Lake Metal Settlement Prices Silver, \$1.01 1/2; lead, \$5; copper (cathodes), \$16.925.

MINES AND MINING

How to develop the human relationship between the million men now engaged in mining in the United States and the capital interests of the industry was the first and most striking subject to come before the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which opened its 119th meeting in New York Monday. Hundreds of mining engineers, representing every important center in the country, are in attendance.

In discussing the need for a closer human relationship with labor, the engineers went further than to theorize. During the session they studied modern uses of vocational schools in mining communities, ways of using cripples, either discharged soldiers or civilians who are disabled by accident; the prevention of illness among employes in mines, and ways of clarifying the problem of the employment of mine labor. The earnestness with which the institute members approached this indicates the important place which they have given it along with the highly technical subjects which have a place on the program.

The mining engineers went on record to urge a uniform mining law for the continent of North America. For a long time, it is said, the confusion in mining laws in Canada and the United States has led to a duplication of effort and has sometimes created a barrier to international cooperation in mining. A general belief is prevalent now that a plan can be devised which will remove wasted effort in the mining world throughout the continent.

Horace V. Winchell of Minneapolis was elected president for the coming year. Other officers elected were as follows: Edwin Ludlow of Lansford, Pa.; A. R. Ledoux of New York, vice-presidents; J. V. W. Reynolds of New York, George D. Barron of Rye, N. Y., Charles F. Rand of New York, Louis S. Cates of Ray, Ariz., Stanley A. Easton of Kellogg, Idaho, directors.

Pioche Ore Shipments for the Week
Ore shipments from Pioche for the week ending February 20 aggregated 1,700 tons, as follows:
Prince Consolidated 1,300
Virginia-Louis 400

Clemenceau of France Wounded

Georges Clemenceau, France's aged but vigorous premier, was shot and slightly wounded in Paris Wednesday morning as he was entering his automobile for a drive.

Five shots were fired by the assassin and it was at first reported that the premier had been wounded in the head. It developed later, however, that the wounds were in M. Clemenceau's back and shoulder and he apparently is not dangerously hurt.

The shooting took place at 8:55 o'clock in the morning, as the premier was leaving his house in the Rue Franklin to go to the war office.

The assassin was an ordinary looking man, dressed as a workman. Five shots were fired, of which one took effect in the premier's shoulder. The assailant was arrested.

Observations by O. R. Nation

In the "good old days" it was the custom of the cow-punchers when in town to partake of a "dutch" lunch at Hy Ollinghouse's meat emporium. Nearby thirst parlor invariably furnished the refreshments in the form of Schlitz or "Bud." On Wednesday the Delmuc boys and nearly a dozen cow-punchers were here after a midwinter roundup. They went to Hy's as usual for their "chow," but the best that could be had in the way of refreshments was root beer obtained at the soda fountain. Think of washing down an Ollinghouse menu with yeast foam.

What is this cow country coming to, anyhow?

The Sultan is to have fierce competition. One hundred Jack Tars have married Turkish maids.

An exchange says milady's summer frocks will contain about as much material as a bath towel. If the towel in mind is no larger than some of the California hotel towels we've been used to our lady friends will not be seriously encumbered with wearing apparel.

San Francisco has an automobile dealer named John Hole. He is so efficient in the matter of time-saving that when he signs his name he simply makes a "J" and punches a hole.

One Pioche improvement that appeals to me is the new telephone switchboard. The local telephone service threatens to be about as good as some of the September issues of the Record which my old companion in crime, Al Carman, lambasted to a fareyouwell.

Now that the punchboards are doomed the gaming fraternity of this town might adopt the Los Angeles cigar store game of guessing what the top number on page 50 and so of the telephone directory is. Nearest guesser wins the pot.

All we lack is a telephone directory.