

Capitalists To Develop the Greatest Salt Deposits
in the World—Work To Begin Immediately—
Big Thing For Entire County.

A big enterprise is about to be undertaken in Inyo county. For many years it has been talked of, and every one knows that the great salt deposits in the line valley would some day be developed for those who would take up the proposition, and it seems now at hand.

Some months ago W. H. Leffingwell, an engineer interested in the project, taking his great engineering into the matter, devised a plan for transferring the salt from the Saline valley to the railroad. The plan is most interesting and

It consists of pumping the solution from the salt marsh in the Saline valley over the White Mountains road at Swansea; a distance of about 10 miles. To do this a 4-inch, asbestos steel pipe will be used to carry the solution, it being forced through the pipe by means of many

stations will be a large tank in which the brine will be pumped to a station. These stations will be spaced far apart so that each will be an elevation of 800 feet more than the next below it. The highest station reached will be 8100 feet, or about 1000 feet above the salt marsh, thus about nine stations. From the first it is merely a matter of

to carry the solution to the stations which will be built near the surface where it will be evaporated. The "crop" harvested much the same as the soda is from Owens Lake. The same method will be of the Worth-plex style. These are guaranteed to raise 107 gallons per minute of 1100 feet, but on this work only be called upon to raise the water a height of 800 feet. This will deliver 100 tons of salt per day. At the field, pipe will be laid so there will be no loss of a scarcity of the brine solution pumped.

The amount of water flowing 55 miner's inches available at the salt marsh. The solution as pumped will contain 20 per cent salt.

The ground in Saline valley was not so dry any years ago, and is now being reclaimed. White, Fred and E.E. Smith. Some years ago Geo. D. Ferrell, a friend of T. G. Scales of Inyo, came to this county from Tenn-

the Germania bank in Memphis, J. C. Penn and Thos. E. Acklen, all of Memphis, came out to see for themselves what it was. After their visit to the property two weeks ago they returned to Bishop and started back to Tennessee to raise the money to finance it. They realized that there was no uncertainty of an investment of this kind.

The salt from Saline valley is the purest in the world, being 99 per cent pure, and a ready market can be found for all the salt produced. The salt marsh in Saline valley from which this supply will be taken covers an area of about 100 acres. The supply is absolutely unlimited. It has been estimated that taking out 100 tons a day it will take 53 years to remove the first foot of salt from the surface. The deposit has been bored into for a depth of 30 feet, and at this depth the salt remained the same.

It will take about 400 horsepower to supply the necessary power for pumping the solution. This is a minor consideration when one thinks of the unlimited amount of power that can be developed from the Sierras. If it is deemed advisable much of this power can be generated from the fall of the solution from the summit of the White Mountains to Swansea.

No trouble will be found for a market for all the salt. Six dollars a ton is the outside estimate of production and marketing the product in Los Angeles. In that city the cheapest salt on the market sell at \$10 per ton wholesale. An offer from San Francisco firms has been made of \$18 a ton for all the Saline valley salt delivered there.

The amount of salt shipped into Oakland last year is estimated at 1500 carloads or about 45,000 tons. The freight rate from Michigan is \$13.40 per ton, making the freight alone on the salt, provided it was all shipped from there, \$603,000. The amount of salt used on the Pacific coast last year amounted to 180,000 tons. Figuring the difference in freight rates, the cheap cost of production, and the high grade of Saline valley salt compared with other salt, the great possibilities of the new enterprise can readily be seen.

And so another one of Inyo's many resources, which has been lying undeveloped for years, is about to add to

Concerning the Late Visit of Gov. Gillett and Party

Gov. Gillett and party have finished their first visit to Inyo and left for their respective homes to again take up the strenuous life that all men who have the weight and responsibility they have must live. In going they take with them the best wishes of all the people of Inyo. They came to what they supposed was an out-of-the-way valley, with few attractions. They stayed to wonder, awe-inspired, at the many attractions and the wonderful resources of Inyo. Here they found a fertile valley the extent of which they had never even guessed; they found a hospitable people who supplied their every want; they visited the mountains and wondered why so many people go to the Alps every year, when greater scenery awaited them in the Inyo Sierras. They were whirled from one end of the valley to the beautiful resort at Mammoth in automobiles, all owned by residents of the valley. They looked on Mt. Whitney, the clouds hanging low over it, and lighted by red fire, making it a sight they will never forget. They drank the purest water in the world from our mountain streams; they visited our hot springs and mountain lakes, and they left as all must leave who visit our country, to return again as soon as opportunity offers.

