

**SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS  
CARSON RIVER DRAINAGE**

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**INTRODUCTION** - The following list of references represents all available environmental records for the Carson River drainage extracted from the following sources and submitted to Randy Pahl of the Division of Environmental Protection on May 3, 2005:

1. Extracts from the Carson River fisheries files as updated through 04/25/05.
2. Extracts from the Journals and diaries file as updated through 10/26/04.
3. Extracts from the file on dams, fish ladders and screens as updated through 04/25/05.
4. Extracts from the file on pollution as updated through 4/26/05.
5. Extracts from the file on wetlands as updated through 11/20/02.
6. Extracts from the file on rangelands as updated through 11/06/01.
7. Extracts from the file on fires as updated through 4/15/03.

See Attachment A for Mr. McQuivey's letter accompanying this information.

**1844**

Smith, James U. *John C. Fremont's Expedition in Nevada, 1843-1844*. Nevada Historical Society Papers, 1909-1910; pages 106-152.

January 18, 1844 - [Carson River] *There were Indian lodges and fish-dams on the stream. There were no beaver cuttings on the river...*

**1848**

Ricketts, Norma Baldwin – *The Mormon Battalion U.S. Army of the West 1846-1848*; Utah State University Press, Logan, Utah 1996.

July 29, 1848 – *Summit Camp, 2 miles. ...They camped at the head of a level valley filled with thick brush and tree close together, with plenty of grass for the animals. They called this place "Hope Valley" as they began to have hope of getting through.*

July 30, 1848 – *Red Lake, eight miles. After traveling down Hope Valley, they camped at the head of a canyon by a river. The boys caught trout and killed four mountain chickens and two ducks. Addison Pratt still was not well, so he was not expected to do heavy work but was asked to fish. He caught thirty-five trout.*

August 6, 1848 – *Carson River, 10 miles. They continued down Carson River and passed a hot spring. Addison Pratt killed a rattlesnake. They named this place Rattlesnake Camp. At night they saw one hundred Indian fires flickering all over the mountains...*

Gudde, Erwin G. *Bigler's Chronicle of the West*. University of California Press, Berkeley, California 1926.

[Bigler was part of the Mormon Battalion traveling from California to Salt Lake City in 1848]

August 1, 1848 – *Some went-a-fishing and caught a lot of trout.* [Headwaters of the Carson River]

August 2, 1848 – *Working as yesterday in the canyon, except myself who went-a-fishing. Caught twelve nice trout.* [Carson River]

## 1849

Johnston, William G. - *Overland to California*; Biobooks, Oakland, California 1948; 272pp.

July 16, 1849 - *Carson River, where we struck it, was about thirty yards in width, deep and rapid. A few cottonwoods were scattered along its banks, but none were near our camp. We used willows for fuel, dense thickets of which lined both banks of the stream...A few miles further up the stream... wild sage of unusual size was abundant; some stalks were fully six feet high and proportionately thick.*

Pritchard, James A. - *The Overland Diary of James A. Pritchard From Kentucky to California in 1849* [Edited by Dale A. Morgan]; The Old West Publishing Company, Denver, Colorado 1959; 221pp.

August 3, 1849 - *...We pitched our tents [in] a beautiful grove of tall & stately pine with no underbrush to obscure the sight...I took my fishing line and tried my luck amongst the stone and roaring waters, I caught two fine mountain trout, and we had a kind of feast for supper. Several of the party tried it but met with no success... [Head of the Carson in the Sierras]*

Wilkins, James F. *An Artist on the Overland Trail - The 1849 Diary and Sketches of James F. Wilkins*; The Huntington Library, San Marino, California 1968.

September 19, 1849 - *...Carson's river is a small stream of good water about 1 rod wide and 18 inches deep. Its margin is marked by a line of cotton woods of large size...differing from Mary's river which has nothing but willows, for 300 miles down its banks I did not see a tree thicker than my wrist...*

September 23, 1849 - *...There are quantities of sand hill cranes and wild geese flying about here, but they are so wild we have not been able to shoot one...[Carson Valley]*

Hannon, Jessie Gould - *The Boston-Newton Company Venture from Massachusetts to California in 1849*; University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1969.

[From the Diaries of Charles Gould and David Jackson Staples]

September 19, 1849 - [Gould] *We are now in the Sierra Nevada Mts., some of the ranges being very lofty. They are on fire in many places, which are probably the work of Indians. [Following the Carson River route]*

Cone, Gordon C. - Personal diary recorded in Brigham Young University's Trails of Hope as found on the Internet under <http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu/>

October 5, 1849 - *...The valley is wide and abounds with grass - I have killed some fine ducks that came in my way from among the multitude of ducks and geese that we find along the valley today. [Carson Valley at the mouth of Pass Creek Canyon]*

October 8, 1849 - *There is at yet no game, or fowl to be seen in the mountains - There is some small trout found in the streams. [Below Reed Lake on the Sierras in California]*

Heiskell, Hugh Brown - *A Forty-Niner from Tennessee*. Edited by Edward M. Steel. The University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1998.

October 9, 1849 - *...Campbell... heard a noise in the bushes like some animal walking. Standing in breathless excitement and seeing it advance (he) fired away as if thinking it a wolf... immediately found he had shot Mingo, his dog... [Carson River]*

October 14, 1849 - *...Saw one [Indian] wading in the creek in a state of nudity, spearing fish. He had killed two fine ones which he gave to Doc, who gave him in return an old pair of pants. We had fine bean soup for dinner and fish... [Carson River]*

## 1850

Woods, Joseph Warren – *Diary of a trip across the plains in 1850* and as found on microfilm at the Bancroft Library. [BANC FILM C-F 50, Part 3]

July 21, 1850 – *There is no game here along Carson & fish in the river – This forenoon I shot a pigeon (sic) by the way side & built up a fire & roasted & ate it up all done in 18 minutes from the time I shot it...*

Ingalls, Eleazar Stillman – *Journal of a Trip to California by the Overland Route Across the Plains in 1850-1851*; Ye Galleon Press, Fairfield, Washington.

August 10, 1850 – *Camped on the meadows late last night, where we remain to-day to recruit our horses. Jonathan and myself went into the mountains hunting, found a few deer, but they were so wild that we could not get a shot; killed a large yellow rattlesnake, a sage hare, and found an old Indian and boy fishing; traded my pocket knife to the boy for a line with 10 bone hooks I attached to it, caught about 40 small fish...* [Carson River some miles below Eagle Valley]

Moorman, Madison Berryman - *The Journal of 1850-1851*; California Historical Society, San Francisco, 1948; 150pp.

August 31, 1850 - *...I caught several small fish out of the deep clear stream of about sixty feet wide...* [Carson River]

## 1852

Kelly, William Esq. *Across the Rocky Mountains from New York to California*, Sims and M'Intyre, London 1852. [Huntington rare books 279]

July 1852 – *The morning after our arrival we moved about five miles up the river, into a glorious meadow of clover and rich nutritious grasses, shaded with gigantic oak and cottonwood trees, under which the stock fed with comfort, there being no brush or underwood to interrupt them...* [Carson River]

July 1852 – *On watering our stock, we found the sands everywhere imprinted with the bare-foot marks of Indians, employed, as we supposed, in fishing, from the number of fine trout we could see in the clear stream... We spent the evening in angling, some with baits and some with flies, but we did not get a solitary nibble, though we could see those fastidious trout...* [Carson River]

July 1852 - *...In some of the open places on the banks there were temporary huts erected; the spaces about them were strewn with fish heads and bones in thick profusion, demonstrating the abundance, and showing, too, that they must have been of a good size...* [Carson River]

August 1852 – *We were busily engaged in supper preparations... when two Indians came into camp, each carrying two glorious trout, weighing, I might say, five pounds each, and formed and speckled without any distinguishable difference from our Irish salmon trout.* [Eastside of Carson Valley]

August 1852 – *Next morning, when we were midway down the valley, we saw a lot of Indians crossing it from the river, all carrying fish, which they catch in ingenious traps made of willow, laid in the likely haunts, from which the trout, once in, cannot escape. They had upwards of two dozen very fine ones, from two to five pounds each...* [Carson River]

Clark, John Hawkins. *Overland to the Gold Fields of California In 1852*. Edited by Louise Barry. Kansas Historical Quarterly, Topeka, Kansas, Vol. XI, Number 3, August 1942 pp227-296]

August 19, 1852 – *Remained in camp all day resting our teams and getting ready to move on the morrow; hunted and fished with some success; there is plenty of mountain trout in the streams and a variety of game on its banks.* [Vicinity of Ragtown on the Carson River]

August 21, 1852 – *Plenty of game of both birds and animals and good fish in the sparkling river. Our hunters and fishermen are busy all the way up.* [Carson River]

August 23, 1852 - ...*The boys having killed a large rabbit and some wild fowl, determined to have a pot pie.* [Carson River in the vicinity of Dayton]

### **1854**

March 11, 1854 - Mountain Democrat (Placerville)

*LATE FROM CARSON VALLEY - ...Mr. Cary reports...Trout are abundant and easily taken.*

June 10, 1854 - Mountain Democrat (Placerville)

*FROM CARSON VALLEY - Mr. Dritt, the Carson Valley mail carrier, arrived in this city Wednesday...The Indians are quiet and friendly - They are engaged in fishing for trout, large quantities of which they take from the Carson River, and exchange with the whites for bread and other provisions.*

### **1855**

Remy, Jules and Julius Brenchley – *Narrative of a Journey from California to Utah* [1855], Volume 1, W. Jeffs, London, 1861. [Huntington rare books 32724]

August 1855 - ...*Dr. Winter... carried on a small trade with the Indians. An Indian friend of his daily caught some ten pounds of trout for him in the Carson...* [Vicinity of Genoa]

August 1855 – *Black eagles soared above us. We frequently started hares, and saw very small mammifers running along the ground, marked longitudinally with dun and white stripes, and which in form and agility resembled dwarf squirrels.* [Lower Carson River]

August 1855 – *The frogs deafened us with their croaking, as if they had held their peace for a week, and were trying to make up for lost time...* [Lower Carson River]

August 12, 1855 – *I took some very small fish with a fly. A snake marked with long yellow lines seemed to delight in the water; locusts in myriads devoured the leaves of the willows, and the mosquitoes buzzed about us most unpleasantly. While washing our clothing we saw a hare running on the other side of the river, with enormously long ears and lank body...* [Lower Carson River]

August 13, 1855 – *The water looked inviting enough, and we were soon swimming in it, in spite of the presence of numerous snakes, which were bathing with their heads above water.* [Lower Carson River]

August 1855 - ...*In the morning we bathed in the river, which is shallow, and swarms with snakes and frogs.* [Carson River near Ragtown]

### **1856**

Bentley, Richard (1820-1906) Autobiographical sketch at the LDS Church library (MS 125 and MS 12565), describing the early conditions of Carson Valley.

[Spring, 1856] - ...*I was very much pleased with Carson and surrounding little vallies (sic)...mountain trout was very abundant in the river and small streams emptying into it; so much so that after the spring overflow*

*on the bottoms had subsided a great amount of fish was left in the low places and pools on the bottom land, and the farmers turned their hogs loose and they got fat on fish...*

### 1857

Conover, Peter – *The Mormons in Nevada* as found in Kate Carter's *Heart Throbs of the West*, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Volume 7, Salt Lake City, Utah. [Huntington F826 U3]

August 30, 1857 - ...*We rode into the camp of about fifty lodges. The Indians were drying fish...* [Carson Sink]

### 1859

January 1, 1859 - Territorial Enterprise (Genoa)

*HOT SPRINGS - These springs are very common on this side of the Sierra, and there is a great number of them in this valley; prominent among which are those situated at the base of the mountain, about one mile and a half above this place. These springs issue from the earth, directly on the margin of Carson River, and discharge such quantities of hot water as to greatly moderate the temperature of the river at that point...*

Simpson, James H. - *Report of Explorations across the Great Basin in 1859*. [Published in 1876, and reprinted by UNR Press in 1983.

*June 5, 1859 - [Carson Lake] Curlew, pelican, and ducks, and other aquatic birds frequent the locality, and the lake is filled with fish. A number of Piutes, some two dozen, live near our camp, and I notice they have piles of fish lying about drying, principally chubs and mullet. They catch them with a seine...*

July 9, 1859 - Territorial Enterprise (Genoa)

*Fish - The Indians are supplying our market with excellent trout, which are caught in Carson River in great abundance.*

Casler, Melyer – *A Journal Giving the Incidents of a Journey to California in the Summer of 1859, by the Overland Route*. Ye Galleon Press, Washington, 1969. [Huntington F593 C35]

August 18, 1859 - ...*We saw several trout in the river, this excited us more than anything else. We then went to camp, rigged up our hooks and lines, caught grasshoppers for bait and tried our luck fishing. We caught a fine mess of fish – speckled trout. We got enough for our supper and breakfast, so we prospected and fished... We stayed here prospecting and fishing until the 6<sup>th</sup> of September...* [East Fork of the Carson River]

Mathews, Edward James - *Crossing the Plains in '59*; privately printed, Nevada Historical Society Collection.

September 8, 1859 - *Tried to fish and shoot something, but no go...* [Carson Lake]

September 10, 1859 - ...*Tom and I went out in the lake with the cart to sit on and fish. Did not get a bite...bottom covered with mussels. Got a lot and had them cooked for supper.* [Carson Lake]

### 1860

Burton, Richard F. [1862] – *The City of the Saints, and Across the Rocky Mountains to California*. Longman, Green, Longman, and Roberts, London, England.

October 17, 1860 - ...*We failed, however, to find any of the freshwater clams, whose shells were scattered along the shore.* [Carson lake]

## 1862

Hazlett, Fanny G. *Historical Sketch and Reminiscences of Dayton, Nevada*. Nevada Historical Society Papers, 1921-1922.

[1862] *Eldorado Canyon...heavily covered with nut pine. Choppers and teamsters with ox, mule and horse teams traveled from the range to Dayton through dense clouds of dust daily ...Also from Como came a steady stream. In all, one hundred and twenty-five teams daily entered Dayton loaded with wood...*

*Along in '62 and '63 the Indians saw with alarm their pine trees disappearing. Numaga came into the wood camps with a large number of Indians. He eloquently set forth the condition of his people. As a matter of justice to the natives, and in order to avoid trouble, the woodmen agreed to pay four hundred dollars and possibly more. They raised half the amount then. The balance was to be paid three months later. At the appointed time they came and received the balance, and no further trouble arose.*

*In 1865 the wood used in the mills in and around Dayton and up the canyon amounted to eighteen hundred cords daily. Later, when the range had been denuded, wood was floated down the river from the Sierras...*

Millington, Ada – *Journal Kept while crossing the Plains, 1862*. Edited by Charles G. Clarke and found in the Southern California Quarterly, Volume 59, Numbers 2-3, summer and fall 1977. [Huntington F867 A2 H5]

*August 21, 1862 - ...We reached at sunrise what is called the "slough of the Carson river", which we had to cross on a toll bridge... Some Indians came around with fish to sell. They asked "four-bits" for whatever they had, no matter how many or how few...*

### August 29, 1862 – San Francisco Evening Bulletin

[From the Silver Age (Carson City) of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City) of 26<sup>th</sup> August, we glean the following:

*SPORT – Gentlemen who live in Carson Valley state that there are great quantities of trout in the river, returning to the sink from the mountain streams. Their skedaddle is caused by the falling of the stream and the fact that the season of incubation has passed. Persons living on the stream catch great numbers of them with the seine or hook, and literally feast on the luxury of fresh trout three times a day...*

## 1863

### October 22, 1863 - Virginia Evening Bulletin

*PISCATORY - A great many persons are leaving town to fish on the pleasant banks of the Truckee and Carson rivers, where fish do much abound.*

## 1864

### January 19, 1864 - Virginia Evening Bulletin

*A WOOD RANCH - ...Gould & Curry Company's wood-ranch, about six miles from town...large force of men constantly chopping wood and preparing timbers. The ranch, which but three years since was a dense forest, has been nearly cleared. Tens of thousands of the lofty trees that grew on the hillsides here, are now buried deep in the bowels of the earth as timbers...and thousands of cords of firewood have been consumed in running its machinery...*

February 27, 1864 - Gold Hill News

*A BIG SMOKE - A big smoke was visible to the eastward all this morning, rising upward in a huge column till it met and mingled with the clouds. The smoke is in the direction of the Lower Sink of the Carson, and is doubtless caused by the burning of the dry grass and tule [sic] on the borders of the Lake by the Indians.*

March 2, 1864 - Virginia Daily Union

*DUCKS AND FISH - A wagon from the Carson river, loaded with wild ducks and fish, was in town yesterday, and the contents went off like hot cakes. Epicures are beginning to discover that Sacramento river salmon, after they have been hauled through the dust and over the mountains, do not have the flavor of our native trout.*

April 30, 1864 - Virginia Daily Union

*TROUT - There is an abundance of trout of enormous size in the market, from Lake Tahoe and the Carson river. Although not equal to speckled brook trout, their flavor is superior to that of the fish generally sold in the markets of San Francisco...*

August 15, 1864 - Gold Hill News

*MORE TROUBLE - The ranchmen along the Carson river have diverted the water for irrigation to an extent that will stop all the mills along the river. This is a most disastrous state of affairs as it will throw out of employment a vast number of miners, teamsters and mill hands, and, materially reducing the amount of our bullion shipments, will be severely felt elsewhere.*

**1865**

February 4, 1865 - Lyon County Sentinel (Dayton)

*BIG WOOD RANCH - The claim of the Pine Mountain Wood Company is situated seven miles south of Como, and contains twenty-two hundred acres, all heavily timbered...*

May 6, 1865 - Lyon County Sentinel (Dayton)

*FISH - The Carson is full of fish, and the Dayton urchins have become enthusiastic followers of the "fiery, untamed shrimp", which they catch with their hands as they go up over the dam.*

May 27, 1865 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*GOOD DAY'S SPORT - A friend of ours had a day's fishing and shooting yesterday, over on the Carson river. He took something like a dozen fine trout...and...*

June 25, 1865 - Virginia Daily Union

*A SOLID STREAM OF FISH - A singular sight is presented just now in the immense amount of fish passing from the Lower to the Upper Sink of the Carson. This last spring the two sinks became so low by evaporation that the slough between them dried up entirely, and they literally "failed to connect". The Lower Sink soon became so strongly alkaline by evaporation that the fish in it have died by millions. Within a short time past, the river having raised, the Upper Sink is now flowing through the slough into the lower one. The poor alkali fish, as soon as they got a scent of the fresh water, started after it, following up the lead. An eye witness informs us that in the slough there is a solid streak of fish constantly passing up it two feet thick and four or five feet wide. They are of an inferior species of trout, such as are to be found in Washoe Lake, and the Indians, as well as the residents of the vicinity, are capturing them in all sorts of nets and contrivances. This run of fish will probably last for some little time, as the Lower Sink is fifty miles in length by twenty-five in width, and contains numerous fish.*

July 13, 1865 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*GOOD DAY'S SPORT - A party...went on a hunting and fishing excursion yester-day to the Carson River and found fish and rabbits in great abundance...brought home - so they say - thirty pounds more or less...of trout and chubbs, mostly chubbs...*

July 18, 1865 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*THE SARDINE CLUB - Piscatorial Society...killed four jackass rabbits...Carson River...snaked out various trout, shiners and chubbs. Geo. Gibson caught a young whale about eighteen inches long...Nightingill caught several trout...Washtub full of chubbs and minnows...brought home ninety very handsome fish...*

July 25, 1865 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*THE SARDINIANS - ...nearly every day somebody comes into town with a long string of trout and shiners from that stream [Carson River] ...Sunday afternoon they returned with about a half a bushel of chubbs...*

August 19, 1865 - Lyon County Sentinel (Dayton)

*TROUT - The boys are once more in their glory catching and selling fish. We have noticed them with a number of strings of large, nice looking trout, which they were offering at low rates. These fish are caught in the Carson a short distance above town.*

August 20, 1865 - Virginia Daily Union

*WOOD - It is said that there is now in the vicinity of the Mexican Dam on the Carson river, some twelve thousand cords of wood, which has been floated down the West Fork of the Carson, along the headwaters of which are immense forests...*

September 16, 1865 - Lyon County Sentinel (Dayton)

*FISH - Trout fishing has suddenly become a mania with several of our acquaintances, whose efforts, though unskilled, have exhibited a complimentary degree of perseverance...*

November 25, 1865 - Lyon County Sentinel (Dayton)

*OUR WOOD TRADE - ...In the county there are about one hundred wood ranches of various sizes, covering all the timber land that is worth locating...[Long article describing the country]*

## **1866**

April 12, 1866 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*THE SARDINE CLUB REDIVIVUS (?) - ...expedition to the Carson yesterday...thirty-five very handsome trout...that voracious fish preferring live bait.*

May 1, 1866 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*THE SARDINE CLUB AGAIN - ...day before yesterday...they went to the dams on the Carson and took some 52 splendid trout...*

May 15, 1866 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*THE SARDINE CLUB - ...Sunday excursion to the Carson...and took some fifty fine trout...*



May 17, 1866 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*FISH IN ABUNDANCE - We have never known our fish market to be so well supplied as at present. Lake Tahoe, the Carson and the Truckee, are made to yield up their piscatorial treasures in great abundance. Our hotels, the restaurants and private tables, serve up trout with painful regularity...*

May 22, 1866 - Carson Daily Appeal (Carson City)

*BAD LUCK OF THE SARDINIANS - The Sardine Club went to the Carson on Sunday...the trout refused to bite...no trout.*

## 1867

March 12, 1867 – Virginia City Daily Trespass

*LUMBER – Russell & Crow, at Empire City, are preparing to drive down the Carson river to their sawmill a large number of logs, which will be manufactured into lumber for mining and building purposes.*

March 30, 1867 – Virginia City Daily Trespass

*TROUT – Large quantities of these delicious fish continue to arrive in our market daily. They come from the Truckee and Carson rivers and Lake Tahoe.*

May 1, 1867 - Carson Daily Appeal

*Wild birds, like wild flowers, in this section are not remarkable for their number, variety or beauty...*

May 2, 1867 - Carson City Daily Appeal

*HIGH WATER - The water in Carson river...has a greater volume than since the spring flood of '62...*

May 8, 1867 - Carson Daily Appeal

*WILD SHRUBBERY...wild peach...are in blossom...large fields are covered with them in the direction of the foothills.*

June 29, 1867 – Alpine Miner (Monitor, California)

