

iously. My partner Jack Castle also drank and he afterwards told me that water never tasted so good. We poured some of the water into our canteens and each of us handed "Konk" a dollar and though it cheap enough, though I doubt whether a couple of drinks of dirty warm water was often paid for as highly. My tongue and mouth did not get to their normal state for a week or ten days. About 20 miles from Pioche on the road to Hiko, there is a rude pile of stone called Rodgers monument, which has always borne a melancholy charm to me. I imagine few people now living in Lincoln Co. know the history of that solitary cairn. Its history is as follows: In 1865 George Rodgers, a fine young fellow from Kentucky, I think, was one of Lincoln County's early settlers. He was a natural born sport and his inseparable companion was a throughbred Kentucky running horse. The animal was always kept in perfect condition and Rogers was at any time ready to give or take a challenge for a race. Rodgers had wintered in Meadow Valley and made arrangements to go to Heko (60 miles distant, a perfect desert and uninhabited) run his horse against Ike Brown's "Curly." Ike Brown was a Canadian and kept a hotel. The race was looked forward to with a good deal of interest. I cant say that much money was being put upon the race for by my personal experience I know that money was a very scarce article indeed in Hiko at that time. The then communication between Meadow Valley and Hiko was limited, it was only semi-occasional. Rogers was to have arrived on a certain day but as he did not do so for a week afterwards anxiety was felt and upon enquiry the Meadow Valley Mormons reported that he had started for Hiko on the day appointed. After that all track of him was lost. The miners then residing in Hiko had their head filled with the doings of the Mormons at the Mountain Meadow massacre and other places and had very little doubts but that they had killed Rogers. A party of 18 was organized, well armed and equipped and started for Meadow Valley to solve the mystery and if Rodgers had been killed to avenge his death. This was 33 years ago.