Inyo from now on will always claim them as her friends. And of such friends she may well feel proud. From Governor Gillett, with his open, kindly face and his pleasing manner, on through the rest of the party, Inyo has had the honor of entertaining as great and fine a lot of gentlemen as it would be possible to meet. And from now on, when they return, as all surely will, we will not merely meet them as friends, but the good loyal friends they are. For all time to come we wish them health, happiness and success.

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One of the most pleasant events in connection with the Governor's visit was the trout breakfast served on Thursday morning where Crooked creek flows into the Owens river. Here on a green grassy spot in the open air with the high Sierras on one side and the beautiful Owens river on the other, the entire party were treated to a breakfast, the equal of which can only be imagined by those not present. They left Bishop at 5 o'clock in the morning, the men in charge promising their guests a light breakfast farther up the road. A delegation had been sent up two days before to prepare everything for the breakfast. When the autos rounded

Mrs. Boland, of Kee Independence.

A. P. Mairs was a Los Saturday and Sunday.

Harry Wilson, of Kee Independence this week.

Assessor W. W. Yandel from Bishop Tuesday evening.

Chas. Walter left by a business trip to Los Angeles.

Sheriff Naylor is in the office of the county this week.

Oscar B. Burkhardt, of Independence visited Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred G. Wood of San Francisco last Saturday evening visit with relatives.

Upton Tracy, of Independence over Sunday connected with his establishment.

F. N. Fletcher, who has been in the Reward mine for some time, left for Reno yesterday.

Mrs. John Shepherd of San Francisco Monday evening extended visit to friends.

The county clerk's office is receiving a much needed repair this week. Frank Furness is working on it.

The Independence school Tuesday with an enrolment of pupils. Miss Katherine is the teacher.

Mrs. Chas. Houle has been ill for a couple of weeks. Her friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss Edith Gorman of San Francisco last Tuesday night she will spend several days with friends.

Mrs. H. Levy, who has been in San Francisco for several months, returned to her home in Independence Monday evening.

Independence was visited by a rainfall Friday evening turning from the mountain light fall of snow on the valley.

What a fine place this would be with fine roads of the valley to the foot ever think of the number would travel them every day.

Sheriff Naylor and Dis Scherrer returned from Independence last night. They were connected with the shoot Black recently by Oscar

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh

came to this county from Pennsylvania on a visit. He heard of this salt deposit and became very interested in it. On his return to Tennessee he interested many of his friends in the wonderful proposition recently J. A. Goodman, cashier of

developed for years, is about to add to the wealth of the country. And many more are still lying idle calling for capital to come in and develop them. Which will be the next one is hard to tell. Inyo has too many to pick any particular one.

breakfast. When the autos rounded the rocky point and came in view of this "light breakfast", an exclamation of surprise came from all. On tables built for the occasion, covered with snowy white linen and to make the contrast greater, set with solid silverware, they enjoyed themselves as only a hungry man in such surroundings can. Dr. J. S. McQueen acted as pastry cook, and U. G. Smith attended to cooking the fish. The table was laden with the choicest fruit that Owens valley produces. Dr. McQueen, in a costume consisting of one of Dr. Doyle's operating gowns and a chef's cap, presented as one of the party expressed it, "a sight for the Gods." E. F. McKeen and others helped prepare the spread.

Mr. and Mrs. daughter left for the state Friday vacation. They their time in Los Diego.

G. T. Fitzhugh, Mining Company Independence yesterday reports things rather although several less the Coso property, shipped two carloads so far this month one shipped.

Charles Gilmore re in San Francisco last two months stay in Gilmore is employe Service and is kept the time. During independence Mr. Gilmore friends and they reg departure.

The board of trust word from the state the law compelling to be vaccinated not forced. As soon as ceives a supply of children who have not will be compelled pleasant experience.