*WOOD AND LUMBER – The several parties who have been cutting logs and cord-wood above here, on Carson, and in various portions of the county, are just now very busy getting it into the river to drive to a Nevada market...*

July 10, 1867 - Carson City Daily Appeal

*WILD CURRANTS - Our friend Bence sent us yesterday...some cuttings from wild currant bushes, heavily laden with fruit. He found them growing on the banks of the Carson down below Empire. Thanks.*

August 12, 1867 - Gold Hill News

*FLOOD DAMAGES - The storm of yesterday afternoon washed away Carpenter & Birdsall's Dam, at Dayton, and the Ophir Mill Dam, and did the same job for the Kelsey Mill. A large number of tailing sluices, in the canon, from Devil's Gate to Dayton, were washed out...*

September 14, 1867 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Our Game and Hunting Grounds - ...along the stage road, near Cottonwood Station...At this particular point Carson River is bordered with a heavy growth of willows and other shrubbery...*

November 2, 1867 - Gold Hill News

*FISH AT HOME - The trough in front of the Fountain House, in lower Gold Hill, is well stocked with Carson river fish. It is to be hoped that the thieves will not bob for "emo" nights. It is astonishing how well the finnies thrive in the trough.*

December 12, 1867 - Carson Daily Appeal

*HIGH WATER IN THE CARSON - ...Water in the Carson River near Empire is very high...yesterday morning both the Mexican dams were carried away...*

December 16, 1867 – Virginia Daily Trespass

*BURNING TULEES – The flames from burning tules at the east near the Sink of the Carson, and on the north near Pyramid Lake, made the heavens last night of a crimson' hue. Indians set these dried and combustible stalks on fire every season...*

**1868**

January 16, 1868 - Carson City Daily Appeal

*During the late storm the water in the sinks of the Carson and Humboldt rose above the land usually intervening and formed one immense lake.*

April 18, 1868 – Alpine Miner (Monitor, California)

*THOSE TROUT – We are under obligations to L.L. Wells for two fine trout, weighing about two and a half pounds each... down on the river...*

May 14, 1868 - Gold Hill News

*MAY FLOWERS - Many varieties of wild flowers are now blooming among the sage brush...we do not know the names of the different flowers, but in color, blood-red, sky-blue, and dog-yellow, prevail in varied degrees of intensity...The most common is a little yellow flower, about the size of a dinner plate.*

May 20, 1868 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*FISHING - At Dayton the boys are having good sport at fishing. The fish, trout and suckers, are caught in dip-nets below the dams, a dozen or more often being taken out at one scoop.*

July 28, 1868 – Virginia City Daily Trespass

*WOOD FOR THE MILLION – In the course of eight or ten days, Waugenheim & Co. will bring down the Carson river a drive of wood consisting of about 18,000 cords, from the neighborhood of Silver Mountain...*

September 6, 1868 - Carson Daily Appeal

*BIG DRIVE OF WOOD - ...drive from the upper Carson, and has landed in the boom at this place about fifteen thousand cords of choice pine wood. This is the largest drive of wood ever brought down the Carson...*

**1869**

July 27, 1869 - Gold Hill News

*WOODCHOPPING - Pembroke Murray...has taken a contract to cut 10,000 cords of wood for Leet and Van Gorder at their ranch in the mountains near Genoa...*

November 2, 1869 - Carson Daily Appeal

*FISHING WITH GIANT POWDER - Parties go to the Carson River and throw in cartridges made of giant powder for the sake of the fish that can be caught after the explosion. This is an abominable practice and ought to be stopped. What fish there are in the Carson may not be worth preserving from such slaughter, but of this practice is not abated it may extend to Lake Bigler and the Truckee, greatly to the detriment of the trout fisheries.*

November 2, 1869 - Gold Hill News

*FISHING WITH GIANT POWDER - The CARSON APPEAL objects to people throwing cartridges of giant powder in the river, for the sake of the fish that can be caught after the explosion, remarking, justly, that this is an abominable practice which ought to be stopped. We should say so.*

November 7, 1869 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A NEW MODE OF FISHING - ...while stopping at the warm springs, near Genoa, last week, he several times went out with parties of gentlemen to blast trout out of the Carson...with two cartridges he saw over fifty pounds of fish killed, counting trout, white fish and chubs. In places after a blast the whole surface of the water would be covered with minnows, from an inch to three or four inches in length...most destructive mode of fishing we have ever heard of...Parties have already been talking of trying this blasting process in Lake Tahoe, where by using large cartridges they expect to bring up hundreds of trout at a single shot...[Long story suggesting that a law is needed to prevent this mode of fishing]*

## **1870**

April 30, 1870 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*TROUT FISHING – The dam of the Monitor Consolidated Company has deprived residents this side of it of their usual enjoyment of trout fishing. The neglect of the company to live up to their promises to build a shoot for the accommodation of the fish that want to visit the county seat, has disgusted both man and fish. We hope the Board of Supervisors, on Monday next, will declare the obstruction a nuisance, and thus compel the building of a shoot.*

May 28, 1870 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WOOD DRIVING – The woodmen at the Norwegian ranch are throwing their wood into the creek preparatory to the grand drive to Empire.*

## **1871**

January 13, 1871 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*IN WINTER GARB - All the hills and mountain ranges visible from this city are sheeted in white, and a more dreary landscape the eyes of man never gazed upon. In former times groves of stunted pines somewhat relieved the monotony of our winter scenery, but now not a single tree of the hundreds of groves remains, and the hills stand bare, bleak and ghostly, the very picture of sterility and desolation.*

March 11, 1871 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WILL “DRIVE” – Our woodmen are going to make an early “drive” this season. The French company have already commenced throwing their wood into the river, intending to “drive” with the first rise in the Carson River. The main “drive” will commence about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, occupying about thirty-five days in making the trip to Empire. After the “drive” is through, the several crews will return and commence cutting for another “drive”.*

March 18, 1871 – Alpine Chronicle, Silver Mountain, California)

*THE “WOOD DRIVE” – The amount of the wood drive from this county this season will be fifteen thousand cords – one-third more than last year, and the valuation banked, is sixty thousand dollars. For the past three years the wood has been split here instead of at its destination – Empire City. The advantage thus gained is the facility of driving and splitting; and the state and county are benefited by the increased taxation.*

April 1, 1875 – Carson City Tribune

*FISH IN THE CARSON – At Empire City, during these dull times, the citizens amuse themselves in piscatorial pleasures. They catch trout, chub and a smaller kind of fish called minnows. At the Spanish dam and above fine trout are taken, and as the volume of water increases, fish become more plenty.*

April 2, 1871 - Daily State Register (Carson City)

*FINE FISHING - Carson river, from Empire City up to the Mexican dam, affords at present a fine field for sport to the disciples of Isaac Walton. Trout, varying in size from that of a minnow to three and a half pounds, are abundant, and go for a hook as though they were hungry.*

April 3, 1871 - Gold Hill News

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April 4, 1871 - Daily State Register (Carson City)

*PISCATORIAL - We are under obligations to Abe Richey and Bush Cleveland, of Empire City, for a bountiful supply of what Abe calls "Carson river sardines", which we find to be mountain trout of delicious flavor. On Saturday last these gentlemen caught fifteen of the speckled beauties, which weighed in the aggregate 34 pounds. The boys at Empire are having fine sport, as the fishing is better than it has been known for years.*

April 6, 1871 - Daily State Register (Carson City)

*FISHING - Day before yesterday...[4] from this city went out to the Mexican dam, on the Carson river, and caught forty fine chubs, in about three hours...*

May 6, 1871 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WOOD DRIVING – Our woodmen have this week been engaged in throwing their wood into the creeks, preparatory to the grand “drive” to Empire.*

May 25, 1871 - Daily State Register (Carson City)

*WOOD - It is estimated by competent judges that the drives in the Carson river the present season, in wood and heavy timbers, will amount to over 30,000 cords. The river is literally jammed with timber, great and small. German Richards is the principal seaport.*

June 3, 1871 - Gold Hill News

*TIMBER DEVASTATION - The REGISTER says that the wood-choppers have cleaned the eastern slope of the eastern range of the Sierras, from base to summit, from a point northwest of Carson City to a point one mile south of where the King's Canyon road crosses the summit, and are extending their operations still further southward and down the western slope toward Glenbrook, southwest, and toward Delicone Bay, north. At a rough guess there must be cut and corded up within one mile of the line of the Clear Creek flume 140,000 cords of wood. For miles the side of the mountain, where dense forests of great pines once grew, is treeless as a prairie...*

## 1872

April 13, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WOOD DRIVE – The drive of cord wood for the Nevada market has commenced on Markleeville Creek; the Spratz Bros. and associates floating out twenty-five hundred cords.*

May 25, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WOOD DRIVE – The first wood drive of the season from Alpine reached the Mexican dam, near Empire, on last Tuesday.*

May 28, 1872 - Gold Hill News

*HIGH WATER - Owing to the warm weather and consequently melting snows, Carson river is in a high state of confluency. It is said to be higher than it has been for several years at this season of the year. It overflows its banks in some places.*

June 29, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*DRIVE – Bryant today commences a drive of eighteen hundred cords of wood out of Markleeville Creek, and down the Carson River to Empire, Nevada.*

July 6, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*DRIVE – On Saturday last, Cleveland commenced a drive of three hundred cords of wood out of Silver Creek, and down the Carson River to Empire, Nevada.*

July 20, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*WOOD DRIVE – This week Cleveland's drive passed through town, and next week another drive of forty-five hundred cords, belonging to Chambers, Weis and Barber, will commence. The last of the 21,000 cords belonging to Smith & Jones, Bryant and Flanders is between Bullion and Markleeville.*

August 31, 1872 – Alpine Chronicle (Silver Mountain, California)

*OUR WOOD BUSINESS - ...Every foot of timber land in the vicinity of Silver Mountain has been located for the purpose of supplying the Virginia market with wood and like locations have been made in every section of the county... [Long article]*

September 13, 1872 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*GOOD FISHING - A gentleman from Carson river informs us that there is at present excellent fishing on the upper part of that stream. He says he landed a trout weighing 4 1/2 pounds near the Brunswick mill a few days since. We had supposed that the muddiness of the water, caused by the flow of tailings from the mills, had driven all the trout from the stream.*

October 21, 1872 - Carson Daily Appeal

*RETURNED - ...from Douglas County on Saturday night, after a few days sport on the Upper Carson. They report...the fish large and fine...brought in a fine string of fish mostly trout...*

## 1873

### April 15, 1873 – Virginia Evening Chronicle

*WOOD BOOM – Flanders & Bryant have erected a chain boom across the Carson river at Markleville to catch and hold the wood as it comes down on the spring flood. The river is black with wood for a distance of twenty-two miles and Monitor Creek looks like one vast raft.*

### May 7, 1873 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD - About 700 wood choppers, principally from Canada and Maine, are engaged in cutting wood of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, in a south-westerly direction from Carson. It is expected that 100,000 cords will be floated down to Empire City during the present season...*

### June 18, 1873 – Carson Daily Appeal

*From Mr. S.E. Jones of Empire we gather...The amount of wood now coming out of the ditch, going over the dam and coming down the river may be put down in round numbers at say 65,000 cords. Of this amount, 15,000 cords go over the dam and down to Dayton; the balance remaining in Empire...*

### July 24, 1873 - Gold Hill News

*NUT PINE WOOD - A large quantity of this highly prized fuel is being collected for the Virginia and Gold Hill market, from the foot-hills southeast of Dayton.*

### August 19, 1873 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*CAUSE OF THE LOW STAGE OF WATER IN CARSON RIVER - There can be no doubt that one great cause of the present low stage and early going out of the water in Carson River is to be found in denuding of the mountains of their timber. Formerly the heavy timber shaded and protected the snow and it melted away gradually, thus keeping a good stage of water in the river nearly all summer...*

### August 22, 1873 - Gold Hill News

*WOODS ON FIRE - This morning a heavy smoke was seen rising from a canyon...situated a short distance southwest of Carson...three days ago...fire occurred a short distance south...the mountains are now nearly stripped of the snow and the fallen timber is represented to be as dry as tinder.*

### September 2, 1873 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A PISCATORY MASSACRE - Yesterday at the Merrimac mill, Carson River, the water was turned out of the head-race in order to clean out the tail-race...Succession of pools...soon found to be full of trout and white fish, and the men went after the trapped fish hot and heavy armed with clubs...killed about 200 pounds of fish, including many fine large trout...*

### October 6, 1873 - Gold Hill News

*GOATS - Messrs. Swift & Chedic, of Carson, bought last spring about 600 goats; they turned them out on the hills north of town under the charge of a herder and now have over a thousand...*

### October 10, 1873 - Gold Hill News

*LARGE RESERVOIR - The water company...constructing the new reservoir...on the Ophir Grade...intention of the company to stock their big pond with trout...*

## 1874

March 6, 1874 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*KILLING TROUT WITH QUICKLIME - It is said that the Chinese on Carson River are found to be practicing the dodge of killing trout with quicklime, or lime slacked in the air. We have never before heard of this method of taking fish being put in practice in the United States. In the West India Islands it is common...*

April 26, 1874 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*It is estimated that the total wood-drive on the Carson River this season will be about 100,000 cords.*

June 11, 1874 - Truckee Republican

*SHIPPING LIVE TROUT - The proprietors of the Tahoe fishery shipped to-day to Mr. Elsner, of Carson City, 1500 one year old trout. These trout are for Mr. E's private fish pond.*

June 27, 1874 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*THE BIG WOOD DRIVE - We are informed by Mr. Jones of Empire City that the big wood drive on Carson River will be started next Monday. There are now about 100,000 cords of wood in the upper waters of the river, filling the stream for a distance of about ten miles...*

July 16, 1874 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*WOOD AT DAYTON - The Carson river is filled, gorged to a heighth (sic) of many feet, at Dayton, by wood, and many hands are employed taking it from the water...*

August 2, 1874 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*WOOD - At Dayton they are now taking out a large amount of wood from the Carson river, making the town a lively aspect.*

August 7, 1874 - Gold Hill News

*The Carson River in the vicinity of Empire City is filled with wood.*

August 12, 1874 - Virginia Daily Independent

*WOOD AT DAYTON - Messrs. Rullison, Likens & Sims, contractors, are now engaged in taking out of the Carson river and piling at Dayton 15,000 cords of wood. They employ both white and Chinese labor.*

August 19, 1874 - Virginia Daily Independent

*CARSON RIVER WOOD DRIVE - A.S. Bryant, who is engaged in the wood-driving business between Dayton and Empire, informs us that in the beginning of the season, 140,000 cords of wood were in the river... at present 140 men are engaged in clearing it down the river...*

September 17, 1874 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*WATER TROUBLES ON CARSON RIVER - ...The wood drive this season amounted to 180,000 cords, the largest ever put into the river... [Long detailed account of the competition for water]*

October 3, 1874 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD ITEM - Nearly all the wood has been taken out of the Carson river. The whole amount floated down the river from the mountains during the present season was in the neighborhood of 200,000 cords.*

December 17, 1874 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*MOUNTAIN TROUT – We were presented this morning with a bunch of splendid mountain trout, caught by our nimrod friend, Abe Richey, in the streams of Hope Valley...*

## **1875**

February 23, 1875 – Virginia Evening Chronicle

*Over 100,000 cords of wood, awaiting shipment to this city and Gold Hill, are piled up in the vicinity of Empire City. Nut-pine wood is being shipped northward by rail from the same locality at the rate of about 400 cords per month. It can be laid down here by the car-load for about \$15 per cord.*

March 28, 1875 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*CARSON RIVER TROUT - Silver trout in considerable numbers are being caught in the Carson River in the vicinity of Empire City. They are said to be very fine eating.*

April 1, 1875 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*FISH IN THE CARSON – At Empire City, during these dull times, the citizens amuse themselves in piscatorial pleasures. They catch trout, chub and a smaller kind of fish called minnows. At the Spanish dam and above fine trout are taken, and as the volume of water increases, fish become more plenty.*

April 3, 1875 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Trout are being caught in places along the Carson River by persons favored by Divine providence and gifted with great natural patience.*

April 14, 1875 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD IN THE CARSON - About seven hundred cords of wood a day are taken out at Empire. If less is taken out, it is because of the wind blowing up the Carson River, thereby preventing it from floating down well.*

April 15, 1875 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*WOOD DRIVING - The business of driving wood down the Carson River is already quite active. Wood is being taken out of the river at Empire City at the rate of 700 cords per day. The channel of the stream is filled with wood for many miles.*

April 16, 1875 – Virginia Evening Chronicle

*The Chinese wood merchants have again commenced grubbing up stumps on the hills within a radius of ten or twelve miles of town, and are packing them in on donkeys, for sale next winter.*

April 17, 1875 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*The Alpine wood drive for this season, as estimated by the parties engaged in measuring the wood, will comprise sixty thousand cords.*



May 8, 1875 – Carson Tribune

*RUNNING WOOD – Bob Simpson of the Alpine Fluming Company arrived in town yesterday evening. He reports the Carson River as rapidly rising, and says that the company starts off a thousand cords daily...*

May 13, 1875 – Virginia Evening Chronicle

*It is estimated that 50,000 cords of wood will be floated down the Carson river during the present season.*

May 20, 1875 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*THE CARSON - Reports are to the effect that the Carson River is lower than ever before at this season of the year. Even the wood drivers are in despair, and the mill men are fast joining them. The wood drive comes down so slowly that great difficulty is apprehended in getting the full supply. The fact is, men cannot expect to eat their pudding and keep it too in driving wood any more than in anything else. In other words, they cannot bare the mountains to the sun and expect a continuation of the water formed by the melting snows from their sides. Ten days ago the river was flooding its banks, and the excess of water then was caused by the too rapid melting of the snow. This melting of the snow was, in turn, caused by the trees having been cut off so that the sun shone in full upon the earth. The consequence was a rapid flood, an inundation of the valley; and the water, which should have continued through the summer, all escaped at once, and now men must take the consequences.*

June 25, 1875 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Some piscatorial artists wended their way along the rugged banks of the raging Carson yesterday... Several beautiful specimens of the finny tribe were captured, among which number was one whose avoirdupois [?] would approximate four pounds...*

July 12, 1875 - Gold Hill News

*The amount of wood at present in the Carson river is estimated at 45,000 cords.*

July 28, 1875 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is said to be very good in the Carson river this season. Parties go out from this city daily, bringing home beautiful specimens of the finny tribe. The trout caught in the Carson are far ahead of those of Lake Tahoe in point of flavor.*

August 5, 1875 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*Mr. Sutro brought back a lot of live trout from Lake Tahoe the other day, and has planted them in Sutro lake. They will be known as SutROUT.*

August 21, 1875 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*SOME FISHING – The amount of trout in the streams near Hope Valley can be judged from the fact that three of our boys caught 528 of the little speckled fellows in one evening's fishing. The party brought with them a keg full, and they were as fresh as when they arrived here as when taken from the streams, having been packed in ice.*

August 26, 1875 – Carson Daily Appeal

*A wood drive of some nine hundred cords is now between Clear Creek and Empire. The water is very low and progress is made with great difficulty. This is the last wood drive in the Carson for this season.*

October 30, 1875 - Gold Hill News

*FIRE ON THE MOUNTAINS - The sagebrush on the mountains at the head of Crown Point Ravine was on fire today, and dense volumes of smoke came down into Gold Hill, and filled the air with its unpleasant odor.*

**1876**

February 7, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*It is said that trout are already running up the Truckee and Carson rivers. Does this portend an early spring?*

March 3, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*WOOD DRIVING - The business of wood driving will shortly be commenced on the Carson river, from some of the lower ranches. There are at present piled up at Empire City about 50,000 cords of wood.*

March 16, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*THE WOOD BUSINESS - Some idea of the large consumption of wood by the various mines and mills in Storey County can be formed from the fact that 50 cords are consumed per day by the California mill alone...It is not probable that wood will ever be sold so cheaply again either in Virginia or Gold Hill, owing to its increasing scarcity...*

March 24, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD - Booms are being strung all along the Carson river for the big drive from Genoa, amounting to 30,000 cords, which will be turned loose in a few days. Mr. Smith, of Carson will have charge of the drive.*

April 7, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A great deal of wood has been cut during the past winter in the hills north of this city. The wood cutters have not left a stump standing; indeed, much of the wood obtained this winter in that direction was from the stumps of trees, roots and all being worked up into stovewood.*

April 13, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*THE PREDATORY GOAT - The fine apple orchard north of the Nevada Brewery, in Six-mile Canyon, has been entirely destroyed by goats...*

April 23, 1876 – Silver City Mining Reporter

*The first wood drive down the Carson has been about all landed. It is not certain at what date the second will be started.*

June 22, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD AND LUMBER - Colonel J.G. Fair returned last evening...The amount of wood being sent down the flume just now is something immense...rate of six cords in five minutes, and easily average one cord a minute. They run over 3,000 cords every day. The amount of wood and timber on hand is almost incalculable, the destruction of the forests necessarily great. In one place they have cleared off 600 acres of ground, which was formerly covered with a dense growth of trees, until it is almost as smooth as your hand...*

July 10, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*A BIG WOOD DRIVE - A drive of 35,000 cords of wood will be started down the Carson river to-morrow. The drive is put in at Silver King, Alpine County, California and will be landed in Empire.*

*A STRANGER FROM THE SEA - A salmon weighing sixteen pounds was caught in the Carson river, near Empire City, a few days ago. It is not known how this salt water fish made its way up the river, but it is supposed that it came up through the sinks of the Carson.*

July 31, 1876 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS – A fire has been raging over the hills west of town for the past two days... From reports today we learn that it is but the burning up of a lot of old stumps and undergrowth, the timber being all cut off where the fire is raging. It is nothing, say the timber men, but certainly will destroy the young trees that are now growing up to provide wood for succeeding generation.*

August 4, 1876 – Carson Appeal

*TROUT FROM HOPE VALLEY FOR THE RICE AND HELM RESERVOIR – Abe Richey came in from Hope Valley yesterday...bringing with them 75 live trout for Rice & Helm's reservoirs...This is the first successful attempt to supply these reservoirs with trout...*

August 7, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*The fish in the lake known as the Lower Sink of the Carson are dying, and are floating to the shores in thousands.*

August 7, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*FISH DYING - The fish in the lower sink of the Carson river are dying and are floating to the shores in great numbers. The lake known as the "Lower Sink" is quite shallow toward its northern extremity and is strongly alkaline. The great number of mills that are sending tailings into the Carson river probably have had much to do with the havoc among the finny tribes. Not only are there great quantities of tailings run into the river, but also in the aggregate a vast amount of chemicals of various kinds which doubtless serves to still further deteriorate the waters of the stream and lakes. Formerly trout were quite abundant in the river, but of late few are to be found in the lower part of its course.*

