

Steel Negotiations Off Until June 2

New York—U-P-I—Steel wage negotiators wound up their 10th negotiating session Tuesday without any sign of progress and recessed their talks until June 2.

The negotiators refused to talk to reporters about the negotiations except to say they continued their exploratory talks.

Negotiators met amid signs of growing tension and there was evidence the talks were becoming stalemated by determination of each to hold pre-negotiating lines.

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Local Agent Earns Advancement

Leland Meeker, 991 Janes rd., representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company for the past 8 years in the Medford area, has been appointed consultant by the firm for the Medford area and will work out of the Eugene district office.

The announcement was made by Arthur A. Stone, district manager. Meeker recently returned from the company's head office in San Francisco where he received comprehensive training in business insurance, estate tax fields, and estate programming.

Grand Old Lady of Nevada To Celebrate 100th Birthday Soon

Virginia City, Nev. — U-P-I — They are giving an old lady a birthday party on June 12, 13 and 14. The old lady is 100 years old and her veins long since have been drained of most of the fluid which brought her international fame. She is wizened now, and much of the

glamour she had in her younger days has faded.

However, come June, she will be all dressed up in her finery, ragged and tattered as it is. She will have one last whining-ding before she is wrapped in the shrouds of memory and deposited in the limbo from which few return.

Yes, they're giving Virginia City, once known as the Silver Queen, a big party because she was born 100 years ago on June 11, 1859.

This Silver Queen was quite a gal in her younger days. She became a roistering youngster about the time the Civil War was being fought. It was the strength of her veins which supplied the largesse needed by the Union to pay the huge price which the conflict cost. Had it not been for the Queen, there might not have been a United States.

San Francisco's Debt

Not only that, but the growth of San Francisco might have been delayed had it not been for the Silver Queen. Nabobs such as John Mackay, James Fair, James Flood and their bartender partner O'Brien, were given their start by draining the veins of the Queen and giving the Bay City the transfusion it needed to become one of the most thriving communities of the gold rush days.

There might never have been an Atlantic Cable either, had not the wealth of the Silver Queen found its way into the hands of Mackay.

The Queen also nurtured a band of offspring who contributed much to the literary wealth of America. Such men as Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), Dan de Quille, Sam Davis and others started their literary careers when the Queen was young and carried on their writings to bring credit and praise from the world.

There were others of her youngsters who won fame in other endeavors. Adolph Sutro, for instance, whose Sutro Tunnel set up a new era in engineering. William Sharon, who became a stock manipulator and later a United States senator from Nevada. William Ralston, whose "ring" wrote a fabulous chapter in the banking history of San Francisco.

Famed Relics

There is the old St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic church which was erected after one of the disastrous fires swept Virginia City. It is the church which was built with money which flowed into the pockets of Mackay and O'Brien, two of the big four of the Comstock Lode.

Then there are the famous saloons of the era where the nabobs and the peons gathered after their shifts in the mines to quench the big thirst brought on by working in the hot holes like the Savage, the Con Virginia, the Chollar and the Hale and Norcross.

Saloons, such as the Sarazac, the Bucket of Blood and others which nightly brought gruesome entertainment which usually ended in gunfire and another corpse.

Available also for tourists' view will be the famous Piper Opera House, where such stalwarts of the boards as Mazurka, Dickie Jose, Edwin Booth, Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, and a hundred others performed as silver dollars fell at their feet as tokens of appreciation from the "hot water plugs."

It will be an historic occasion that the Nixons—the Vice President and his wife—touch off, because it will observe an event which never will die as long as the history of the West is written and rewritten.

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