The preliminary evidence Burke accused of as weapon for shooting Olancha was heard by Davidson today. P. V. Burke and District Scherrer conducted. After hearing the Davidson discharged saying it was merely a all parties to blame, for conviction.

come and get the boy was at work, Mr name and was told Briggs asked if he was a better name.

"You mean for asked the boy.

"Yes, replied Mr. to be a boy just like

"But he never had

"Oh, maybe he did answered Mr. Briggs

The boy studied finally said, "Well, did a good job."

The Last to Leave

Friday evening the last of the winter's party passed through Independence, stopping here for supper. They were A. D. Briggs, editor of the Pacific Motor, W. E. Dennison, state commissioner and Sidney Sprout, mechanical engineer of San Francisco. They came from Bishop with L. C. in his big Mitchell. W. G. Scott accompanied the party. They left immediately after supper for Lone and Monday morning took the train at Olancha for home. Messrs. and Scott returned up the valley lay morning.

A Big Land Deal

The Powers property in Pleasant Valley recently bought by Kuck & Tobias of Los Angeles from Ben H. Yandell, has been sold to a syndicate with Geo. H. Ennis of Los Angeles and E. L. Williamson of Riverside at the head of it.

The property consists of 400 acres and is one of the best tracts of land in the valley.

Mr. Ennis is one of the very wealthy and substantial men of Southern California. He is the lessee of the 7,500 acre Laguna ranch east of Los Angeles, and is also heavily interested in eucalytus land in the San Joaquin valley and orange land near Delano. At present he is planning a large lemon nursery near Riverside, and will plant a 1,000-acre tract there with lemons.

Mr. Williams is the engineer in charge of the Riverside proposition.

This is probably only the first of the large investments this syndicate will make in the valley.

Messrs. Kuck and Tobias are certainly hustling real estate men and the large number of investors they are bringing to the valley will be a great help to this entire section.

ANNOUNCEMENT

S. C. Yandell desires to announce that he will not be a candidate for election to the office of Constable of the Third Township and that his name will not appear on the ticket as a nominee for that office. He appreciates the vote received at the recent primary and wishes to express his thanks to his friends for such vote, but the nature of his work is such that, should he be elected to the office, he could not give it the attention required, and for that reason feels that he should make this announcement now.

"C" Club Entertains

The most enjoyable time was had by present at a "miscellaneous shower" given to Mrs. Jas. Wheeler last Saturday afternoon at the home of the hostess's mother, Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Wheeler being the last of the "C" club to be overtaken by that great calamity—man. Mrs. W. M. Brooks and Mrs. C. I. MacFarlane acted as emcees.

After a very pleasant social time the party adjourned to Mrs. MacFarlane's where delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mesdames C. Van Norman, J. E. Eibeshutz, C. I. MacFarlane, Geo. Shuey, Ben Yandell, P. Mairs, Geo. Wood, W. M. Brooks, Blair, J. J. Singlaub, Jas. Wheeler, A. Ross, Misses Dora Schab and Ringwalt.

Harry Gavin came up from Olancha morning with Mrs. H. A. Pross, Jeffrey Johnson, Joe LeBel and Geo. Brooks, who are witnesses in the case of Oscar Burke, whose preliminary examination is being held today.

at Whitney Lodge, K. P. Regular singing nights during year are as follows: Sept. 10; Oct. 1, 15; Nov. 5, 12; Dec. 3, 10.

By the time the party reached the place where breakfast was to be served the crisp mountain air was beginning to get in its work on all. As soon as the autos came to a stop Col. Stoney and J. L. Wittenmyer decided the opportunity was too good to pass, so both drifted back to their boyhood days, shed their clothes and took a plunge in the river.

One of the Governor's party tells the following story on Gov. Gillett and W. E. Dennison. While the rest were waiting these two could not resist the temptation of sampling the cantalopes which were displayed so invitingly on the table, so they decided to eat "just one." When the rest were ready they found all the melons on their side of the table had disappeared, and these two gentlemen complaining that the sun hurt their eyes, moved to the other side, where they repeated the performance.

When A. G. Briggs, editor of the Pacific Motor reached Bishop, he immediately patronized a bootblack stand. When the boy had finished Mr. Briggs handed him 50 cents, telling the boy to keep the change, if he ever came back he would have a shine coming. When he returned from Mammoth the boy met him on the street and told him to