August 12, 1876 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

*A gentleman from the sink of Carson says that great numbers of fish are dying in this lake known as the Lower Sink of the Carson. The fish seem as though stunned by electricity, and float to the shore in millions.*

August 31, 1876 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The amount of wood running down the Carson river grows less each year. Statistics show this to be true. In 1874 it was 140,000 cords; in 1875 it decreased to 75,000 (nearly one-half), and it is expected to be still less this year.*

September 1, 1876 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*HOPE VALLEY TROUT - J.W. Haines was one day this week the recipient of 9 1/2 dozen Hope Valley trout. They came from Abe Richey, of Woodfords...*

September 5, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A MOUNTAIN FIRE - A fire of considerable extent has been burning in the Como range of mountains for about a week. The fire is visible nightly from this city. As there is no standing timber on the mountains named, it is probable that the fire is in the brush trimmed from the nut-pine trees at the time they were cut down and worked up into wood. All the hills in that region were at one time heavily timbered. There was the great pine-nut orchard of the Piutes, and they moaned and sorrowed exceedingly when the white man laid his ax to the trees.*

September 5, 1876 - Gold Hill News

*Part of the main wood drive of Yerington & Co. has arrived at Dayton. A portion of the wood was taken out at the various mills along the river.*

September 26, 1876 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Trout are said to be plentiful in the Carson river at this time, but a person has to be as sly as a fox to be successful in catching them.*

September 30, 1876 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

*Trout is said to be plentiful in the Carson River...*

October 2, 1876 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*WOOD DRIVE - The last of the great wood drive was taken out of the Carson River at Dayton on Saturday. About 23,000 cords have been taken out at that place, and the loss has been very trifling.*

October 15, 1876 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Another wood drive is being taken out of the Carson river at Empire. It belongs to Yerington, Haynie & Co. and contains about 25,000 cords. The drive is from the vicinity of Genoa and will be the last one sent down the Carson this season.*

November 31, 1876 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*The Genoa Flume Co. have done Genoa Canyon. They commenced operations three years ago, and during the intervening time have flumed 52,700 cords of wood from that mountain gorge down the Carson river to Empire.*

**1877**

February 20, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*Hunting and fishing are the popular amusements among the Genoa boys of late. More than one four and five pound trout have been pulled from the waters of the Carson this week, and...*

March 16, 1877 – Carson Appeal

*THE ABUNDANCE OF TROUT – We cannot guess why trout are so very abundant in our markets, these days. We have never seen anything to compare with the splendid displays of these beautiful fish. It has been so far at least two months. The present being the Lenten season, our dealers are constantly supplied with great strings, ranging in weight from a pound and a half to twenty pounds. It seems as if all the waters of the State were unusually full of trout at this time. Mr. John G. Fox showed us one that he caught in the Carson on Wednesday which must have weighed at least four or five pounds. As to lake trout they are in unprecedented abundance, and fatter than we ever saw before.*

March 16, 1877 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is said to be excellent in the Carson river. Piscatorial sharps go out daily. Some are handsomely rewarded, while others fail to get even a nibble.*

March 17, 1877 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*TROUT RAISING - The Virginia & Gold Hill Water Company in January last planted 140,000 trout eggs, obtained from the east, in boxes arranged for the purpose, near their reservoir on the Ophir Grade. The young trout have hatched out and are now about half an inch in length.*

March 19, 1877 - Gold Hill News

*WOOD HAULING - George S. Elder of Lyon County has three hundred animals employed in hauling wood from Dayton and Empire to Gold Hill, Virginia and Silver City. The teams average 80 cords per day from Dayton and 50 from Empire. Mr. Elder makes his headquarters at Johnstown.*

March 20, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*The Genoa Flume Co. started their spring drive yesterday afternoon. Four thousand cords will be run to the river.*

March 29, 1877 - Gold Hill News

*Fishermen from the Comstock who have visited the roaring Carson during the past few days have not had much luck.*

May 12, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*WOOD DRIVES ON THE CARSON - A large wood drive is being taken out of the Carson at Dayton. It will soon be followed by another... The drives have been growing lighter and lighter of late years, because the wood cannot be as readily reached as formerly, and hence less is put in. In 1874 the drives amounted to 140,000 cords. In 1875 it decreased to 75,000, and considerably less was run last year.*

May 27, 1877 - Carson Appeal

*THE CHAMPION TROUT - Gus Lewis yesterday caught the biggest and handsomest trout in the Carson we have ever seen from that stream. It weighs six pounds. Gus was fishing at the Spanish dam when he caught this noble trout.*

June 5, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*WOOD DRIVE - The Carson River Wood Company yesterday cut their boom near Silver King, Alpine County, and sent adrift 30,000 cords...*

June 9, 1877 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*WOOD - Mackey & Fair's flume is kept steadily at work day and night bringing wood down the mountains to Huffaker's. About 10,000 cords have already been landed at that point. The Virginia and Truckee Railroad Company are hauling it away at the rate of 200 cords per day.*

*The first wood drive of 3,000 cords down the Carson to Dayton has been taken out. Another drive of 15,000 cords is expected soon, but the entire amount will be light this year.*

June 13, 1877 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*TROUT - Old man Abe Richey, the bald-headed trapper of Hope Valley, arrived in town this morning with 245 dozen of brook trout as fresh as when taken from the streams and Silver Lake. Abe sold lots here, and proceeded with the remainder to Virginia City... These brook trout are just as nice as anything in the fish line. Abe sells them at 75 cents per dozen, and they are well worth the coin.*

June 30, 1877 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The fire in the mountains west of town is doing no harm – merely burning the rubbish from land that has been cleared of timber.*

July 10, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*A wood drive of about 7000 cords, now at the mouth of Markleeville Creek, is destined to be "hung up"...almost the entire stream after it reaches the head of Carson Valley is taken out of the channel for irrigating purposes...*

July 17, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*FISH DYING - Indians report great mortality among the fish in the Carson river. They say, "No more catchem. Heap sick. Heap die." Whether it is the low stage of the water or the use of poisonous or explosive material that causes the destruction, no one pretends to know. We understand that it is confined exclusively to the West Fork, nothing of the kind being perceptible on the East Fork. Fish above the rear of the wood drive are as plentiful and healthy as ever.*

July 21, 1877 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*FISH DYING – Indians report great mortality among the fish in the Carson river. They say "no more catch 'em. Heap sick-heap die." Whether it is the low stage of the water or the use of poisonous or explosive material that causes the destruction, no one pretends to know.*

July 31, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*TROUT FISHING IN THE CARSON - We learn that there is good trout fishing in the Carson river, at present, above Empire City. No trout are caught below the quartz mills. They cannot endure the tailings. The fish in the upper waters of the stream are what are called silver trout and are said to be very fair.*

August 15, 1877 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*CARSON WOOD DRIVE – The total wood drive for the Carson river this year amounted to 30,000 cords. This is a heavy falling off from previous years.*

September 7, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*Cameron Bros. have about completed a contract with the Genoa Flume Co. for the cutting of 6,000 cords of wood in Dry Canyon, a mountain gorge overlooking the town of Genoa. Two thousand cords of this wood was "flumed out" last spring, leaving about 4,000 cords still remaining in the bottom of the canyon...*

September 7, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*CHARCOAL - Most of the charcoal used in this city is brought from Pine Nut Valley, some thirty-five miles distant in the direction of Walker river. This is the nearest point where much wood suitable for charcoal (nut pine) can now be obtained...*

September 13, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*The Indians are preparing to go out into the mountains in search of pine nuts. Pine Nut Valley is the nearest point where they can hope to gather much of a harvest, and even there the charcoal burners are fast sweeping away the trees.*

September 15, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A clam fishery has been discovered on the Carson river, nine miles below Dayton...*

September 28, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*BLOWING UP THE FISH - We are informed that trout are again being taken by killing them with giant powder cartridges. It is said that this method of slaughtering the "finny tribes" is not only practiced about the lake but also at Hope Valley, and in other places where there are trout in the small streams. At this season it is a difficult matter to make the taking of trout with hook and line a paying business, therefore the more destructive plan of taking them with giant powder is being resorted to in order to furnish fish with which to supply the market.*

October 19, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*PINE NUT VALLEY - The charcoal burners of Pine Nut...distant from this city thirty-five miles...During the past summer the amount of charcoal produced in the valley was from 150,000 to 200,000 bushels ...There are at present about eighty men at work cutting wood, hauling it together and burning it into charcoal...*

October 24, 1877 - Gold Hill News

*During the present season the water in the Carson river dried up twenty miles this side of the sink.*

October 27, 1877 - Sutro Independent

*Piute Captain Breckinridge reports that Carson Sink never was so low as at present. The main channel of the river is completely destitute of water for more than twenty miles from the sink and lake, and has been so for over two months.*

October 30, 1877 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

*The Carson Sink is very low at present. The main channel of the river is completely destitute of water, for more than twenty miles from the sink and lake, and has been so for two months. Some think the Comstock is draining that river.*

November 16, 1877 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*CATFISH FOR THE CARSON - As live catfish are now being brought over the mountains from California, where they were planted but a few years ago, a lot should be secured and turned loose in the Carson river... [Long article]*

November 16, 1877 - Gold Hill News

*It is proposed to attempt the propagation of catfish in the Carson river. Muddy water would suit them to a dot.*

November 23, 1877 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*CATFISH FOR THE CARSON - As live catfish are now being brought over the mountains from California, where they were planted but a few years ago, a lot should be secured and turned loose in the Carson river...[Article from the ENTERPRISE]*

*From Empire to its source the crystal waters of the Carson have not yet been polluted with "mud" and probably never will until there is a change of management in the mining affairs in Alpine; and were it not for the wood-driving business, trout would be as plentiful in the river to-day as they were twenty years ago. The water becomes impregnated by filtering through the "jams" of fresh pine wood as it lies in the river for weeks at a time, which is quite as distasteful and unhealthy to the fish as the much complained of sawdust in the Truckee and other streams. Whether this would affect catfish or not, we are unable to say. It is quite certain that trout fishing will soon be very limited and provision to supply their place cannot be made too soon. Our Fish Commissioner, H.G. Parker, recently expressed his intention to stock this portion of the river with eels. We are not fond of eels, but those who are will no doubt be glad to welcome the slippery cusses in our streams.*

December 1, 1877 - Sutro Independent

*SHEEP - ...No less than 20,000 are now feeding along the Carson, east of town, and we learn that a number of flocks are now on their way over...*

December 5, 1877 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*Some 20,000 sheep brought from California on account of the drying up of the pasture lands in that State, are now feeding along the Carson river east of Dayton. Many thousands more are expected.*

## **1878**

March 14, 1878 – Carson Appeal

*Trout are commencing to bite, in the Mexican dam. This will undoubtedly be pleasant news to our anglers.*

April 23, 1878 - Gold Hill News

*A drive of about 40,000 cords of wood is expected down the Carson this week.*

April 30, 1878 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*FISH LADDERS – Fish Commissioner H.G. Parker informs us that Mr. Sam Jones has had ladders prepared after a new and well approved model, and that as soon as the present wood drive ceases moving the Mexican dam will be broken and the ladder put in place. The dam above the Mexican is merely of stone, and will be removed so that the lady trouts will shortly have an opportunity of going above to deposit their spawn. Below the Mexican dam to the one at Dayton no fish are caught, owing to the poisonous matter that is contained in the mill tailings...*

May 1, 1878 – Carson Appeal

*TROUT – We learn that Mr. Sam Jones is making preparations to break the Mexican dam and arrange ladders so that the trout may go up stream to spawn as soon as the wood drive is over for the season. Fish Commissioner Parker is keeping the welfare of these finny tribes well in mind.*

May 20, 1878 - Gold Hill News

*The Carson river is filled with wood from its head to Dayton.*

June 20, 1878 – Carson Daily Appeal

*WOOD DRIVE – A wood drive...was started, some days ago, on the east fork of the Carson river... consisting of 40,000 cords...above this is another section of the drive, of 20,000 cords...*

June 21, 1878 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*The cottonwood groves that follow the meanderings of the Carson river, as seen far to the eastward from this city...composed of trees from forty to eighty feet in hight (sic).*

June 24, 1878 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*THE WOOD DRIVE – Mr. W.D. Denman, the head man of the Alpine wood drive, was in Carson yesterday. He informs us that 55,000 cords of wood were let into the Carson river on Saturday, and that the stage of water was very good for a favorable drive...*



July 28, 1878 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*There are about 40,000 cords of wood in the Carson river at Dayton and 9,000 cords at Sutro. Jason Lothrop has the contract for taking it out at both places.*

August 3, 1878 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Some fifteen months ago, a Piute brought to town, in a large can of water, a number of small fish, similar to the minnow specie. They were emptied into the lake, near the mouth of the Sutro Tunnel, and nothing more was thought of them until, the other day, they were seen by the thousands. A number of our young folks can now be seen, during the cool of evenings, bobbing for a bite, and not a few of the fish four inches in length have been caught.*

August 9, 1878 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*NEVADA'S FISH COMMISSIONER - ...This morning he arrived from Sacramento bring with him 2,000 catfish from the Sacramento slough... Mr. P. left 150 of the shark-jawed swimmers with the great Reno Chamberlain to be deposited in Boyington slough near Reno. The remainder will be deposited in the Carson river near Charley Schultz's ranch and other places where they are likely to propagate. Five years ago, says Mr. P., 65 of this breed of fish were brought from the Schuylkill river, Penn., and deposited in the Sacramento slough, and now they are thicker therein than the hair on a dog.*

August 27, 1878 - Gold Hill News

*The wood drives of the season have ended. Eighteen thousand cords are are (sic) corraled (sic) in Dayton, and nine thousand cords at the Sutro landing.*

September 25, 1878 – Carson Daily Appeal

*CARSON RIVER WOOD DRIVE - ...The total amount of wood sent down by the company during the past summer is 54,000 cords.*

October 1, 1878 - Gold Hill News

*SALMON EGGS - Two large boxes of salmon eggs arrived at the freight depot in Virginia yesterday, consigned to Fish Commissioner Parker. It is understood that when hatched the young salmon will be placed in the Carson river, the Truckee, and other of our rivers and lakes...*

**First Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, January 2, 1879.**

*Have also stocked... Carson and... Rivers with catfish of the above mentioned variety. [Schuylkill River variety taken from the Sacramento River in California]*

*...On the tenth day of August last, I placed in the Carson River, about four miles from Carson City and above the Mexican dam, two thousand cat-fish, of the variety herein named...*

*On the twenty-ninth day of November, 1878, the United States Fish Commissioner forwarded me two hundred and fifty thousand McCloud River salmon spawn... hatching house was in readiness...producing two hundred thousand young salmon ...This fry will be deposited in the ...Carson... and...rivers from and after the first day of February, 1879...*

## 1879

### January 18, 1879 - Gold Hill News

*BIG POT FOR BOILING FISH - The artificial lake at the mouth of the Sutro tunnel swarms with fish from three to four inches in length. They were planted in the lake by some Indians about fifteen months ago. They have increased at a wonderful rate, and there now appears to be millions of them. These fish are likely to find themselves in literally hot water when pumping from the flooded mines has been commenced.*

### March 21, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fish Commissioner Parker proposes placing two hundred young salmon into the Carson river, near Schultz's ranch next week, to ascertain how well they thrive there.*

### March 24, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*John E. Fox, the boss angler of Carson, yesterday caught a fish in the Carson river weighing 5 ½ pounds. It's a spotted beauty.*

### March 25, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*HEARD FROM - Fish Commissioner Parker's cat fish, which were placed in the Carson river about twelve months since, have been heard from...Doc Benton was fishing a few days ago...brought to the surface...proved to be three and a quarter inches in diameter, he was returned to the slough of his adoption.*

### March 28, 1879 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*E.D. Cameron, the wood cutting contractor of this section, has during the past ten days flumed from the dump at the entrance of Sierra Canyon into the Carson River ten thousand cords of wood - a thousand cords per day, employing 46 men in the work. Six thousand cords still remain at the head of the flume, which he is now throwing in, and sending along in the wake of the other.*

### March 29, 1879 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*THE FIRST WOOD DRIVE - The first big wood drive of the season is now on its way down the Carson river. The drive was started four or five days ago, up near the head of the river, and the first part of it will reach Dayton in from six to ten days...*

### March 29, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*TROUT - Some fine specimens of trout are being taken from the Carson river by means of the legalized hook.*

### April 4, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*CAN'T MAKE IT - Quite a number of fine old trout are said to be trying to get over the Mexican dam, but as no fish ways have been put in, as required by law, they can't make it.*

### May 14, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson Appeal)

*A number of local anglers went out fishing yesterday but caught nothing. One party of four caught one trout, and another of two caught three. There is nothing in that sort of sport.*

### June 5, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Tom Tennant took some young salmon out to Captain Winnie's ranch, southwest of town this afternoon, to plant in the Captain's large reservoir.*

June 5, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*FISHWAYS - Another loud growl is heard from the disciples of Izaak Walton, regarding the non-compliance with the fish law requiring parties having dams in the rivers and streams of this State to construct fishways...The only dam complained of in the Carson river, we believe, is in this county...*

June 6, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*ANOTHER WOOD DRIVE – Mr. Dan Cameron, the well-known wood contractor, came in this morning from the Alpine timber tracts. Dan has just started a drive of six thousand cords down the Carson river...*

July 14, 1879 - Sutro Independent

*Young trout are now getting numerous in Willow Lake, near the Carson.*

July 17, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*Daily do amateur fishermen go the river for trout, and they are not very particular whether its speckled trout or not, but the anglers always return empty handed.*

July 19, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A fishing party consisting of... [5] returned from Hope Valley last evening. They caught several hundred of the speckled beauties.*

July 30, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*The fishing fever is running very high in this city. One can hear of nothing but trout fishing, flies, poles, etc., on the streets, saloons and hotels.*

July 31, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal (Carson City)

*MORE ANGLERS BACK - Messrs. A Deneuf, Hank Phillips and John Cradlebaugh returned from their fishing excursion last night. The party caught over 1,200 trout. They fished in Carson Canyon and Faith Valley, and found the latter to be the best fishing grounds...*

July 31, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*...[3] returned from their fishing excursion last night. The party caught over 1,200 trout. They fished in Carson canyon and Faith Valley.*

July 31, 1879 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A bush-fire raged on the side of Mount Davidson last evening.*

August 26, 1879 - Gold Hill News

*BASKETS - A Bonanza City man has commenced the manufacture of baskets, the willows growing along Six-mile canyon furnishing the material...*

August 30, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is reported good in the Carson river.*

August 30, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal

*Fishing is said to be good in the vicinity of the Mexican Dam.*

September 13, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal

*Every evening a number of amateur fishermen of this city, can be seen at the Mexican dam, patiently waiting for a half ounce trout to bite; and the majority...leave the dam without having seen the ghost of a fish...*

November 21, 1879 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Frank McCullough intends starting in to build a fish ladder at the Mexican dam, and so no more damns need be uttered by the piscatorial fraternity of Ormsby County...*

December 7, 1879 - Carson Morning Appeal

*A WORD FOR CATFISH - A few days ago Superintendent Crawford, seeing some live catfish on exhibition at a restaurant, purchased the lot and placed them in a slough near Al. Bole's house in Carson Valley...[Long article about catfish]*

## **1880**

March 24, 1880 - Carson Morning Appeal

*"Fisherman" is informed that suckers are just beginning to bite with avidity. Any kind of bait will do.*

April 10, 1880 - Genoa Journal

*Jacks Valley farmers are buying hay for their stock at the West Fork. This is the first time this has ever occurred; and is a strong comment on the severity of the winter.*

April 23, 1880 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*The last of the Cameron wood pile, six thousand cords, has been dumped into the river...*

May 7, 1880 - Carson Valley News (Genoa)

*THUS THEY GO - The flume of the Genoa Wood and Flume Company, which for the last seven or eight years...has graced the eastern slope of the mountains back of town, is being...removed to Sierra Canyon...constructed...in 1873, for the purpose of running the wood of Genoa Canyon, something over one hundred thousand cords, to the river...*

May 17, 1880 - Sutro Independent

*The lake at the mouth of Sutro Tunnel contains hundreds, if not thousands, of fish, from three to fourteen inches long. None but cold water from the tunnel flows into the lake.*

May 18, 1880 - Gold Hill News

*The lake at the mouth of Sutro tunnel contains hundreds of thousands of fish from three to fourteen inches long. None but cold water from the tunnel flows into the lake.*

June 16, 1880 - Gold Hill News

*Wild sunflowers are yellowing the eastern slope of Mount Davidson, and on the hills about the Comstock many delicate and beautiful flowers are blossoming.*

July 20, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The fishing parties that visited Woodford's on Sunday last, captured about 1500 of the finny beauties.*

July 22, 1880 - Gold Hill News

*A wood drive of 10,000 cords is expected at the Sutro and Dayton landings during the week.*

July 24, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Numerous fishing parties going up to Hope Valley.*

July 28, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*On Monday 600 cords out of the 10,000 cords of the main wood drive from Alpine, were taken out at Empire.*

August 2, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Mr. George H. Davis, of the Mint, has our thanks for a supply of Hope Valley trout. He and Morris Hetrich captured 300 of the finny beauties.*

August 4, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is said to be good at the Mexican dam on the Carson river.*

August 19, 1880 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is reported to be good in the Carson river.*

August 31, 1880 - Carson Morning Appeal

*Trout fishers find considerable sport in the Carson river, and occasionally some fish.*

September 10, 1880 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS - A forest fire started in the Sierra Nevada mountains, near Mayberry's camp, last Tuesday. It has now burned over a good deal of ground, but has not done much damage, being confined principally to brush and the tops of trees left on the ground in removing the timber and cord-wood...*

September 23, 1880 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*It is suspected that cattle and sheep men encourage some of the brush fires in the Sierra Nevada mountain. In most places the only damage done is the killing out of the second growth of timber. Where this is killed off the land soon becomes useful for grazing purposes.*

September 24, 1880 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*It is said that the fire over in the Como mountains has burned over about 200 acres of ground. There was nothing on the land but sagebrush and the tops of trees formerly felled for wood.*

October 30, 1880 - Carson City Morning Appeal

*There was a big sagebrush fire northeast of the city yesterday.*

November 9, 1880 - Gold Hill News

*Daily flow of water from the Sutro tunnel, in standard gallons, 3,593,272.*

November 13, 1880 - Lyon County Times (Silver City)

*The Genoa Flume Company will endeavor to get another wood drive down the river to Sutro before the river freezes. The drive will consist of 10,000 cords, of which 3,000 cords will be taken out at Sutro, 3,000 cords at Dayton, and the remainder at Empire.*

December 4, 1880 - Gold Hill News

*Booms have been laid across the river at Dayton to stop the wood which is coming down on the last drive of the season.*

December 8, 1880 - Carson Morning Appeal

*SHOULD BE STOPPED - For the past week or ten days wood men along the Carson river have been exploding giant powder cartridges under the wood jams to break up the ice and liberate the logs. After each explosion scores of trout and white fish come to the surface, killed by the concussion. These fish are put in the river at the expense of the State and should be protected...*

December 17, 1880 - Carson Morning Appeal

*AFTER THE FISH KILLERS - The anglers and sportsmen of this city are raising a purse for the purpose of prosecuting the men who have recently been exploding giant powder cartridges in the Carson river...*

**Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the Years 1879-1880;  
H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, January 17, 1881.**

M'Cloud River Salmon – On the adjournment of the last legislature I had in the State Hatching House over 200,000 McCloud River salmon fry. These, excepting the few thousand for Carson River, I placed in the Truckee at and near Reno...

M'Cloud River Trout – The United States Fish Commissioner furnished me 2,500 eggs or spawn last March. They hatched exceptionally well, and at date of removal from hatching house I placed them in one of the tributaries of the Carson...

No obstructions that I am aware of are to be found in the Truckee or Carson rivers.

The Mexican Mill Company placed an expensive fish ladder, of the most approved pattern, at their dam on the Carson; during the "run" numerous fish were seen ascending it easily. Diagrams of the same ladder I have furnished several parties on their application.

**1881**

January 4, 1881 - Carson Morning Appeal

*Gilligan caught an 8-pound trout yesterday in the Carson river.*

January 4, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A trout weighing eight pounds and one ounce was caught in the Carson river on New Year's Day. This would not be a great weight for a Lake Tahoe trout, but is very heavy for a river fish.*

January 19, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Day before yesterday a boy at Dayton caught a three-pound trout with a hook made out of a hair pin...*

January 22, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*The Chinese wood gatherers, having cleaned the face of the country for a space of twenty miles of all the large growths of wood, are now turning their attention to sagebrush. A train of donkeys laden with this kind of fuel looks like a line of perambulating brush heaps. The load of each animal is of about five times the bulk of its body. The sagebrush faggots find a ready sale in Chinatown...*

February 16, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*...[3] caught sixteen fine trout at the Mexican dam on Monday afternoon.*

February 17, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Trout fishing is being successfully practiced in the Carson river.*

March 8, 1881 - Gold Hill News

*Silver trout are beginning to bite in the Carson river now.*

March 9, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Trout are now so plentiful and so eager in the Carson river that when a man makes his appearance on the banks with a rod and line they follow him up and down the stream in schools, smacking their lips, wiggling their tails in a friendly manner and doing all in their power to attract attention.*

April 5, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A drive of 4,000 cords of wood was started from Genoa on Tuesday last by the Eldorado Wood and Flume company. 2,500 cords will be taken out at Empire and the balance at Dayton. Another lot of 500 cords will be floated down soon...*

April 13, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*Gus Lewis and Joe Cowing caught a fine lot of trout and catfish at the Mexican dam yesterday...*

April 14, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Catfish are plenty in the Carson river.*

April 14, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*On Tuesday noon Frank Hart caught fifteen catfish at the Mexican dam, and at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon they were still alive, being out of the water 24 hours.*

April 15, 1881 - Gold Hill News

*It is said that the catfish are getting so numerous in the Carson river that the other fish cannot live in it. We never heard of a decent mess of fish of any kind caught out of the Carson river.*

April 18, 1881 - Tuscarora Times-Review

*CATFISH - In the Carson river there is war between the native trout and the catfish, who are looked upon as carpet-baggers. The catfish are able to more than hold their own against the trout, who, though of quicker movements are not so tough of hide nor so well armed.*

April 19, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*M. Gilligan is the “boss” fisherman of Carson. He never goes to the Mexican dam but what he catches from a half to a dozen good sized trout...*

April 28, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Since the falling of the water fishing is better in the Carson river. Jack Marshall and George Mills captured five beauties yesterday afternoon.*

April 29, 1881 - Gold Hill News

*PISCATORIAL - Devotees of the rod and bait on the Comstock will find good fishing in the Carson river...*

May 3, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A wood drive of 5,000 cords has passed Empire City, where 2,000 cords were dropped. The remainder goes on down the river to Dayton.*

May 6, 1881 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A friend of ours thinks it would be a good idea for farmers to put screens in their irrigating ditches to prevent small fish leaving the river. There can be no doubt that a large number of fish run out into the ditches and die every year, and our friend's plan to prevent the evil is worthy of consideration.*

June 24, 1881 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fishing must be excellent in the river, judging from the strings of trout brought in by our piscatorial experts.*

June 24, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*...[5] have returned from a successful fishing expedition to Hope Valley. They caught 700.*

June 25, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*The party of Carsonites which recently went to Hope Valley report catching 480 trout in a day.*

June 25, 1881 – Carson Morning Appeal

*The wood drive of Sam Longabaugh, of Empire, is now on the way down the Carson river, from the head of Carson Valley, in Alpine County, Cal. There are 5,000 cords in the drive...*

June 28, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*On account of the wood running down the Carson river, the sport is very bad and the fish have been driven into the sloughs. Capt. Lyon recently snaked a dozen out of the sloughs in less than an hour, weighing from a pound and a half to two pounds.*



June 29, 1881 - Gold Hill News

*Fine fishing is now reported at Hope Valley, Lake Tahoe, Pyramid, Fallen Leaf and Cascade lakes, and pretty much everywhere except in [the] Carson river, where the sport has been spoiled by wood running down.*

June 29, 1881 – Carson Morning Appeal

*The Flanders wood drive of 4,000 cords is now on its way to Dayton and Empire, following close on the Longabaugh drive of 5,000 cords...*

July 8, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The fire which has been raging in the hills west of Carson has either been extinguished or burned itself out. It is said to have occurred in timber of no account for any thing.*

July 20, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*Hub Parker has disposed of all his land locked salmon, except about fifty, by placing them in the Carson river...*

August 3, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*A GOOD CATCH – Yesterday...[2] went to the Mexican dam...came back with nineteen silver trout weighing from one to two pounds...*

August 6, 1881 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Dead fish can be seen in holes left dry by the fall in the river.*

August 10, 1881 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*PICKLED FISH - The Carson river is now so low that it is little else than a succession of small pools strung on a slender thread of a sort of gruel of tailings and water. What little water there is flowing between the pools is so thoroughly saturated with chemicals that the fish in the pools are killed and completely pickled. Where they are left to dry about the edges of the still receding pools they are found to be completely crusted over with salt, and minute crystals of sulphate of copper are to be seen in their gills.*

August 26, 1881 – Carson Appeal

*Gilligan landed a trout at the Mexican dam yesterday weighing four pounds and three ounces.*

August 26, 1881 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Quite an extensive fire has been raging in the mountains back of town for the past three days.*

August 27, 1881 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*There are plenty of suckers in the river now, and the boys put in their nights watching for them with hook, line and bait.*

November 15, 1881 – Carson Morning Appeal

*During this season nearly 75,000 cords of wood have been flumed from the summit, of which 40,000 cords are now lying in the vicinity of the flume. For some time past 400 cords a day have been carried to Virginia.*

December 29, 1881 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing is said to be good in the Carson river in the neighborhood of the Mexican dam.*

**1882**

February 21, 1882 - Gold Hill News

*A trout was recently caught in the Carson river, just above Dayton, that weighed four and a half pounds.*

February 21, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A trout was recently caught in the Carson river, just above Dayton, that weighed four and a half pounds. This is said to be the largest trout caught in the river in many years.*

April 12, 1882 – Carson Appeal

*OUR FISH IN NEW YORK – Carson river, Lake Tahoe and Humboldt river trout were on exhibition at Fulton Market, New York City, on the First of April.*

April 21, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The rear of Cameron's wood drive passed Cradlebaugh's bridge last Wednesday and will reach Dayton in about a week. The drive consists of about 2,000 cords, and is the first of the season. There are eight men employed on the drive.*

April 28, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Alpine wood drive is floating down the Carson river under the supervision of Samuel Longabaugh. We learn that the drive consists of 3,300 cords. The rear will pass Boyd's bridge in a day or two.*

May 23, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Wild sunflowers are now blooming on the hills down along Six-mile Canyon by the million...*

May 23, 1882 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The committee of visitation, consisting of piscatorial sharps such as Tom Tennant, et. als., report the cat-fish in Swift's pond increasing in number and size.*

*H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner, and others have gone to Swift's pond for the purpose of ascertaining the growth of catfish placed there last year.*

June 13, 1882 – Carson Appeal

*Fish Commissioner Parker yesterday deposited in the Carson river, at McTarnahan and Cradlebaugh bridges, 13,000 McCloud river salmon eggs.*

June 14, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*The Carson river was stocked last Monday with over 20,000 McCloud river salmon.*

June 16, 1882 - Lander Free Press (Battle Mountain)

*The Carson river was stocked last Monday with over 20,000 McCloud river salmon. Why can't we have a few out this way?*

June 16, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*On Monday Fish Commissioner Parker deposited in the Carson river, at McTarnahan and Cradlebaugh bridges, 13,000 McCloud river salmon eggs.*

June 20, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A "WILDE" SCENE - All the mountains surrounding the city are now golden with wild sunflowers. Mount Davidson looks like a pyramid of burnished gold...*

June 30, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*John and Henry Mack and Dick Mills caught 251 trout last Sunday at Tailac, and George Cagwin, John Beam and Charlie Peters also caught 251 trout at the same place in the forenoon. The above is said to be the most accurate fish lie reported the present season.*

July 22, 1882 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*MURDERING TROUT - We are informed... that the streams used for irrigating in Carson Valley are so full of small trout that the ranchers shovel them out when cleaning the ditches. There are no screens, and the wholesale slaughter goes on without interruption. This matter should be looked into and the ranchers compelled to place screens at the junction of the streams with the Carson river.*

July 24, 1882 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The Carson river was lined with amateur fishermen yesterday. The entire party did not catch enough for one mess.*

August 1, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A few trout are now being caught down along the Carson river, but the man who catches them must have the science of Walton, the patience of Job and the time of Methuseiah (sic).*

August 17, 1882 - Carson Appeal

*FISH AND GIANT POWDER - A lot of scoundrels have been for the last ten days blasting out the fish pools in Hope Valley, Wolf Creek and Woodford's Canyon, and the dead trout float down stream in hundreds. Men caught in this sort of deviltry should be dealt with on the spot.*

August 18, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*We should judge that fishing in Carson river is not very good, from the number who have lately been out and returned without fish.*

August 23, 1882 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A MOUNTAIN FIRE - A fire has been burning for two or three days and nights on the mountain west of town. It does a good deal of smoking, but cannot "rage", as such fires are usually said to do, for the reason that there is nothing combustible in all that section but sagebrush, and that is rather short.*

October 12, 1882 – Carson Morning Appeal

*THE WOOD DRIVE – The Carson river is now almost completely chucked with wood for miles...comes from the mountains as far as sixty or one hundred miles from here...Just as this wood was started the river fell, and instead of reaching its destination in June last, it has only just arrived...*

October 20, 1882 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The Carson river is filled with cord wood from its head to the town of Dayton, and unless more rain falls, the banks will be lined with wood until April next.*

November 17, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Last Friday, Mr. Cameron succeeded in getting his wood, some 10,000 cords, flumed into Carson river...He flumed 6,000 cords from the old Sierra Canyon and 4,000 from the Vansickle Canyon...*

December 2, 1882 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The wood will all be out of the river in a few days, and the next drive which is now hung up near the Franklin dam will come down.*

December 8, 1882 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The boys are turning their attention to fishing and some of them have managed to bring in some fine large strings of the finny tribe.*

December 29, 1882 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The Cameron wood drive was all taken out and piled on Tuesday...*

**January 4, 1883 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the Years 1881 and 1882; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner.**

From the poisonous substances used in quartz mills on the upper Carson much injury must result, particularly to the young fish, as the spawning beds are in this locality, but as it is within the boundary of California, the Fish Commissioner of Nevada is powerless in surpressing (sic) the evil, and can only report its existence. Other than this no complaints against deleterious substances have been made.

### **1883**

March 6, 1883 – Carson Appeal

*John G. Fox caught a couple of three pound trout in the Carson on Sunday.*

March 9, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Carson river seems to abound with catfish.*

*Thomas Raycraft one day last week, caught some fine cat-fish in the river; some of them weighing a pound or more.*

March 15, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing in the Carson river is now first-class, as many who have tried their luck within the past few days can testify to. From the Mexican dam clear up the head of Carson Valley the speckled beauties are caught.*

March 19, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Carson River was lined with fishermen yesterday. The most fortunate of the lot probably was Col. Geo. G. Lyon, who caught five trout, three whitefish and two suckers.*

March 23, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The fishermen of this section are having excellent luck, hooking large numbers of the finny tribe.*

May 20, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*LIVELY TROUT - Day before yesterday a miner caught three trout, some six inches in length in Six-mile Canyon, at a point nearly a mile above the Lady Bryan mine. How the fish got so far up the ravine is a puzzle. In places they must have made some leaps of from five to eight feet.*

May 23, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*On the hills to the west of Eagle Valley a new growth of trees is springing up that in a few years will make that mountain slope look as of yore. It may take fifty years or so to get them to the size of their predecessors, but that ain't so very long.*

May 28, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fish Commissioner Parker and Secretary of State Dormer today went down to Schultz's, on the Carson river, where Capt. Parker planted 15,000 eastern trout. They are now about an inch in length and will be two years before they are big enough to be caught.*

June 19, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*There is so much water in the Carson river that it interferes with the trout fishing.*

June 29, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*There has been some excellent fishing lately, but now that the wood is coming down the river, the fun has all been stopped.*

*A large fire has been raging in the Old Sierra Canyon, back of town, for several days now and is reported to have done considerable damage...*

July 2, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A party of fishermen caught 11 fine trout in the Carson river yesterday.*

July 7, 1883 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sam Longabaugh and his men were down yesterday and put the boom in for the wood drive. He has about 1500 cords coming down and Martin has about 4000. The advance is arriving now.*

July 12, 1883 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fishing along the banks of the Carson river is reported fairly good.*

July 14, 1883 – Carson Appeal

*...[2] caught ten fine trout in the river near the Mexican dam yesterday.*

August 23, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*GATHERING PINE NUTS - The harvest moon now shines for the pine nut harvest of the aborigines. In this region the pine nut orchards of the red men are no more. They have fallen before the ax of the white man. Before the discovery of silver, there were in this vicinity, thousands of acres of bearing trees, yielding yearly hundreds of bushels of nuts. At Como, also, was a famous orchard, an orchard that old Captain Truckee, whose bones now lie buried there, vainly strove to save. Now the Piutes must go far away into the eastern part of the State to find bearing trees. Just now many of the tribe are out at Cowitch Mountain and other places in that direction gathering the nuts. It is now their only harvest. Formerly they had a harvest of bunch grass, reaping it, tying it up in sheaves and threshing it, just as our ancestors reaped and threshed wheat in ancient times. But the cattle of the white man now reap the bunch grass on a thousand hills, and reap it very close to the ground.*

August 24, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Several of our fishermen have been making hauls among the cat fish in the river lately. Quite a number have been caught near the springs weighing about half a pound apiece on an average.*

September 8, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*There has been quite a number of large trout caught in the river lately.*

*Last Saturday while Henry Walker was fishing in the Carson river he managed to land a fine ten pound trout. It was a fine fish, and if we are not mistaken is the largest ever caught in the Carson river in this valley.*

September 12, 1883 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A fishing party consisting of... [4 women] yesterday caught 38 fish on the Carson river...*

September 28, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Several cat-fish have been caught in the river lately.*

October 12, 1883 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Our sportsmen hereabouts, report good hunting and fishing now. Since the late storms, large numbers of ducks have come into the valley at different points. The Indians most every day come into town with large strings of fine trout.*

November 2, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*TROUT AS A MILLING PROPOSITION - [Good article from the CARSON APPEAL about trout in the Mexican Mill]*

November 13, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*TROUT IN THE SUTRO TUNNEL - A day or two since three trout were found at the mouth of the Sutro tunnel. They were dead, and doubtless passed down through the big hydraulic pump at the Combination shaft...*

November 20, 1883 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Catfish are being caught in considerable numbers in the Carson river below Dayton.*

## 1884

### January 1, 1884 – Carson Appeal

*SAGEBRUSH FUEL – Since Bell has taken charge of the State prison he has burned over a thousand cords of sagebrush... It is gathered about three miles from the State prison, beyond the river, where it grows almost as thick as a man's leg and makes splendid fuel. There is at present nearly 800 cords stacked up near the prison...*

### March 26, 1884 – Carson Appeal

*The best trout in Nevada are said to be those caught in the Carson river. The next best are those taken in Walker Lake.*

### April 8, 1884 – Carson Appeal

*Trout are beginning to run up the Carson river.*

### April 9, 1884 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Trout are beginning to run up the Carson river.*

### April 9, 1884 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Trout are again beginning to run up the Carson river.*

### April 11, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A good many fish are being drawn out of the river now.*

### April 13, 1884 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*A good many fish are being drawn out of the river just now up about Genoa.*

### April 22, 1884 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*The first wood drive of the season was started down the Carson river last Sunday by Sam Longabaugh.*

### April 24, 1884 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*Catfish are now occasionally caught in the Carson river down about Dayton.*

### April 26, 1884 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Sam Longabaugh's wood drive, containing some 2,000 cords, is wending its way through Carson Valley now. Mr. Longabaugh is having very good luck with his drive this year.*

### May 8, 1884 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Twenty-one hundred cords of wood belonging to Sam Longabaugh reached Empire Saturday via Carson river, being the first drive of the season. About 1,400 cords will be taken out at Empire and the balance is for the Santiago and Vivian mills.*

### May 9, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Hub Parker and Thomas Tennant passed through here yesterday with 40,000 small New England brook trout, which they intend putting into the Carson river at Woodfords.*

June 24, 1884 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*HIGH WATER - The Carson river still continues on the rampage - has not been in its bed for six weeks. No crops will be raised this season on the best part of the Barrett ranch and several other ranches near Dayton, all the level land near the stream having been under water for over a month.*

July 26, 1884 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*THE WOOD DRIVE - The Nevada Wood and Flume Company's drive of wood will be here Monday. Sam Longabaugh is bringing it down. Eleven thousand cords started from Markleeville...*

August 1, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The rear of Hanson & Campbell's wood drive is gradually making its way through the valley. Sam Longabaugh has the contract for delivering it at the different points of destination along the river. Eleven thousand cords of wood started from Markleeville; 500 cords will be taken out at Empire, 1,500 cords at the Brunswick mill, 1,000 cords at the Eureka mill, and 1,000 cords at the Woodworth mill. The balance of the wood is to be taken out at Dayton. There are also 1,000 cords of Bryant's wood in the drive for Stevenson's mill.*

August 16, 1884 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The rear of the wood drive was brought here Wednesday afternoon.*

August 22, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Good fishing in the Carson river now.*

August 30, 1884 - Carson Appeal

*Fishing is first-class at the Mexican dam. Mrs. John G. Fox caught 36 trout there a few days ago, none of which weighed less than two pounds.*

September 5, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Trout, which are caught in the Carson river and its tributaries, generally have red and yellow spots on their sides, concave tails, and belly tinged with orange-red...*

September 9, 1884 - Tuscarora Times-Review

*Trout caught in the Carson River and its tributaries generally have red and yellow spots on their sides, concave tails and belly tinged with orange red.*

October 24, 1884 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*It is reported that trout and white fish have been very plentiful in the upper waters of the main Carson river this fall.*

**December 29, 1884 - Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the Years 1883 and 1884; H.G. Parker, Fish Commissioner.**

Land Locked Salmon - The land locked salmon furnished by the United States Fish Commissioner were planted in the same waters with the McCloud river salmon...They do well in the... and Carson...

Eastern Brook Trout - In November 1883, through the kindness of Major J.B. Overton, Superintendent of the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company, I was permitted to take two hundred and fifty thousand



spawn from the company's reservoir on the Ophir Grade... About forty thousand were liberated in the Carson river...

White Bass - ...The species I have introduced...originally came from Lake George, New York. For a few years an erroneous opinion was entertained by many that it was the Sacramento river perch...During the past two months I have placed over six thousand in Carson, Walker and Humboldt rivers...

### 1885

January 23, 1885 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*We see Indians and even white men come into town every day with strings of large fine trout caught in the Carson river...*

February 27, 1885 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The boys about town are having good success catching white fish, cat fish and trout in the Carson river.*

March 2, 1885 - Carson Free Lance (Carson City)

*Good fishing in the Carson, near Genoa.*

March 6, 1885 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*We are informed that about 12,000 cords of wood will be driven down the Carson river during the coming season. This is about the average drive of late years, but in the flush times as high as 180,000 cords were sent down in one season.*

March 10, 1885 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*FISHERMEN - Gus Gross...and Cap. Avery went fishing yesterday at the Mexican flume, on the Carson river, and both were very successful, but Gus took the cake by capturing a trout weighing thirteen pounds...*

March 20, 1885 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*There has been a great many fish caught in this section within the past few days, and it has been discovered that the best bait to use is a four-bit piece.*

April 6, 1885 - Carson City Free Lance

*Sam Longabaugh starts his wood drive of 5,000 cords from Markleville to-day.*

April 26, 1885 - Carson Appeal

*TROUT AT THE DAM - At the Mexican dam...trout leap over the falls which are six or eight feet in height...just making the leap...They are over a foot long and appear at the dam in vast numbers. They are not biting, however...*

May 9, 1885 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sam Longabaugh was in town this week. His wood is started down the river but will not be here for some time. About 6,000 cords will be taken out here.*

May 18, 1885 - Carson City Free Lance

*WOOD - Hanson & Campbell are working night and day with a large force of men fluming wood into the Carson river, near Markleville. Wood drivers have to avoid the high and low stages of water and many thousand dollars depend upon catching the stream at the right stage.*

June 15, 1885 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Some fine trout were caught in the Carson river yesterday by Messrs. Fox and DeNeuf.*

July 11, 1885 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*There was quite a sage brush fire in the Como mountains last Thursday. People in that camp thought at first the fire was in Dayton as the blaze was on this side of the range.*

July 16, 1885 – Carson Appeal

*Fishing at Washoe Lake has fallen off, but the trout are taking black flies at the Mexican dam with a vengeance.*

July 17, 1885 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A destructive fire was raging among the young pines on the base of the mountain south of town during the fore part of the week.*

August 3, 1885 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Thousands of brook trout are being brought in by Carson fishing parties from Hope Valley.*

September 16, 1885 - Territorial Enterprise (Virginia City)

*CARSON RIVER TROUT - Trout fishing is pretty good in Carson river at present for those who are experts in that line. Ed Yerington caught several fine ones the other day a short distance below the Mexican dam. The silver sided beauties were dexterously landed by the "fly" style of fishing.*

October 31, 1885 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Over forty thousand head of sheep will be wintered in the valley this season.*

**1886**

March 8, 1886 - Carson Free Lance

*The sagebrush lands of Eagle Valley are being rapidly fenced in for pasturage purposes. In another year, it will be impossible to get half a mile outside of Carson without the risk of tearing one's raiment (?) on barbed wire fences.*

March 19, 1886 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Fish Commissioner Cary had a carp at the Arlington House yesterday taken from Mr. Oliver's fish pond south of town. It was a handsome fish, in excellent condition and quite large for the age, four years.*

April 2, 1886 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*On Monday Peter Lessenberg, the boss fisherman of this section, caught a six pound trout in the Carson river. He caught two smaller ones the same day.*

April 12, 1886 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*EMPIRE NEWS – Fishing is said to be very good at present along the Carson river, near the Merrimac dam.*

April 23, 1886 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The catfish planted in the Carson river a few years ago have multiplied and become numerous, and it is no trick at all to catch a dozen or so. The catfish is composed largely of head and horns, but the biggest thing about him is his smile.*

April 30, 1886 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fish Commissioner Cary passed through Genoa last Saturday with 20,000 young eastern trout, which have been planted in the headwaters of the Carson, near Woodford's.*

April 30, 1886 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*A carp was taken from Farmer Treadway's pond by Judge Cary yesterday that weighed two pounds and only a year old.*

June 24, 1886 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Judge Cary has returned from his trip to the head waters of the Carson River, after having planted some 8,000 trout in Wolf Creek and other tributaries. The commissioner attends strictly to business, and has now exhausted the supply of young trout.*

June 24, 1886 - News Reporter (Dayton)

*Chub fishing is now good in the Carson river.*

June 26, 1886 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The boys are catching "chubs" below the Rock Point dam in the Carson river. Remember you should not use a net for this sport.*

July 1, 1886 - News Reporter (Dayton)

*The authorities have put a stop to the practice of catching fish in the Carson with a net.*

July 7, 1886 - Tuscarora Times-Review

*The authorities have put a stop to the practice of catching fish in the Carson River with a net.*

July 16, 1886 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The catfish are biting. Several hundred have been caught down at Boyd's bridge, within the past few days. Zenas Pratt, aged 11, has caught over an (sic) hundred. On Wednesday he sold \$2.25 worth and had a string of twenty-one left after supplying all of his customers.*

July 17, 1886 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*THE WOOD DRIVE - Sam Longabaugh's wood drive began to arrive the first of this week, and now there are probably 3,000 cords of wood at the boom. About 10,000 cords will be brought down this far.*

July 22, 1886 - Nevada State Journal (Reno)

*Catfish in the Carson river are biting well. They are said to do better in the river than they do in Washoe Lake, and the quality of their flesh is better.*

August 28, 1886 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*About 17,000 cords of wood were taken from the river here this year.*

September 23, 1886 - News Reporter (Dayton)

*A great many catfish are being caught in Horseshoe lake.*

**January 1, 1887 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the Years 1885 and 1886; W.M. Cary, Fish Commissioner.**

...I have experienced great difficulty in distributing fry for planting in distant parts of the State...They frequently have to be sent by express, and the young fish die for want of care...Hence, of necessity, a very large proportion of the fry planted have been put into the streams near Carson, the tributaries of the Carson river, the Truckee and Lake Tahoe...

TROUT FRY DISTRIBUTED

Otto Schultze	Ormsby County	300
C.H. Noteware	Ormsby County	150
Carson River	Douglas County	55,000
V. & T. RR Reservoir	Ormsby County	1,000
D.C. Smith	Churchill County	1,000
Alfred Helm	Ormsby County	300

YOUNG CARP DISTRIBUTED

--- Kaiser	Churchill County	22
W.B. Sanders	Lyon County	10
J.P. Sweeney	Ormsby County	11
N.M. Jellerson	Ormsby County	11

YOUNG CATFISH DISTRIBUTED

Carson River	Ormsby County	12
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YOUNG BASS DISTRIBUTED

J.P. Sweeney	Ormsby County	14
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\*All of the catfish and bass were seined in Washoe Lake.

**1887**

March 11, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*L. Fray and H. Van Sickle this week sent a band of horses up the mountain west of Wally's Springs to graze on the bunch grass, which is said to be several inches high.*

March 18, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The fishing is good.*

*Mr. Richard Raycraft...came up from Carson...and Wednesday morning caught a trout in the Carson river that weighed 4 1/2 pounds.*

March 21, 1887 – Carson Tribune

*Yesterday Mr. Cary, the Fish Commissioner, visited Farmer Treadway's fish pond and caught a beautiful carp weighing perhaps two or more pounds. They are handsome fish, and their propagation will be well looked to.*

March 25, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The surface of the Carson river is covered with wood from the old Haines ranch to Empire. The wood belongs to Mr. Hank Martin.*

April 21, 1887 - News Reporter (Dayton)

*Lots of fish in the river now; Succors (?) -- They always bite.*

April 25, 1887 – Carson Tribune

*Trout fishing is very brisk on the Carson river above Dayton. Below the dams the only fish that can be caught are chubs. These are much smaller than the ordinary whale or blackfish, but they satisfy the piscatorial cravings of the Piute.*

April 29, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*W.P. Merrill's fish-pond at Woodfords was destroyed one night about two weeks ago. During a heavy rainstorm the dam broke, and all the fish left the pond. Some of the trout were nearly two feet long.*

June 17, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The fish are biting in Carson river. Forty or fifty fine trout were caught in the vicinity of Boyd's bridge last Monday.*

July 1, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fish Commissioner Cary has planted several thousand fish in the Carson river during the last few days.*

July 2, 1887 – Carson Tribune

*...[3] spent three days at Hope Valley this week fishing. They caught thousands of brook trout, a nice mess of which was received at the Tribune office.*

July 15, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*On Monday Harry and Georgie Van Sickle caught 54 catfish at Wally's Springs. Some of the fish were a foot long, and the whole lot probably weighed 30 pounds. The boys sold them out at two bits a dozen...*

*The catfish are biting in the Carson river and the school boys are having fine sport catching them. It is an easy matter to catch 50 in a few hours, and there are days when no less than 300 fish are taken from the river in the vicinity of Genoa...*

August 5, 1887 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*J.H. Dungan and Hiram Jones caught 425 trout in Hope Valley in two days.*

September 3, 1887 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*There is said to be good fishing in Horseshoe lake near Sutro, now.*

### 1888

February 4, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*Messrs. Dempsey and Furlong caught two trout this morning in the Carson river, near Schulz' ranch, weighing 9 ½ and 6 ½ pounds respectively. A wondrous catch for Carson river.*

February 10, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Now it is stated that the 8 and 10 pound trout caught recently by Carson sportsmen at Spanish Dam, were originally hooked in Walker Lake by an Indian...*

March 24, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*Fish Commissioner Cary was yesterday the recipient of several mackinaw trout from Baseman's ranch, Carson Valley. The beautiful red-speckled fish, probably weighing three pounds each, were planted by Mr. Cary in the river by Mr. Baseman's house about sixteen months ago. Mr. Cary says that kind of trout reach from twenty to thirty pounds in their native waters.*

March 30, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*THE WOOD DRIVES - Mr. J.H. Martin has commenced driving wood in the Carson river. The drive consists of 1500 cords. Mr. Martin has 6,000 cords more cut in the mountains, which will be sent down later...*

April 6, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fish Commissioner Cary yesterday sent 75,000 young trout to Woodford's, to stock the fish pond on W.P. Merrill's place.*

April 28, 1888 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Welk Lothrop caught forty young catfish last Wednesday in Horseshoe Lake, near Sutro, and Sheriff Brann will take them out to Jim Smart, of Mason Valley, this morning. Smart will plant the fish in the sloughs on his ranch, and in a few years all the sloughs in the valley will doubtless be full of these palatable fish.*

May 21, 1888 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Hank Martin's first wood drive of 6,000 cords will begin to arrive in Empire tomorrow. This will shortly be followed by Sam Longabaugh's drive...*

June 1, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Johnny Van Sickle caught sixteen fine trout in the Carson river, Monday.*

June 15, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Mr. Samuel Longabaugh...expects to cut the main boom, in the East Fork of the Carson river, near Mr. Rodenbah's place next Sunday...The drive contains, it is thought, from 15,000 to 18,000 cords.*

June 22, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Alpine wood drive is now floating down the raging Carson. The drive contains only about 11,000 cords...*

June 27, 1888 – Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*The wood drive from Alpine County, California, is still floating down the Carson river. It contains only 11,000 cords.*

June 30, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*Fish Commissioner Cary gave Mr. Baseman, of Carson Valley, a lot of 2 ½ month old trout from his hatchery 18 months ago to put in his pond, and yesterday received from Mr. Baseman six trout that averaged 2 ½ lbs. in weight. This proves that proper attention to fish raising will pay.*

July 6, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The trout are biting in the East Fork of the Carson river above Jake Rodenbah's place.*

July 7, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*The trout are biting in the East Fork of the Carson river, above Jake Rodenbah's place.*

July 19, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*The scarcity of trout and other fish in the Carson river is due to the absence of screens at the head of irrigating ditches into which the river water is turned. The young fish are carried through the ditches and stranded on the ranches where they perish when the water is shut off. The Fish Commissioner should see that screens are put in at the head of all ditches.*

August 3, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The District Attorney of this county desires to call the attention of the ranchers who take water from the Carson river and its tributaries to the necessity of placing screens in their irrigating ditches to keep the fish from leaving the river, as many thousands of fish are yearly destroyed by this neglect on their part, and prosecutions may follow any omission to attend to this matter.*

August 27, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*Parties from Carson caught 175 trout in the waters of Clear creek yesterday. They say wherever a pool can be found it is full of brook trout.*

September 21, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A correspondent from Clear Creek writes to the CARSON APPEAL that hundreds of trout are now being caught in that stream by persons whose only object seems to be to wantonly destroy the fish.*

November 23, 1888 – Carson Tribune

*Fishing is reported good in the Carson river.*

November 24, 1888 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Nut pine wood is becoming scarce and now sells here for \$12 per cord. Daytonites are buying coal and putting in coal stoves.*

December 7, 1888 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Mr. J.H. Martin started a drive of about 1,000 cords of wood from the old Haines ranch last Saturday. It will be taken out of the river at Empire.*

**February 9, 1889 - Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the years 1887 and 1888; W.M. Cary, Fish Commissioner.**

RECORD OF BROOK TROUT DISTRIBUTION

March 26, 1888	Upper Carson river	75,000
April 10, 1888	Liberated in Carson river	40,000

BLACK BASS - ...I exchanged thirty thousand of the New England brook trout, the eggs of which were obtained and hatched here, with the Spring Valley Water Company of San Francisco, planting the bass I received in exchange in the Carson river, Washoe Lake and about one thousand in a private reservoir near Carson. Those in the reservoir are intended for reshipment...

**1889**

February 15, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Mr. E. Robinson was down from Glenbrook last Sunday to secure another lot of minnows for bait.*

March 29, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*We hear a rumor that the catfish are biting in the Carson river, which is probably true. At any rate the catfish is deserving of honorable mention. He is the boys' best aquatic friend...*

March 30, 1889 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfish are reported plentiful at Horseshoe Lake near Sutro.*

April 27, 1889 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Part of Sam Longabaugh's wood drive is in the water at the head of the Carson. It is expected that between 10,000 and 12,000 cords will reach this place and be taken out here this season.*

May 24, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Sam Longabaugh expects to arrive at Dayton in a few days with a drive of 15,000 cords of wood. J.H. Martin's wood, now being flumed into West Fork near Walley's Springs, was turned into the main river with Mr. Longabaugh's wood last Saturday evening. There are 40,000 cords in the two drives.*

June 28, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Boyd dam on the Carson river, which was built last year...was blown out with giant powder last Saturday night. The shot killed hundreds of fish...*

*Trout are biting in the East Fork of the Carson river, above Rodenbah's place...The fish are nearly as large as those caught in Lake Tahoe...In a week or two the white fish will begin biting. They are very fine and can be caught there in large numbers.*

July 6, 1889 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfish are still biting well at Horseshoe Lake.*



July 13, 1889 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The wood that reached Dayton this season was all taken from the river and stacked up Wednesday night, and the boys left for Empire to finish taking out what wood was left there. About 3,300 cords were taken out here.*

August 9, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Owing to the scarcity of water this year it took Mr. Longabaugh a little over seven weeks to get his wood-drive down the Carson river. The drive started June 9th, and the last stick was taken out of the river July 31st.*

October 26, 1889 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*SLAUGHTER OF CATFISH - For a couple of days this week catfish were a drug on the market here. The water is now so low in Horseshoe Lake that the fish have to burrow in the mud to keep their hides dry. Tuesday and Wednesday a number of Dayton people went down to the lake and brought home barley sacks full of fish. The fish are from six inches to a foot long, and all the tackle that is needed to catch them is a pair of gum boots and a club. You can wade into the mud and knock the fish over by the dozen. This must be great sport.*

November 8, 1889 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*BROUGHT IN AN ASSORTMENT - Kit Woodford went out the other day with rod and gun and made a general clean up...Returning to the river he caught three fine trout...*

## 1890

February 14, 1890 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Catfish are ripe. Ed Barnett and Joe Lynch caught four dozen the other day in the sloughs this side of Walley's Springs...*

March 21, 1890 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Sam Longabaugh expects to run about 20,000 cords of wood down the Carson this season.*

*Carson Valley ranchers are turning their stock into the Pine Nut hills to rustle for themselves.*

June 7, 1890 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*TROUT PLANTED - Col. C.C. Thomas, of Sutro received this week from Fish Commissioner Mills a number of small trout which he had planted in the lake near his residence, near Sutro...*

June 26, 1890 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Sam Longabaugh started his wood drive from Markleeville yesterday morning under very favorable circumstances. He will run 20,000 cords, and probably more, to Empire City.*

June 28, 1890 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sam Longabaugh has started his wood drive in Alpine County. He expects to bring down about 20,000 cords and possibly more as far as Empire. Last year the water was so low in the river that he had hard work to get 6,000 cords to Dayton. There will be no such trouble this year.*

July 26, 1890 – Carson Tribune

*GENOA ITEMS [Courier] – W.P. Merrill has had the willows grubbed out of the old mill-race at Woodfords, which has stood idle for thirty years... The Fish Commissioner of Nevada recently put in 40,000 New England trout. Mr. Merrill says he will turn the trout into the river when they become strong enough to stand the hardships of the raging Carson.*

August 1, 1890 – Carson Tribune

*Trout fishing in Clear Creek attracts many fishermen thereto. George Bryson caught over fifty small ones yesterday.*

August 2, 1890 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfishing is good at the Horseshoe Lake.*

August 8, 1890 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Arrangements have been made for the wood drives of Spooner, Martin and Longabaugh to run together and now there is one continuous string of wood from Rodenbah's to the Eureka Mill, making in all between thirty-five and forty thousand cords in one drive.*

September 5, 1890 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The rear of Longabaugh's wood drive reached Dayton Wednesday evening, and the wood will all be taken out the coming week. They were 38 days driving from Markleeville to Dayton...*

September 20, 1890 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*PIUTES PINENUTTING - Four wagons drawn by Piute mustangs...bound for the mountains...The pinenut crop about the Como hills is said to be very good this year...*

October 11, 1890 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfishing is good at Horseshoe Lake.*

October 31, 1890 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Dick Raycraft brought in eighteen pounds of fine trout last Sunday. He caught them in Carson river.*

November 24, 1890 – Carson Tribune

*Fishing parties to the Carson river yesterday were quite successful.*

**December 31, 1890 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the years 1889 and 1890; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner.**

1889 DISTRIBUTION OF HATCHING

Ash Canyon (Ormsby Co.)	5,000	Carson River	175,000
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## 1891

March 13, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*FISHY NOTES - The fishermen have reached the Seventh Heaven.*

*This week Dick Raycraft caught 86 catfish one day and 134 the next and 318 the next - making 538 in all. They were caught in the long pond below Walley's Springs.*

*Wednesday John Simonis and Dave DeLong caught 126 catfish above the springs.*

*Tom Raycraft tried his luck on trout Wednesday and hauled out 13 that weighed 32 pounds.*

*A number of other disciples of Walton made big catches. The fish are good sized and delicious in flavor.*

March 20, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Will Seamon caught a catfish, that dressed six pounds.*

*Dick Raycraft caught 1,456 catfish in six days and rested on the seventh day, because an old cow tried to walk tight rope on his fishing rod while he was digging angle worms.*

March 28, 1891 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*SHOOTING FISH - Parties who have been down to Horseshoe Lake and the sloughs below there, angling for catfish, say that some persons have been shooting the fish with giant powder caps. Pieces of fuse...lying scattered around on the river's banks, and the fish are noticeably less...It will be an unlucky day for the scrubs who are shooting them if they are caught...*

April 3, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Captain Howland caught forty-five pounds of trout at Rowland's one day last week. He sells the fish at a bit a pound.*

April 18, 1891 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*CATFISH PLENTIFUL - Last Thursday Charlie Watson and Gene Pierini went down the river to Clifton to catch a few catfish. They returned in the afternoon with about one hundred as fine a fish as one would wish to see. The average size of the fish was between 6 and 8 inches, but several were caught that measured over a foot in length...The fish seem to be very plentiful in the sloughs down the river, but have been somewhat thinned out in the Horseshoe Lake.*

May 9, 1891 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The catfish fever is not yet over and many Sunday excursions are taken to the sloughs on the banks of the raging Carson.*

May 22, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fish Commissioner Mills last week put 40,000 New England brook trout in the old mill race at Woodfords. Mr. Merrill states that the fish put in the old mill race heretofore have done well.*

June 12, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Wednesday 50,000 young trout were deposited in the Carson river.*

June 19, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Fish Commissioner has deposited a lot of young trout in the canyon along the Kingsbury grade.*

June 20, 1891 – Carson Tribune

*Fish Commissioner Mills has deposited a lot of young trout in the canyon along the Kingsbury grade.*

June 21, 1891 - Carson Morning News

*Fish Commissioner Mills has deposited a lot of young trout in the canyon along the Kingsbury grade.*

July 1, 1891 – Carson Tribune

*Byron Close put 20,000 brook trout in the Carson river yesterday below Schulz's.*

July 10, 1891 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Sam Longabaugh's wood boom at Rodenbah's was cut on the Fourth. Teams have gone to Empire to haul the wood out of the river. [Excellent account of the wood driving process]*

July 23, 1891 - Carson Morning News

*Twenty one thousand cords of wood are being floated down the Carson river.*

July 27, 1891 – Carson Tribune

*The Platt party returned from Hope Valley last night. They caught about 400 fish.*

August 8, 1891 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Some fine carp were caught this week below the Rock Point dam by Welk and Ruel Lothrop. The fish weighed from 1/2 to 3 pounds.*

*We are informed that carp are being caught in the river below the dam with dip nets and seines. This is against the law and the officers will make it interesting if they catch anybody at this kind of sport (?).*

August 17, 1891 – Carson Tribune

*A BIG CATCH - ...[4] went out to the Carson river on a fishing expedition yesterday, and returned loaded to the gunwales with catfish...*

August 29, 1891 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*DEAD FISH - Last spring and this summer, when the water in the river was quite high, the sloughs along its banks were full of catfish. When the water began to lower many fish were caught in the sloughs, while the smaller ones got out into the river and into the ditches on the Italian ranches. Thousands of the small fish were drawn off onto the potatoe (sic) fields in irrigating and now there are rows of fish two to three inches deep on some of the lower ranches, and the stench is terrific. It is rough on the fish, but the finest thing in the world for enriching the land.*

September 26, 1891 - White Pine News (Ely)

*It is said that tons of trout are taken from the Carson River by means of giant powder.*

## 1892

### March 13, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*A sturgeon weighing 325 pounds was caught in the Carson river yesterday two miles below Dayton.*

### March 16, 1892 - Walker Lake Bulletin (Hawthorne)

*A sturgeon weighing 235 pounds was caught in the Carson river last Saturday two miles below Dayton.*

### March 19, 1892 - Carson Press (Carson City)

*Fishing is reported fine in the Carson River.*

### March 23, 1892 - People's Advocate (Austin)

*A sturgeon weighing 235 pounds was caught in the Carson river last Saturday two miles below Dayton.*

### April 1, 1892 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Numerous fishing parties have recently been out from Carson to enjoy the sport at Cradlebaugh's. The fishing is excellent at the bridge. We know whereof we speak.*

### June 3, 1892 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Gray and Campbell have between 13,000 and 14,000 cords of wood in their camp above Markleeville, which they expect to send down the river this summer...*

### June 9, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*Eight thousand fish were put in the Carson river yesterday by Fish Commissioner Mills.*

### June 9, 1892 – Carson Tribune

*Fish Commissioner Geo. T. Mills, with the assistance of Billy Mason, yesterday planted 15,000 eastern brook trout in the Carson river.*

### June 11, 1892 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Longabaugh and Spooner were here yesterday making preparations to bring down a drive of 3,000 cords of wood. The drive will be here between the 4th and 10th of next month.*

### June 29, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*Spooner's wood drive has started and now is coming down the river.*

### July 8, 1892 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*THE WOOD DRIVE - The rear of the wood drive was brought from Markleeville to the boom in five days - The fastest time ever made...The boom was cut Sunday and it is expected that the 11,000 cords will be cleaned out of the jam by next Sunday.*

### July 13, 1892

*RIVER WOOD DRIVES – Sam Longabaugh states that the Spooner wood drive of 6,000, under his supervision, has reached Dayton. The advance of Longabaugh's drive of 12,000 cords has already reached Empire, where it is*

*being taken out at the rate of 700 cords a day. The two drives of 18,000 cords will be the only ones sent down the river this year. There is plenty of water in the river for driving wood, but the necessities of the market can be supplied with that already sent down.*

July 21, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*The last of the wood drive has reached Empire.*

July 24, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*Since the wood has all been taken out of the river our local disciples of Izaak Walton are having rare sport catching the wily trout and sluggish catfish.*

August 3, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*Thousands of young catfish are stranded in the sloughs all along the Carson river and will undoubtedly perish if the stream does not shortly raise in volume.*

August 9, 1892 - Carson Morning News

*VIOLATION OF THE FISH LAW - ...report that some one has been killing the trout as well as other kinds of fish in the river. Some explosive, presumably giant powder, is being used. The fish are lying dead in quantities along the river bank...*

August 13, 1892 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Carson river is now very low. In many places below town it can be crossed dry-shod, and the fish in in (sic) the sloughs are dying by thousand[s].*

**December 31, 1892 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the years 1891 and 1892; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner.**

GIANT POWDER - In September, 1891, I received the first complaint of giant powder being used on the East Fork of Carson river for purpose of taking fish. I immediately communicated with Sheriff McCormack of Douglas county and Mr. Peter Milich, a farmer living in the neighborhood, of this infraction (sic) of the law.

August 8th, same year, another complaint came from the same county, when I notified Hon. Wm. P. Merrill of Woodfords, to guard against these violations of the law; also addressed the editor of the Genoa Courier, requesting him to make public these complaints and give warning that the law would be enforced and the fullest punishment meted out to those detected and convicted in this nefarious work.

The broad publicity, through the columns of the Genoa Courier, together with the vigilant watchfulness of the gentlemen above named, seemed to check this unlawful practice, as no further complaints have reached me from that quarter.

DISTRIBUTION OF EASTERN BROOK TROUT – 1891

Ash Canyon Creek	5,000	Carson River	120,000
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DISTRIBUTION OF EASTERN BROOK TROUT – 1892

Carson River	75,000
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In 1891 I received from the United States Fish Commission from their station at Grand Lake Stream, Maine, 20,000 of the eyed ova [Schoodic or land-locked salmon], again in 1892 20,000 more. Of the

first shipment the loss in hatching was about three thousand, leaving for distribution 17,000 as follows:  
Carson River 2,500...

In the shipment of 1892 the loss was still greater, which I attribute in both instances to the long distance...the distribution being as follows: Carson River 4,000...

### 1893

#### April 21, 1893 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Trout are biting in the Carson river.*

*Fishing parties leave town every day. They are catching trout a foot and a half long up near the creamery.*

*FAIRVIEW SIFTINGS - The fishing is excellent at the present time, large and small ones being caught daily.*

#### April 22, 1893 - Carson Tribune

*A few days ago Ed Burlington caught a trout in the Carson river weighing five pounds. It was a beauty.*

#### April 24, 1893 - Carson City Weekly

*Trout are biting in the Carson river.*

*Henry Rosenbrock caught a five and a half pound trout in the Carson river last week.*

#### May 7, 1893 - Carson Morning News

*The Carson river dredger, which is to take the quicksilver from the bottom of the river, was launched at Dayton Friday.*

#### May 27, 1893 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sam Longabaugh has been putting in the boom this week at the head of Carson river...There will be about 20,000 cords this year.*

*There have been considerable fish caught at the dam this week, suckers and brook trout, and some are a pretty fair size.*

#### June 23, 1893 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*FAIRVIEW SIFTINGS - Trout are again biting in the West Fork of Carson river. Quite a number have been taken during the last few days.*

#### June 24, 1893 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Since the mills have shut down on the Carson river trout have come down as far as this place. Many have been caught at the Rock Point dam. When the mills were running the acids and slimes poured into the river killed the fish that came down as far as this.*

#### July 22, 1893 - Nevada Daily Tribune (Carson City)

*Sam Longabaugh will start his wood drive from Rodenbaugh's on Sunday, when some 8,000 cords of wood will be floating down the river, to be taken out at Empire.*

July 26, 1893 – Carson Tribune

*FISH CULTURE – Byron Close, Deputy Fish Commissioner, assisted by John Mack, yesterday and today deposited 80,000 New England brook and rainbow trout in the Carson river at Cradlebaugh's, McTarnahan's bridge and Schulz's. About 15,000 were today transplanted in Clear Creek at the White House.*

July 28, 1893 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The TRIBUNE says that 80,000 New England brook and Rainbow trout, have been deposited in the Carson river, and 15,000 put in Clear creek.*

*Wood is now floating down the Carson river. The head of the drive passed the Boyd bridge Monday night. Mr. Longabaugh expects to leave the jam with the rear next Sunday evening and pass the Boyd bridge three days later.*

July 29, 1893 - Carson Press (Carson City)

*FISH CULTURE - Byron Close, Deputy Fish Commissioner, assisted by John Mack, Tuesday and Wednesday deposited 80,000 New England brook and rainbow trout in the Carson river at Cradlebaugh's, McTarnahan's bridge and Schulz's. About 15,000 were Wednesday transplanted in Clear Creek at the White House. - TRIBUNE.*

August 4, 1893 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fishing in the river is good these days. The best place to catch the shy and wary members of the finny tribe, is at the Jones dam.*

August 5, 1893 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*The wood drive reached Empire last Saturday. About 11,000 cords will be taken out there, and 25 men are employed. No wood will come to Dayton this year.*

## 1894

January 19, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Jack Armstrong caught 150 catfish yesterday and sent the COURIER a mess.*

*The catfish are very plentiful in some of the ponds this side of Walley's Springs. Wm. Fulton put a steel hoop in the top of a barley sack one day this week and scooped up 35 fish at a single dip...*

January 26, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Thos. Laurie and Will Seamon sold 312 dressed catfish in Carson yesterday of \$6.*

May 5, 1894 – Carson Tribune

*Sheriff Kinney caught a trout in the Carson river yesterday weighing 3 ½ pounds.*

May 12, 1894 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Some fine trout have been caught in the river below the dam this spring. Fishermen say the fish cannot get up the Rock Point dam, and that is why they are all caught below that point in the river.*



May 26, 1894 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Quite a number of fine trout, one-half to two pounds in weight, have been caught in the river below the dam this week.*

June 9, 1894 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sutro fishermen spend much time and pleasure at Horseshoe Lake after catfish. Barney Moran holds the first prize, a "5-pounder".*

June 15, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Several fine strings of fish have been brought into Gardnerville by the Indians, who caught them in the river. As a result nearly the whole population of the town is out with fishing tackle, and the East Fork is lined with fishermen, many of whom return home empty handed.*

June 18, 1894 - Carson City Weekly

*Catfish are not biting well this season.*

June 29, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fishing is good on the east fork of the Carson river.*

July 24, 1894 - Carson City Weekly

*Will Wilson, Will Day, Ross Meder and George Lamy returned Friday from Hope Valley. They caught nearly a thousand fish.*

July 27, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Chas Brown and family went fishing at Boyd's bridge Wednesday. They caught a large number of catfish and several trout.*

August 25, 1894 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Several fine trout have been caught in the river below the dam this week.*

December 14, 1894 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Thos. Laurie and Rudolph Seamon marketed 70 pounds of catfish in Carson yesterday.*

**December 20, 1894 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the years 1893 and 1894; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner.**

TROUT IN CARSON RIVER - ...The almost total cessation of quartz milling from the Mexican mill to Dayton for the past two years resulting in the abatement of the discharges of poisons and deleterious substances used in quartz milling and which is death to most fish, particularly the trout family, has left the natural waters of the river so clear and unpolluted that fish now safely descend the river to its sink and thrive well everywhere in its waters...

DISTRIBUTION EASTERN BROOK TROUT – 1893

Carson River                      100,000

DISTRIBUTION EASTERN BROOK AND RAINBOW TROUT – 1894

Carson River

100,000

1895

February 22, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*People can't starve here as long as they have energy enough to go fishing. Any ordinary fisherman can catch fifty fine catfish in an hour or two.*

*Catfish are ripe and the crop is abundant. Several of our piscatorial experts brought in large catches this week. What bothers this scribe is, why the Indians do not take a hand in harvesting this crop. The catfish in this vicinity are of good size and the meat is firm and sweet, but apparently the red man prefers a steady diet of "labbit" and pinenuts, for he seldom hunts for anything else.*

March 1, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*An East Fork fisherman, while angling at the county bridge near Gardnerville last week, landed an 8 pound trout.*

May 3, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Several fine strings of fish have been seen in Gardnerville the past few days.*

May 10, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Dave DeLong and Herman Bahl caught 250 catfish Wednesday.*

May 11, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Several fine trout weighing about a pound a piece, have been caught below the Rock Point dam this week.*

May 19, 1895 – Carson Morning News

*The hills west of town are completely covered with yellow sunflowers and white lupine. Nature evidently sanctions bimetallism (?).*

May 25, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*FISH IN THE CARSON RIVER - Fishing in the Carson river in this vicinity is now very fair. Catfish, chubs and succors are plentiful, and occasionally a fine trout, weighing from one to three pounds, is caught. While fishing in the Carson river, above the mills, has always been good, below the mills, when running, the fish could not live on account of the water being so strongly impregnated with the chemicals which came from the mills. Of late years the fish have had a chance because nearly all the mills have been shut down and the water in the river has become moderately clear. It would be the proper thing for the Fish Commissioner now to plant some trout in the river in this vicinity.*

June 8, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*We notice by our exchanges that Fish Commissioner Mills is sending trout to be planted in many places in the State. Why not send some to be planted in this part of the Carson river?*

June 17, 1895 - Carson City Weekly

*Two fishermen caught 18 trout at Horse Shoe Bend last Sunday.*

June 24, 1895 - Carson City Weekly

*Fish are biting well at Clear Creek.*

*Two thousand English brook trout were planted in the large lake at Buckeye.*

June 28, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Mr. Spooner is running the wood out of the John James Canyon. There is only about 3,000 cords. They expect to have it all in the river by the last of next week.*

July 12, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A number of fine strings of trout have been brought into town this week from Carson river.*

July 14, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*THE WOOD DRIVE - The advance guard of the wood drive arrived here this week...about 2,500 cords, and it is cut for the C&C Railroad Company...*

July 15, 1895 - Carson City Weekly

*The fish in the river seem to be very plentiful and our people are having fine sport catching them.*

July 19, 1895 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The rivers were lined with fishermen from Carson and elsewhere last Sunday.*

July 21, 1895 - Carson Morning News

*Three thousands cords of wood sent down the Carson river by the Bliss Bros. Has reached Empire.*

August 3, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*THE HOG-FISH - Whoever planted carp in the Carson river did a very foolish thing. The carp is a regular hog of a fish, and eats the food of the other fish so clean that there is none left. Even catfish cannot live where carp abound, and they abound wherever planted as they spawn by the million. Not only do the carp eat up the fish food, but they devour everything else, and actually make it impossible for water fowl to live on the river. Fine trout might be raised in the Carson river below here now if it were not for those hog fish, and how to get rid of them is now what is bothering sportsmen and fishermen.*

August 17, 1895 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*In regard to carp increasing in such numbers as to exterminate the trout in the Carson river, the fish commissioners might do as the Germans - plant a few pike in the river and the sluggish carp will be no more - Ex. [Response] The next thing would be to get rid of the pike, which is not much better as food fish than the carp.*

*BAD WATER - For the past two weeks the water in the Carson river...has been so low it has also been very filthy. It is thick with some sediment that makes it look almost white as milk... probably comes from the Eureka mill...unfit for drinking or irrigating purposes.*

September 2, 1895 - Carson City Weekly

*A fisherman caught 85 catfish and 25 trout at the river last week.*

October 1, 1895 – Carson Morning News

*BEATS THEM ALL – Will Day went fishing yesterday...large trout has been seen sporting in the waters of the Carson river near the dam...dream of every angler...The trout is a native of this State and is of the silver species...twenty-three inches from tip to tip, is eleven inches in circumference and weighs five pounds, which for a Carson river trout is a remarkable size and weight...*

December 9, 1895 - Carson City Weekly

*SAGEBRUSH FIRES - A big fire swept through Jacks Valley Thursday, destroying considerable fencing on the Hansen ranch. The fire came out of the John James canyon and burned over a territory of several square miles. The farmers turned out and fought the fire.*

## **1896**

February 7, 1896 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Thos. Laurie and Frank Titus sold 125 pounds of dressed catfish in Carson yesterday. The fish brought 12 1/2 cents per pound.*

May 2, 1896 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Several fine trout have been caught in the river below the Rock Point dam this week.*

May 15, 1896 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Trout are biting in the Carson river.*

May 21, 1896 - Yerington Rustler

*The Daytonites are busy catching trout.*

May 29, 1896 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Sheriff Kinney and Wm. Woodburn of Carson, packed home a quarry sack of catfish from Jone's dam last Sunday. Kinney says its' dam fine fishing.*

June 13, 1896 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Several more nice trout, weighing from three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each were caught in the Carson river at this point this week. Since the Eureka mill shut down there is not so much slime in the water, and the fish can live this far down in the stream.*

June 20, 1896 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfish are plentiful in Horseshoe lake and the sloughs along the river.*

June 23, 1896 – Carson Morning News

*Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce planted 45,000 trout in the Carson River at Craddlebaughs Bridge near Genoa yesterday.*

June 26, 1896 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Deputy Fish Commissioner Boyce planted 45,000 spawn in the Carson river Monday. He planted 25,000 at Cradlebaugh's and the balance in Boyd's Lane.*

July 10, 1896 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Many fishermen perambulate the various branches of the Carson river, but get more bites from mosquitoes than from fish...*

July 13, 1896 - Carson City Weekly

*H. Rosenbrock and Ed Burlington, and Will Day and Chas Kelly are about the two best pairs of trout fishermen in Carson. They always return with large baskets filled.*

July 18, 1896 – Carson Morning News

*The cloud burst recently is said to have killed an enormous number of fish in the Carson river.*

December 5, 1896 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfish are plentiful at Horseshoe Lake. The lake is frozen over and the fish can plainly be seen swimming under the ice. By making a hole in the ice you can stick your hand down into the water and catch all the fish you want. They are good eating now.*

**November 30, 1896 – Biennial Report of the Fish Commissioner of the State of Nevada for the years 1895 and 1896; George T. Mills, Fish Commissioner.**

CALIFORNIA RAINBOW TROUT – CARSON HATCHERY – March 6, 1896, I received from the California Fish Commission Station, Berwick, California, 125,000 eyed ova of the California Rainbow trout (*Salmo irideus*)...In the month of June they were planted in the Carson and Truckee rivers.

RAINBOW TROUT – January 12, 1895, I received from the United States Fish Commission Station at Neosho, Missouri, 27,720 Rainbow trout eggs, not in the best condition...17,765 planted principally in the Carson and Truckee rivers...

FRY DISTRIBUTED FROM CARSON HATCHERY 1895

June 22, 1895	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Rainbow & Brook	20,000
July 9, 1895	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Rainbow & Brook	^^^^^^
July 10, 1895	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Rainbow & Brook	31,765
July 11, 1895	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Rainbow & Brook	^^^^^^

FRY DISTRIBUTED FROM CARSON HATCHERY – 1896

June 22, 1896	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Brook Trout	45,000
June 30, 1896	Carson River (Douglas Co.)	Rainbow & Brook	40,000
July 1, 1896	Carson River (Ormsby Co.)	Brook Trout	37,100
July 1, 1896	Carson River (Ormsby Co.)	Brook Trout	25,000

**1897**

February 5, 1897 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Gilbert Briggs has four men employed cutting wood in the mountains back of Jack's Valley. He expects to get out between 700 and 800 cords.*

April 19, 1897 - Carson City Weekly

*Fishing parties are frequently seen going toward the river nowadays.*

June 14, 1897 – Carson Morning News

*Tom Donahue captured a four pound trout at the Mexican dam Sunday.*

July 9, 1897 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Fishing is reported excellent at Woodford's and in Hope Valley.*

July 12, 1897 - Carson City Weekly

*Fishing is reported excellent at Woodfords and in Hope Valley.*

July 23, 1897 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*E. Burlington and Geo. Tyrell of Carson spent Sunday fishing for catfish in the Carson river. When last seen Mr. Burlington had about 140 fish and Mr. Tyrell as many, and the land about them was as thickly covered with squirming "cats" as is the ground with fallen leaves on a windy day in Autumn.*

August 6, 1897 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*FISHERMEN AND FROG EATERS - ...[9] Wednesday afternoon six of the party caught 180 catfish in the Carson river, and the remainder of the gang went on a frog hunting expedition in Frey's field. The frog hunters captured 157 French frogs...*

August 7, 1897 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Sutroites are having great sport catching carp in the river near the town. Barney Moran has made the star catch so far. Thursday he landed a 7-pounder.*

## **1898**

February 25, 1898 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Several fine strings of trout have been caught in the Carson river this week.*

April 23, 1898 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Several nice trout have been caught just below the Rock Point dam in the Carson river, in the last two weeks.*

May 13, 1898 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*The Genoa boys have brought in several large strings of catfish lately.*

July 2, 1898 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Carp and succors are plentiful in the Carson river near the Sutro bridge. Polly Roberts caught a 4 1/2 lb carp there this week.*

July 8, 1898 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*A four and-a-half pound carp was caught in the Carson river near Dayton last week.*

July 12, 1898 - Gardnerville Record

*WHERE TO FISH* - [Provides a good reference to the fishing spots in the vicinity of Hope Valley and other California locations]

July 20, 1898 - Walker Lake Bulletin (Hawthorne)

*The Walker river is dry, and there is very little water in the Carson.*

August 13, 1898 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*BAD WATER* - *Since the water in the river has become so scarce it is not fit to drink, especially after it gets below the Eureka cyanide plant. At this point the water becomes impregnated with cyanide to such an extent that fish in the river are killed. A physician has stated that persons take their lives in their hands when they now drink Carson river water without first boiling it.*

August 27, 1898 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*DEADLY CYANIDE* - *The cyanide which escapes into the Carson river from the plant at the Eureka mill has been fatal to a number of animals about Dayton. Many chickens have died from drinking the water; several dogs and cats have keeled over after quenching their thirst with river water, and several horses have been made quite sick by drinking from the river. Again the TIMES would caution the residents of this place to drink none but well water during the low stage of water in the river.*

August 30, 1898 – Carson Morning News

*The cyanide which escapes into the Carson River from the plant at the Eureka Mill has been fatal to a number of animals about Dayton.*

September 1, 1898 - Tuscarora Times-Review

*DEADLY CYANIDE* - *The cyanide which escapes into the Carson river from the plant at the Eureka Mill has been fatal to a number of animals about Dayton. Many chickens have died from drinking the water; several dogs and cats have keeled over after quenching their thirst with river water; and several horses have been made quite sick by drinking from the river. Again the TIMES would caution the residents of this place to drink none but well water during the low stage of water in the river - [DAYTON TIMES.*

October 25, 1898 - Elko Daily Argonaut

*Word comes from Gardnerville that three men have been arrested for destroying fish with giant powder. They were taken to Gardnerville, tried and fined \$75 each.*

## 1899

March 14, 1899 - Gardnerville Record

*A little fishing party caught over fifty trout near Mount Bullion, Alpine County, last Sunday. All over the county the fishing is said to be good. The fish are of good size, and bite at any kind of bait.*

May 5, 1899 - Genoa Weekly Courier

*Trout are biting good in the Carson river. Willie Murphy caught 40 last Tuesday. Several other parties brought in strings of 20 and 30...*

May 6, 1899 – Carson Morning News

*The trout are biting now and our sports are bringing in large quantities of them almost daily.*

June 24, 1899 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Catfish are numerous in the river and sloughs below the Rock Point dam now.*

June 27, 1899 – Carson Morning News

*Catfish are numerous in the sloughs below the Rock Point dam on the Carson river.*

July 4, 1899 - Gardnerville Record

*THE FISHING IS GOOD - The Carson river is rapidly falling, and now is the time that the fishing is at its best...[Long article]*

August 1, 1899 - Gardnerville Record

*Gilbert Briggs, Geo. W. Keith and Aurther Meyers, who have been camping on the Upper Carson, sent a nice mess of trout to Hans Jepson last week...*

## **1900**

March 23, 1900 - Weekly Courier (Gardnerville)

*Catfish are biting.*

May 24, 1900 – Carson Morning News

*Five big teams are hauling wood from Jack's Valley.*

June 21, 1900 - Gardnerville Record

*Willie Murphy is the champion fisherman of Carson Valley. He caught in the river near town last week, 68 fish in two days.*

June 27, 1900 – Carson Morning News

*The wood drive down the Carson river was scheduled to start today but will be delayed two or three days until the Gardners can raise their dam above the Mexican, that it may be boomed over. The wood is now in the river and there is said to be about 5,000 cords of it. It is flumed down the James Canyon to the river and will all be in Empire in from seven to ten days from the time it is started.*

June 29, 1900 - Weekly Courier (Gardnerville)

*About 5,000 cords of wood from the James Canyon north of Genoa will be sent down the Carson river to Empire in a few days.*

July 14, 1900 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Jerry Barrett has finished driving two thousand cords of wood down the Carson river. It is now landed in Empire. He will endeavor to float three thousand more cords down the river before the water falls.*



July 19, 1900 - Gardnerville Record

*Enough fishing parties went out Sunday to catch all the fish in the country.*

August 4, 1900 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Ed Cooper and a party of buckberry hunters returned from a trip down the river last Sunday. Buckberries are scarce...*

September 20, 1900 - Gardnerville Record

*Jim Murphy and Manuel Nunes caught nearly 200 catfish at the Hot Springs last Saturday.*

## 1901

June 1, 1901 – Carson Morning News

*Several of the Carson river dams on the Sink have gone out and the ranchers in that vicinity are hard at work rebuilding and trying to keep others from going out.*

June 14, 1901 – Gardnerville Record

*Trout are now biting good on the Carson river.*

June 28, 1901 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*Just now is the harvest of the fishermen and they are lining the river from the flouring mill to Cradlebaugh's bridge. Trout are biting in great shape and all a fellow needs is an angleworm or two and a pole and line to enjoy plenty of sport.*

July 19, 1901 – Gardnerville Record

*Prof. Majewski caught a two pound trout in the Carson river near town Tuesday.*

July 27, 1901 - Lyon County Times (Dayton)

*Fishermen are catching catfish and carp in the river close to Dayton, and now and then a trout.*

September 6, 1901 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*A hunting club was organized in Gardnerville Tuesday and a boat ordered from Empire to put on the pond below the Walley Springs.*

October 5, 1901 – Carson Morning News

*A NEW SAW MILL – S.C. Anderson of this city has established a saw mill at the head of James Canyon and turned out eight thousand feet the other day as a test of the mill...A flume runs down the canyon from the mill to the road to Genoa, and next season lumber and wood will be floated down and brought to Carson... splendid timber belt that has been heretofore considered inaccessible...*

October 15, 1901 – Carson Morning News

*Charcoal is being hauled from Pine Nut to the Comstock.*

November 16, 1901 - Lyon County Times (Yerington)

*The Bouard threshing outfit...cleaned up about thirty thousand bushels of grain in this valley this fall, the greater part of which is barley.*

## 1902

May 9, 1902 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*An Indian caught an eight pound trout Sunday at Fred Berning's dam in the Carson river.*

*Wm. Murphy caught over one hundred trout in the Carson river last week.*

May 23, 1902 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*A cannon was taken to the river Monday and discharged over the waters several times for the purpose of bringing the body of Ada Vonderhyde to the surface. The concussion was terrific and brought fish to the surface, but it failed to raise the dead.*

June 26, 1902 – Carson Morning News

*PLANTING TROUT FRY – Fish Warden Merklinger of Reno arrived in Carson this morning. He will plant 25,000 rainbow fry from the Truckee river hatchery in the streams to the southward.*

June 27, 1902 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*There was a big fire in the mountains yesterday pretty close to Mr. Campbell's sawmill on the Kingsbury grade. Another fire started back of Mrs. Bull's place yesterday and ten men were out fighting the flames.*

July 4, 1902 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*Game Warden Merklinger of Reno placed 30,000 McCloud trout in the headwaters of the Carson river last Friday. The fish came from the Verdi hatchery and are of good size.*

*The fire in the mountains south of the Kingsbury grade is still raging and a large tract of virgin timber and second growth have been destroyed...*

## 1903

April 10, 1903 – Gardnerville Record

*Several local piscatorial artists are complaining that certain parties are shooting fish with gun powder in the Carson river. This is a dangerous practice and a word to the wise is sufficient.*

April 15, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*NOT GOOD FISHING – The trout fishing is the desire of the local nimrods, who however keep persistently at it. The Carson City sports have not succeeded in landing a half dozen trout in a month. Some catches of very big catfish are reported from the Carson River however.*

May 1, 1903 – Gardnerville Record

*The river is now too high for trout fishing but catfish are biting fine.*

June 17, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*A seven pound trout was caught in the river and brought to this city yesterday. A twelve pounder was captured in Tahoe this week.*

June 23, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*A FINE TROUT – Mrs. John Rosser has the mark for landing about the best trout of the season thus far, said trout being from the Carson river and weighing over four pounds after dressing...*

July 1, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*The amateur fishermen of this vicinity are playing in hard luck this season, thus far. No one has made any strings of importance.*

July 6, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*FOREST FIRES – A big forest fire is raging in the mountains behind Job's Peak, near Sheridan. Yesterday afternoon that side of the valley was obscured by smoke and last night the glow gave the peak all the appearances of a volcano in active operation.*

July 24, 1903 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*The fish in the river seem to be biting better this week than last. On Wednesday Will Murphy brought in thirty-nine beauties, ranging in size from six or seven inches to about a foot.*

July 25, 1903 - Lyon County Times (Yerington)

*DAYTON - Fishing is excellent in the river here now.*

August 6, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*...[2] succeeded in landing some splendid trout from the river yesterday. They average a couple of pounds each.*

August 7, 1903 – Carson Morning News

*Mrs. John Rosser landed a four-pound trout from the river last Wednesday...*

August 21, 1903 – Gardnerville Record

*Surveyors in from the sink report that the Carson river has gone dry. They say that carp are perishing by the hundreds and the stench from their decaying is abominable.*

**1904**

February 27, 1904 - Lyon County Times (Yerington)

*A hundred thousand head of sheep are now roaming about the lower Carson river country and the lower end of Mason Valley, traveling toward the Sierras...*

May 8, 1904 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*Fine strings of the speckled beauties are being brought into town daily by our local anglers. Next to the Truckee, the Carson river is the best trout stream in the State.*

August 5, 1904 – Gardnerville Weekly Courier

*The anglers are having great sport this season. Trout and catfish are extremely hungry and if one may believe half of the local piscatorial artists tales, some enormous catches have been made this week.*

**1905**

April 14, 1905 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*George Hussman, last week, caught a trout in the slough near his residence that tipped the scales at six pounds...*

April 24, 1905 – Carson Morning News

*The wild peach is now in blossom and many Carsonites are using the sprays for household decorations.*

July 10, 1905 – Carson Morning News

*MAKES THE FISH CRAZY – The dumping of cyanide of potassium has a peculiar effect upon the trout in the Carson river a few miles below this city. It seems that this active poison, even when so greatly diluted by river water, makes the fish crazy. They leap out onto the bank and onto the rocks in the stream. A boy down the canyon finds no difficulty in capturing from six to a dozen big trout every day by using a stick.*

*TROUT CANNOT PASS – It is reported to the NEWS that there is no fish ladder on the dam between Morgan and Brunswick. As a result the trout cannot run up the stream to deposit their eggs, nor drop back after the spawning season.*

July 14, 1905 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Someone has been using dynamite in the river to make fishing easier. The instigator of such a crime if caught should receive the full penalty of the law.*

August 25, 1905 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*A forest fire is raging in the hills in the vicinity of the Kingsbury grade and is probably due to the carelessness of campers.*

September 1, 1905 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...[2] up from the country for a few days "sport angling" as the river has been abundant with large trout for several days.*

November 2, 1905 – Carson Morning News

*BIG BAND OF SHEEP – Over 10,000 head of sheep from the southern country were driven through Carson City last evening from the southern country. They will be loaded at Reno for shipment to the east.*

**1906**

June 2, 1906 – Churchill Standard (Fallon)

*A genuine wood famine is now in progress in Fallon... The cause... flooding of the country along Lower Old River, upon which we depend for our wood supply. Approximately a thousand cords of cottonwood has been isolated for nearly a month by the flood...*

August 31, 1906 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Will Murphy caught 21 trout in the Carson river last Sunday morning. It is aid that since the Carson and Truckee Rivers have been united by means of the large reservoirs and canals in Churchill County, the McCloud River trout from Lake Tahoe and the Truckee are finding their way into the Carson river. Several have been caught in the valley.*

October 26, 1906 – Carson Morning News

*A LADY ANGLER – Mrs. John Rosser...went to the Carson river and caught 20 fine trout, weighing from half a pound to two pounds and a half, apiece...*

## **1907**

May 17, 1907 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing has been exceedingly good along the Carson river the past week and some fine catches are reported.*

August 2, 1907 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FISH FROM TRUCKEE ARE IN CARSON RIVER – It has been many years since trout fishing has been as good as it is this summer. Some splendid catches have been made from the Carson river and nearby Gardnerville. The theory is advanced that the government irrigation project in Churchill County is responsible...*

August 16, 1907 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Among the several big catches that were made from the Carson river this week, a three and five pound trout are recorded, both of which were hooked by children.*

September 4, 1907 – Carson Morning News

*FOREST FIRES – Considerable second growth timber was destroyed by a fire which raged in the neighborhood of the Heldenreich ranch on Sunday and Monday. A large force of men finally managed to bear back the flames.*

September 13, 1907 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...[3] were out from Carson last Tuesday on a fishing expedition and succeeded in landing fifty fine trout.*

October 4, 1907 – Carson Morning News

*CRAWFISH FOR NEVADA – George T. Mills...yesterday received thirty dozen crawfish from Astoria, Oregon for planting in Nevada streams...fifteen dozen to the Truckee...ten dozen to the Carson...five dozen to Washoe lake...*

## **1908**

March 12, 1908 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*MOUNTAIN TROUT AT HOMESTEADERS' DOORS – We are informed that people are beginning to find large trout in the canal, which leads to the thought that Truckee river is not only lavishing the life giving fluid upon our desert soil, thus turning it into an oasis, but that the far-famed mountain trout are actually offering themselves a living sacrifice to the thrifty homesteaders of the Truckee Carson project.*

May 28, 1908 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*BLACK BASS FOR CARSON SINK – In an interview with Geo. T. Mills... a large number of black bass of the large*

mouth variety, are being distributed in the waters of the State, and that a good supply will be sent to Senator R.L. Douglass to be placed in the sloughs adjacent to the waters of Carson Lake.

June 18, 1908 – Fallon Standard

Hon. and Mrs. R.L. Douglass... Island ranch... received 500 black bass from the State Fish Commission for stocking the waters on his ranch.

July 24, 1908 – Carson Morning News

**LARGE AREA WAS BURNED** – The sagebrush fire southeast of this city on Wednesday swept an area four miles in length and in places over a mile in breadth... started in the neighborhood of the McTarnahan bridge by sheep herders and that it followed down the course of the river... confined to a great extent to the pines and sagebrush...

August 7, 1908 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

During the first of the week the Carson river was very muddy...caused by a cloud burst near the river sluicing a large portion of the hillside into the river.

August 20, 1908 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

**CATCHING BLACK BASS ON CARSON SINK** – Game Warden Bud Kinkead planted a couple of dozen black bass minnows in the river above St. Clair two years ago. These are believed to be the only black bass in the waters of the Sink... Several of them have recently been caught that were from eight to ten inches long...

**Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1907 and 1908; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada, 1909.**

EASTERN BROOK TROUT DISTRIBUTION FOR 1907 AND 1908

May 7, 1908	Carson City streams	Ormsby	1,000
August 8, 1908	State Reservoir	Ormsby	3900
August 8, 1908	Ormsby Pond	Ormsby	1,200
August 8, 1908	Clear Creek	Ormsby	3,000
August 8, 1908	Ash Canyon	Ormsby	3,000

RECORD OF BLACK BASS DISTRIBUTION FOR 1907 AND 1908

October 21, 1907	Carson River	Douglas	150
June 16, 1908	Ponds and Sloughs	Churchill	250

1909

October 15, 1909 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

Game Warden Simmons was in Gardnerville this week enroute to Mono County with a million or more rainbow trout for planting in the streams of Mono County.

October 22, 1909 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

While streams of adjoining counties are replenished with young trout every few years, trout planting in the streams of Douglas County is something unheard of... Some attempt...should be made.

## 1910

### March 10, 1910 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*The commissioners passed an ordinance last year prohibiting fishing in Churchill County, as it was the intention to plant black bass in our streams, but as this was not done last season, the ordinance was never enforced. N.R. Fitzpatrick, county game warden, has been promised a supply of black bass from the State fish commissioner this year.*

### March 24, 1910 – Fallon Standard

*...[2] made a trip to the lower old river country Friday, where cat fishing was indulged in. They brought back an enormous catch...*

### April 15, 1910 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing in the Carson river has been unusually good for the past ten days and some very nice catches are reported.*

### May 19, 1910 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*J.W. Richards, Clem Webb and others drove down Old River about 18 miles the past week and hauled out 125 catfish...*

### June 17, 1910 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*TROUT ARE DYNAMITED IN RIVER – The mute evidence of unlawful dynamiting was seen last Tuesday at the dam in the Carson river where F. Sarman and J. Rodenbah divert water for their power plants. Trout sixteen inches long were seen floating on the water...This is not the first time that the law has been broken...*

### July 22, 1910 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*For several days this week the Carson river has been yellow from the cloud bursts in the mountains.*

### September 9, 1910 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*While many fishermen report that trout fishing in the Carson river has been very poor since the cloud bursts of last July, Dr. Sweet never fails to catch a string. Sunday he went up to Horse Shoe Bend and got the limit. One of them was a 4-pounder...*

### September 22, 1910 – Fallon Standard

*The open season for fishing is on in full blast. Sunday, many local nimrods were observed along the banks of the canal pulling in the finny tribe. Several made good catches, including trout, cat-fish, carp and white-fish. It is indeed a pleasure to know that we have mountain trout in our streams...*

## **Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the years 1909-1910; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada 1911.**

### EASTERN BROOK TROUT DISTRIBUTION FOR 1909

June 16, 1909	Unknown Waters	Ormsby	5,000
June 16, 1909	Jacks Valley Creek	Ormsby	5,000
June 16, 1909	Newton Canyon Creek	Ormsby	4,000

1911

August 26, 1911 – Yerington Times

*TROUT IN CARSON RIVER - ...Frisky trout now abound in the Carson river in almost as great numbers as do the carp and catfish. There was a time when the Carson river was a famous trout stream but the concentrates run into it from the milling plants of the Comstock exterminated this species of fish along in the early eighties. But with the connecting of the Carson with the Truckee by the great government canal, the trout have again migrated and are breeding in the Carson in prolific fashion. Recently the entire available flow of the Carson was diverted into the ditch streams, and the great number of trout was noticeable in many of the shallow pools...*

1912

May 10, 1912 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing on the Carson river is said to be very good.*

1913

June 13, 1913 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Trout fishing in the Carson river has been unusually good during the past few days and some good catches are reported.*

July 11, 1913 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Wm. Castle was appointed game and fish warden for the purpose of protecting fish recently planted in the streams near Sheridan, he having agreed to perform such duties without compensation...*

July 25, 1913 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Jim Vogt, of the Nevada Fish Hatchery brought 35,000 rainbow trout to Minden Saturday. The young trout were planted in the upper forks of the Carson river.*

August 2, 1913 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The cloudburst on the upper Carson river a few days ago killed many trout and they can be seen lying on the banks of the stream.*

1914

July 17, 1914 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*SHOULD BE STOCKED WITH TROUT – [Reference to a lack of fish in the Carson River and need to stock fish]*

August 14, 1914 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...motored to the McTarnahan bridge on the Carson river and spent several hours fishing for crawfish. They returned home with about fifty of the fish, the first of their kind ever brought to Gardnerville...*

August 21, 1914 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Last Sunday morning six cans of young trout were received from the Nevada state fish hatchery for re-stocking the Carson river...*



## 1915

May 1, 1915 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*STILLWATER ITEMS – Catfishing is still a popular sport. Many good catches were made at Indian Lake last week.*

May 29, 1915 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*...[3] went to the dam Tuesday and landed some dandy trout from the pool. They also caught some fine catfish.*

October 6, 1915 – Carson City News

*CLEANING RESERVOIRS - ...A number of fish are kept in the reservoirs for the purpose of purifying the water, and these have to be removed before the tank can be emptied for the purpose of cleaning it out...*

October 15, 1915 – Carson City Morning News

*CRAW-FISH FOR HUMBOLDT – The Nevada Fish Commission yesterday shipped to Winnemucca a large box of craw fish which had been caught in the Carson river and which will be planted in the Humboldt river. The craw-fish are very plentiful in Carson river and also at Washoe lake, and it is the belief that in a few years, by transplanting, they can be introduced in the other streams of the state.*

October 27, 1915 – Carson City Morning News

*FIRE UNDER CONTROL – The fire that has been raging in hills to the west of town was last night checked and is now under control. It is estimated that the area burned will amount to about one-half mile square and considerable timber was burned...*

## 1916

**Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish Commission for the Years 1915-1916; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada 1917.**

*FISH LADDERS –The dam under construction on the Carson River, seven miles above Gardnerville, will have a similar fish ladder, according to voluntary assurances of Engineer Hoffman in charge of that work, who visited the Derby and Pyramid Dams, in company with the Commission, to study the fish ladders installed at each of these structures.*

August 15, 1916 – Carson City Morning News

*... On the Carson river the fishing is good, fine strings of trout being brought in by the fishermen who went up the stream.*

## 1917

March 30, 1917 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FARMERS OPPOSE NEW FISH LAW – A large number of Carson Valley farmers went to Carson Tuesday and appeared before Governor Boyle at an open hearing...requires all irrigation ditches taking water...to be screened... The Governor signed the bill...*

April 13, 1917 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Since a law has been placed on the Statute books compelling farmers to screen their headgates, brought about it is said, through the activity of a few Carson fishermen, the farmers of Carson Valley, according to reports, are to organize and absolutely forbid trespassing on their properties along the river. Heretofore the farmers have been*

*very liberal in this respect...*

June 16, 1917 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*A trout 21 inches long came out of an irrigation ditch in the C.E. Kent ranch near Stillwater and was picked [up] in the field. It is very seldom that one hears of fish running out through the irrigation ditches in this valley and the foregoing is therefore out of the ordinary.*

July 27, 1917 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing in the Carson river has been very good this week and some splendid catches of good sized trout are reported.*

August 10, 1917 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Twelve cans of young trout were received yesterday and planted in the upper Carson river.*

October 27, 1917 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*ALKALI KILLING DUCKS - ...Lower Old River... A number of hunters... found dead ducks by the hundreds, in fact they say by the thousands. Chas. Cress, president of the [Greenhead] Club, caught an afflicted duck and sent it to Dr. Mack to be examined at the hygienic laboratory at the university. The answer from Dr. Mack is that the ducks are dying from the effects of water that is strongly impregnated with alkali...*

## **1918**

April 13, 1918 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*About half a dozen cars went to Lahontan on a fishing trip Thursday. Charley Everett reports that the crowd in the three cars with him caught 214 perch, 19 trout and 60 carp.*

April 19, 1918 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*James Voght of the Nevada state fish hatchery arrived Tuesday and went to the dam of the Douglas Milling & Power Company on the Carson river for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for taking spawn from Carson river fish.*

*Just what action the farmers of Carson Valley intend to take relative to the law which provides that all irrigation ditches taking water from the river must be screened to prevent fish from entering ditches is not known, but the state fish warden declares that the law will be enforced. Very few ditches have thus far been provided with screens.*

May 17, 1918 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing in the Carson river the past week has been good, according to reports, and fine catches have been made...*

May 24, 1918 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Very few fish are running up the Carson river this spring according to reports and while the cause is not known, it is believed that obstructions in the river below Dayton bar the fish from passing that point.*

July 27, 1918 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*40,000 TROUT PLANTED IN CARSON RIVER NEAR FALLON – Deputy Game Warden Chas. H. Cress received 12 cans of black spotted trout this week, representing about 40,000 of the finny tribe. They were from the Verdi hatchery ...to various points on the Carson river between the diversion dam and Fallon...*

August 23, 1918 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*MORE FISH PLANTED – James Voght of the Verdi fish hatchery...three cans of eastern brook trout were planted in Pine Nut creek near the L.M. Jacobsen ranch, they being the first fish ever planted in this creek. Six cans of trout were also planted in the Carson river at Horseshoe Bend.*

*During the season over 140,000 trout have been planted in the Carson river and tributary streams...The planting of black spotted trout is being carried on as well as rainbow and eastern brook...*

### 1919

#### **Biennial Report of the State Fish and Game Warden for the Years 1917-1918; C.W. Grover, State Fish and Game Warden; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada 1919.**

*May 3, 1917...On the East Fork of the Carson River I found that a dam was being built for the storage of water, by the Douglas Milling and Power Company, in which there was no fish-ladder, but was assured by the party in charge that a ladder would be installed upon the completion of work.*

*October 19, 1917, in company with a member of the State Fish and Game Commission, made a thorough inspection of the Brunswick Dam, the Mexican Dam, and the so-called Lloyd Dam. We found that all of these dams were without fish-ladders... each promised to install such ladders as required by law and at this time (November 1) a ladder is being built at the Brunswick Dam.*

*In Douglas County, I again took up the matter of the installation of a fish-ladder in the new dam being constructed by the Douglas Milling and Power Company, interviewed the engineer in charge of the work, who assured me that a ladder would be built according to the plans and specifications approved by the State Fish and Game Commission, a blue-print of which he then had.*

*April 5, 1918, made an official inspection of the fish-ladder constructed and installed at the Douglas Milling and Power Company's dam in the east fork of the Carson River near Gardnerville, and found the same to be in accordance with the plans approved by the former Fish Commission.*

*May 26, 1918 made an official visit of inspection on the Carson River, calling at the Brunswick, Lloyd, Mexican, and other dams, making final arrangements with the owners for the installation of ladders, being assured that as soon as the water was low enough and they were furnished with plans the ladders would be built...*

*July 30 [1918] made a trip to Dayton and made final arrangements for the construction of a fish-ladder at the Lloyd Dam on the Carson River. The ladder at the Brunswick Dam is completed, is in every way up to the plans and specifications, and will give fish free passage up the river during the spawning season.*

April 18, 1919 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The Nevada state fish hatchery of Verdi has a man at the Douglas Power dam taking spawn.*

May 23, 1919 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Although the Carson river is still quite muddy, fishermen have been having [the] best kind of luck for the past ten days and a five pound trout is not an uncommon catch.*

June 20, 1919 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Eight cans of young trout were received at Minden yesterday and were planted in the Carson river.*

August 1, 1919 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Since last Friday 32 cans of young trout have been planted in the Carson river above Horseshoe Bend through the efforts of local fishermen. The consignment consisted of 120,000 young trout...grateful to the Nevada Fish Commission...*

## **1920**

May 7, 1920 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing on the Carson river this week has been exceptionally good and fine catches are reported.*

June 11, 1920 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Homer Raycraft...landed a three pound trout from the Carson river Tuesday morning.*

July 23, 1920 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Over sixty thousand young trout arrived at Minden Tuesday from the Nevada fish hatchery for planting in the Carson river. The young trout were taken to Horseshoe Bend and planted.*

August 13, 1920 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*COMMISSION – The board, at the request of the Nevada Fish Commission adopted an ordinance to close from fishing a certain portion above the Douglas Milling & Power Company's dam on the Carson river...*

September 18, 1920 – Mason Valley News (Yerington)

*DAYTON – The dredger is now operating on the flat above Dayton day and night and are (sic) making rapid progress in moving the gravel to a depth of 40 feet.*

## **1921**

May 13, 1921 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*James Gallagher spent Sunday fishing in the West Walker river near Chris Flat, and reports that the largest trout caught by him weighed eight pounds...*

September 9, 1921 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*L.P. Jacobsen was appointed fish warden, particularly for Pine Nut creek, in order to prevent the unlawful taking of trout from that stream. Mr. Jacobsen to serve without compensation.*

## **1922**

March 31, 1922 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*A large number of wild geese and swan, that wintered in Carson Valley, are reported to be slow in heading north and are still feeding in the marshes in the vicinity of the Schacht ranch.*

May 5, 1922 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Charles Fulstone yesterday stocked the reservoir on his Jacks Valley ranch with fifty-odd big-mouthed bass...secured from the Wheelers of Reno...*

May 12, 1922 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Although the high water has been detrimental to fishing several good catches were made on the Carson river Sunday. P.V. Felesine made a record and caught seventeen fine trout near the river bridge above the Ruhenstroth ranch.*

July 4, 1922 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...dam of the Douglas Milling and Power Company on the Carson river... inspected the fish ladder...During the past season when trout were running up the river, it was observed that they passed through the ladder in large numbers and made the climb without difficulty.*

July 28, 1922 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing seems to be unusually good in the Carson river at this time and many catches weighing three and four pounds have been reported this week.*

### 1923

#### **Biennial Report of the Nevada State Fish and Game Commission for the Years 1921-1922; State Printing Office, Carson City, Nevada 1923.**

FISH LADDER AT THE DOUGLAS POWER AND MILLING COMPANY DAM – The Board having received complaint of the inefficiency of the fish ladder on the dam of the Douglas Power and Milling Company on the Carson River in Douglas County, the Commission made an inspection of the dam on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 1922, and found the ladder useless. The Commission decided to get the Fish Ladder Engineer of the California Commission to design a ladder that would allow the fish to pass over the obstruction. Your Commissioners, in company of Mr. A.E. Doney, Fish Ladder Engineer of the California Commission, and officials of the Douglas Power and Milling Company made a survey on June 29 of the proposed ladder. The management of the company promised to have the ladder constructed in accordance with the plans outlined.

January 20, 1923 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*...Last Sunday eight or ten cars of people motored to Stillwater Slough below the former county seat town and had splendid luck catching catfish, several parties getting a couple of hundred fish. The catfish are excellent eating at this season of the year.*

March 10, 1923 – Mason Valley News (Yerington)

COMMISSION – *In compliance with a communication received from the Fish and Game League of Nevada regarding the construction of a fish ladder over the dam on the Carson River, known as the Quilici dam, it was ordered that the owners of the dam be notified to construct such a ladder immediately.*

April 21, 1923 – Mason Valley News (Yerington)

DAYTON – *Quite a number of Dayton people... fishing trip below the Newland's ranch on the Carson River... Several good catches of catfish were made...*

May 5, 1923 – Mason Valley News (Yerington)

*...[2] and several other town people... spent last Sunday at Lahontan on a fishing trip. All report big catches of catfish.*

August 17, 1923 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Recently when thousands of young trout were planted in the Carson river...water snake of medium size...was cut open...fourteen of the young trout were found. Members of the Douglas County Sportsmen's Club are being urged to kill all water snakes seen while they are fishing on the river.*

August 25, 1923 – Churchill County Eagle (Fallon)

*RENO HUNTING CLUB LEASES 5000 ACRES – The Canvas Back Club of Reno has leased 5000 acres of tule and overflow land from George Chester in the Stillwater district for duck hunting...*

August 31, 1923 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Several cans of eastern brook trout were planted in Pine Nut Creek [at] the L.M. Jacobsen ranch last week.*

## **1924**

August 22, 1924 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*A large flock of pelicans feasted on trout above the Douglas dam on the Carson river for a day or so recently. Sportsmen who saw the slaughter being made by the birds, took a hand and caused the visiting band of fish-eaters to move to other localities.*

September 5, 1924 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*PELICANS DEVOURING VALLEY TROUT – Pelicans continue their slaughter of trout at the Dangberg reservoirs as well as on the Carson river above the Douglas power dam...*

September 10, 1924 – Fallon Standard

*GUN CLUB MEMBERS PLANT BASS IN LAKE – The Greenhead Hunting Club of this city has been endeavoring for several years to secure bass to stock the several lakes and ponds in and about the Stillwater section... A few fish have heretofore been planted in the sloughs... By a permit from the state fish commission a seine was secured and C.M. Way... rounding up a couple of dozen fine bass at Humboldt reservoir. Later several seinings were made at pot holes along the lower river and some fine specimens and many small fish were taken and placed in the lake near the Dutch Bill place...*

## **1925**

January 16, 1925 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Reports reached this office yesterday that Indians have been catching trout from the Carson river during the past few days...The law does not give Indians any special privilege to fish out of season and an effort should be made to prevent a continuance of the violations.*

June 5, 1925 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*PELICANS DESTROY FISH – For weeks past thousands of pelicans have been feeding in Carson Valley...killing of pelicans is not unlawful... [Long editorial suggesting that the birds be killed to protect fish]*

## 1926

March 19, 1926 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*INDIANS FISH OUT OF SEASON - ...Indians have been selling trout in several sections of this valley during the past week or ten days...some of the trout were taken from the Carson river, but in most part were caught in Topaz Lake...*

May 7, 1926 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...Sunday fishing on the Carson river...report good catches...Dr. L.M. Nelson succeeded in landing a 6 ½ pound trout within a short distance from Gardnerville.*

June 25, 1926 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*That Carson river is a fishermen's paradise is attested to by the fact that twenty-three automobile loads of anglers from Reno and other western Nevada towns spent last Sunday at Horseshoe Bend and everybody, according to reports, caught a nice basket of trout.*

## 1927

March 11, 1927 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Trout are now running up the Carson river to the spawning beds and it is reported that large numbers are going over the fish ladder at the Douglas power dam. Among the trout are many of great size and it is believed that they have made their way up from Pyramid Lake through the Derby canal and Lahontan dam.*

## 1928

February 3, 1928 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*MUSKRATS MAY BE RAISED HERE – A large amount of swamp land in Carson Valley that is now considered worthless...natural breeding grounds for muskrats and boys in this vicinity have reaped quite a harvest trapping the little animals during the winter months...*

July 6, 1928 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fly fishing has been extremely good on the Carson river for the past two weeks and splendid catches have been made by those who are expert in casting.*

## 1929

April 5, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FISHING SEASON CLOSED UNTIL MAY 1 - [County ordinance was passed to shorten the season from April 1 to May 1]*

May 10, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Despite the fact that the Carson river has remained high and muddy during the week, several nice catches of trout have been made. Quite a number of trout weighing from 2 ½ to four pounds have been taken it is reported.*

May 31, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*HORSESHOE BEND CLOSED TO FISHERMEN – Clarence Park, owner of the Horseshoe Bend property, announces that trespassing will no longer be tolerated...Last week a number of fishermen...allowed their dogs to*

*run cattle grazing there, one of the steers jumping into a barbed wire fence and was maimed. Local fishermen wishing to go to Horseshoe Bend will probably not be denied the right to fish there if they ask permission from Mr. Park.*

August 16, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*REARING POND FILLED WITH FISH – Douglas County rearing pond... James Stuard has been placed in charge...*

October 11, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Reno fishermen are reported to be taking limit catches of trout from the Carson river above Young's crossing.*

December 6, 1929 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*This week 125,000 rainbow trout, reared in the Douglas County fish pond were released in the East Fork of the Carson river...*

### **1930**

May 23, 1930 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fifty thousand trout were received a few days ago from the Verdi hatchery and planted in the Douglas County rearing pond. James Stuard, in addition to his duties as game warden, will feed the trout until next fall when they will be released in the Carson river.*

August 1, 1930 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FUR FARM WILL ENLARGE SCOPE – W.H. Stuart, assistant manager and secretary of the Sequoia Fur Farm Company...plans extension of operations in Carson Valley of the muskrat industry...pond on the Settlemeyer ranch, near Cradlebaugh's bridge and commonly known as the buck brush swamp, will be fenced and stocked with muskrats...*

*...company has two ponds fenced in Carson Valley, one at the Schacht ranch and the other at the Klauber ranch of the Dangberg Company. Propagation of muskrats has been underway for the past two years...*

August 15, 1930 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*...The entire section has been sheeped to death in recent years, and even sagehen have found the going too tough for them and have moved out.*

November 14, 1930 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FISH PLANTED IN LOCAL STREAMS THIS WEEK – The Nevada fish and game commission last week received from the United States Bureau of Hatcheries at Bozeman, Montana...a truckload of fish for planting in Douglas County arrived from Reno on Wednesday...several cans of big mouth bass... taken to Topaz Lake...*

### **1931**

March 13, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*ORDINANCE NO. 34 - ...It shall be unlawful for any person...to fish in or from any of the waters in the county of Douglas...except between the first day of May and the thirtieth day of September...March 5, 1931.*

*TWO INDIANS JAILED – Acting on a tip Sheriff Park went to Horseshoe Bend last Sunday...Two Indians, Robert and Mervin Wyatt...thirteen whitefish and seven trout...pleaded guilty...\$50 each and in lieu of the cash the Indians*



are now serving time in the county jail at Minden.

March 27, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Catfishing in the sloughs near Walley Springs has been the favorite pastime of many people during the past week.*

July 31, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*WARM WEATHER KILLS FISH IN CARSON RIVER – With the reports that thousands of fish have perished in the river above the Douglas power dam and are rotting along the water's edge, Wednesday farmers report that hundreds of trout have likewise perished in this valley and many believe that practically all of the trout in the river have either been killed by the high temperatures or from other causes.*

August 7, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*YOUNG TROUT DOING WELL - ...200,000 young trout in the Douglas County rearing pond at the Ruhenstroth ranch...A portion of the trout in the rearing pond belongs to Ormsby County, the commissioners of that county paying half of the operating expenses of the ponds...*

September 11, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Trout are dying in large numbers in the Carson river...examination of the trout reveal that they have a disease of the gills and is probably a result of the low stage of the river. In most instances large fish are infected, investigation discloses.*

November 20, 1931 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*LOST, QUARTER MILLION TROUT - ...disappeared from the Douglas County rearing pond at the Ruhenstroth ranch... 150,000 young trout brought to Douglas County, and 100,000 to Ormsby County... Whether the young fish died or made their escape from the pond into the river has not been determined.*

## **1932**

March 25, 1932 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The Nevada fish and game commission last week notified county officials that forty or fifty thousand young trout had been allotted to Douglas County and upon suggestion will be planted in the west fork of the Carson river.*

April 1, 1932 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Sixteen cans of young trout were planted in the west fork of the Carson river Tuesday by Grover L. Krick, a member of the Douglas County Sportsmen's Club. It is probable another shipment will be planted later on.*

August 26, 1932 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*TROUT TO BE RELEASED SOON – It has been decided to release some 13,000 young trout from the Douglas County rearing pond about September 1<sup>st</sup>, Grover L. Krick announced yesterday. The rainbow trout were placed in the pond last spring and have now reached a size averaging around four inches... with release of the trout from the rearing pond, together with some 25,000 steelheads planted in the Carson river recently by the Nevada fish and game commission...*

## **1933**

September 15, 1933 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Muddy Water from cloudbursts did not kill all the young trout in the Douglas County rearing pond... Three hundred*

*thousand young trout were placed in the rearing ponds early this season and a fair guess would be that about half of them were killed by muddy water.*

#### **1934**

April 13, 1934 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FISHING SEASON OPENS SUNDAY - ...Thousands of young trout placed in the Douglas County rearing pond, were killed last fall when cloudbursts caused the river to flow back with mud for several days.*

August 17, 1934 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*SAGEHEN SCARCE AT WINTERS MINE – Most of these men had hunted in that region before and they report that drought, even in the high mountains, has cut feed to the minimum. Sheep have grazed over the district until not a spear of grass remains and were held on the range long after the period of good range practice had passed.*

#### **1935**

July 12, 1935 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*COMMISSIONERS SET AUGUST 11, 12 ASA HUNTING DAYS ON SAGEHENS - ...It is readily admitted by hunters that birds were scarce last year in the vicinity of the Winters mine, but this is due to the fact that the region is heavily sheeped and sagehen, plentiful in those parts a few years ago, migrated to Sugar Loaf and Round Mountain where hunters found the birds numerous... [Long article]*

August 2, 1935 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Twenty-two thousand young trout were planted in the East Fork of the Carson river this week by the Nevada fish and game commission and according to reports approximately 30,000 more trout will be planted in the west and east fork of the Carson river during the next week or so.*

October 4, 1935 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The fishing season in Douglas County closed Monday, ending one of the poorest trout seasons in a number of years. Cloudbursts along the stream for the past two years killed many of the young trout planted in the Carson river by the Nevada fish and game commission.*

#### **1936**

June 19, 1936 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*At the Dangburg reservoir Tuesday morning Ralph Rhodes landed a 3½ pound trout, classified by local sportsmen as a German brown. While mountain lakes of Alpine County are well stocked with this species of trout, but few have been taken from the streams in this valley in recent years.*

#### **1938**

March 25, 1938 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*GAME OFFICIALS INSPECT DAM... - In the work of rebuilding the old Douglas dam on the East Fork of the Carson river, to develop water power for operating a pumping plant for irrigation purposes, Mrs. Ida Ruhestroth is offering the fullest cooperation to the Nevada fish and game commission, and in the event that it is found a fish ladder is necessary, one will be installed, following plans submitted by the commission.*

July 22, 1938 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*SOCKEYE SALMON REPORTED CAUGHT IN RIVER – Several sportsmen along the Carson river have reported recent catches of a new species of the trout family and have been at a loss to explain the different characteristics of the fish. A number of the local fishermen are of the opinion that the new species is sockeye salmon that were planted in Churchill County several years ago and since that time have made their way up the river.*

**1939**

January 6, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*EAST FORK MAY BE CLOSED TO FISHERMEN - ...The reason for this suggested plan is to give young trout planted in the stream last fall a chance to mature. Under the same plan, the West Fork would be well stocked with young trout next fall and then closed to fishing for a season... Approximately 70,000 young trout were planted in the Carson river last fall.*

March 31, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*EAST FORK IS CLOSED TO FISHING – At a special meeting held by the board of county commissioners at Minden Monday, an ordinance was drafted and passed, closing the East Fork of the Carson river and all tributaries to fishing during the season of 1939...*

June 9, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING – James Savage, of Portland, Oregon, a representative of the United States Biological Survey, was in attendance at the meeting and explained a cooperative plan whereby the county could secure the cooperation of the bureau of grazing in fencing small areas of public domain as cover for sagehen. Under the plan and at the request of local sportsmen, \$150 of county fish and game funds were set aside for the work. This sum will be matched by a similar amount by the Nevada fish and game commission and, after details are worked out, labor will be furnished by the division of grazing to install the fencing on the small tracts.*

June 30, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*With the flow of the East Fork dropping rapidly, thousands of trout are heading upstream and have congregated in the deep pool below the old Douglas dam, it was reported yesterday.*

July 14, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*TRAPPED TROUT WILL BE FED - ...thousands of trout that have congregated in the Carson river below the old Douglas dam. It was suggested that the trout be netted and placed above the dam... not deemed feasible...*

July 21, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*THOUSANDS OF TROUT BELOW DOUGLAS DAM ARE PLACED ON RELIEF - ...They are being fed by the Nevada state fish and game commission and Douglas county. Feeding of the trout started Sunday... The 100,000 young trout now in the Douglas County rearing pond will not be released back into the West and East Forks of the Carson river until late fall...*

August 18, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FISH LADDER IS CONSIDERED – Since the flow of the East Fork has been low with loss of trout reported, the necessity of a fish ladder at the old Douglas dam has been under discussion... [Owner agrees to install a fish ladder at a future date]*

September 22, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*KIWANIS HEARS GAME WARDEN – Harold Hewitt, in charge of the California state fish hatchery in Alpine county, was the guest speaker... At the Alpine county hatchery 800,000 young trout were raised this season, the eggs being taken from black spotted or native trout at Hennan Lake... About 60,000 young trout are planted annually in the West Fork of the Carson river in Hope Valley and corresponding numbers in other streams...*

December 1, 1939 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*TROUT RELEASED IN STREAMS – In the past two weeks 102,500 trout, many of the edible size, have been released in the waters of the East and West Forks of the Carson river. These fish spent the past number of months at the Douglas county rearing pond on the Jones ranch... divided nearly equally for release in the two streams.*

## **1940**

March 22, 1940 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishermen have been taking [a] heavy toll of catfish in the tulle patch on the west side of Carson Valley...*

July 26, 1940 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*TROUT RELEASED IN ALPINE – [Record of fish planted by individual stream and species from the California Fish and Game Commission]*

December 27, 1940 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*FIGURES ON FISH PLANTING ARE RELEASED – [Records from the Pleasant Valley hatchery in Alpine County by stream and species, consisting of mainly black spotted trout]*

## **1941**

July 25, 1941 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing on the Carson river has been good during the past week... While most trout taken weighed around a pound, several in excess of five pounds were taken from the river in this valley.*

## **1942**

May 22, 1942 – Minden Times

*TROUT PLANTED IN CARSON RIVER – R.B. Dickey of the Kit Carson service station and lunch counter, has been busy this week assisting the Ormsby County Commissioners in planting several thousand catchable size trout in the Carson River.*

August 21, 1942 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Fishing on the Carson river from Young's Crossing to Horseshoe Bend has been good in recent weeks, but the entire section is infested with rattle snakes and the hazard keeps many fishermen from that region.*

November 20, 1942 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*Approximately 70,000 young trout, cared for in the Douglas County rearing ponds at the Jones ranch since early last spring, were released in the streams of this county during the week. Because of low water in both forks of the river, planting was deferred until this time...*

## 1943

February 26, 1943 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*WOOD DRIVES DOWN CARSON... – The men who conceived the scheme of cutting timber in the heavily forested area around Markleeville in Alpine County, and putting spring flood waters of the Carson river to work for them in delivering the wood to Empire were granted their sixteen months franchise in March 1, 1862. They were C.H. Hobbs, J.C. Russell, David Smith and J.L. Pennel, owners of a steam sawmill.*

*While this method of floating cordwood down stream was begun on the East Fork of the Carson in the early sixties, and twenty-three sawmills were listed with Douglas and Alpine counties, the main river drives of wood occurred between 1875 and 1893 with the final drive being made in the spring of 1896.*

May 28, 1943 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The California fish and game commission has under consideration a plan to sein (sic) a large number of native black spotted trout from the waters of Heenan Lake and through the use of tank truck transport them to tributaries of the Carson river for natural propagation. Spawn will not be taken at Heenan lake (sic) this year, it is reported.*

## 1945

May 25, 1945 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*The California fish and game commission and Alpine County hatchery officials this week transplanted 271 black spotted trout from Heenan Lake to the East and West Forks of the Carson River. The trout all ranged from 20 to 25 inches in length and were spawners.*

November 9, 1945 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*150,000 TROUT PLANTED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY – Planting of the approximately 150,000 rainbow trout raised in the county's fish ponds was carried out Wednesday and Thursday... planted in both the East and West Forks of the Carson River at several points...*

## 1946

May 10, 1946 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*BLACK SPOTTED PLANTED IN EAST FORK – California and Nevada fish and game employees finished stripping black spotted trout at Heenan Lake in Alpine County last week and 261 of the large fish were transplanted from the lake into the East Fork of the Carson River in Alpine County... from the fish stripped 500,000 eggs will be given to Nevada and hatched at the state hatchery at Verdi.*

August 9, 1946 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

*100,000 TROUT PLANTED TO MAKE WAY FOR MORE – In cooperation with Tex Park, county game warden, members of the Douglas County Sportsmen's Club this week planted 100,000 rainbow trout in the East Fork of the Carson river... The second hundred thousand will be put in the rearing ponds here as soon as possible and planted in the river in Carson Valley late this fall.*

*An additional 75,000 black spotted trout will also be planted in Douglas County streams directly from the state fish hatchery. The black spotted, native to the small mountain streams throughout this area, will be planted in Glenbrook and Edgewood Creeks at Lake Tahoe and in the several streams flowing down from the mountains on the west side of Carson Valley. It is expected they will grow to much larger size in the small streams than rainbow or eastern brook, with which the creeks were stocked in the past.*

All of the fish being planted at the present time will be put in the river above Douglas dam. The 275,000 fish to be planted in Douglas County altogether this year is considerably more than handled in any one year in the past.

### 1947

March 21, 1947 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

75,000 TROUT PLANTED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY – Approximately 75,000 young rainbow and black spotted trout were planted in the east and west forks of the Carson River in Douglas County last week by Tex Park, county game warden. The fish were taken from the county rearing ponds, where they had been through the winter. Another load of fingerlings will be started in the rearing ponds some time this spring. The fish were distributed among a large number of suitable spots along both streams.

September 19, 1947 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

100,000 TROUT PLANTED BY STATE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY – Douglas County's game management board announced this week 100,000 black spotted trout were planted in Douglas County streams by the state fish and game commission. In cooperation with adjoining Lyon County the game management boards planted 20,000 of the fish in the eight mile stretch of the Walker River that runs through Douglas County. The remaining 80,000 fingerlings were planted in the East Fork of the Carson River... The 100,000 fish now in the county rearing ponds would be planted later in the season in both the east and west forks of the Carson. Another 50,000 rainbows of catchable size will also be planted later this fall. These fish will be received from the Hagerman, Idaho hatchery.

October 31, 1947 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

IDAHO RAINBOWS PLANTED HERE – Approximately 2,500 four to five inch rainbow trout from the Hagerman, Idaho, Federal Wildlife Service hatchery were planted in the East Fork of the Carson River this week by the Nevada State Fish and Game Commission... Ormsby County also planted several thousand of the same fish this week. The fish were planted in Clear Creek and Ash Canyon in Ormsby.

### 1948

September 3, 1948 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

THOUSANDS TROUT PLACED IN DESERT CREEK AND CARSON - ...Last week 93,000 cut-throat trout were planted by the Nevada fish and game commission at Horseshoe Bend on the East Fork of the Carson. At the same time 10,000 rainbow trout were placed in Desert Creek... The fish placed by the California commission were cut-throat, it was said...

### 1949

February 25, 1949 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

FISHING SEASON OPENS MAY 1... - ...All fish planted in Douglas County this year will be rainbows, while in 1950 a planting of German browns will be made in the West Fork. In the Walker River the plants this year will be largely of cutthroat trout.

### 1950

April 28, 1950 – Gardnerville Record-Courier

LOTS OF FISH - ...8,000 other rainbow measuring from seven to 12 inches placed in the East Fork below the old power dam... Later in the spring... plans call for the planting of between 15,000 and 20,000 black spotted trout in the waters above the power dam and 10,000 rainbow will be placed in these same waters.

ATTACHMENT A

May 3, 2005

Mr. Randy Pahl  
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RE:Environmental History of the Carson River

Dear Randy:

As a follow-up to written correspondence dated April 20, 2005 and our telephone conversation of April 25, 2005, please find enclosed the requested background references describing historic environmental conditions of the Carson River drainage of northwestern Nevada. The information is stored on my personal computer in various files in a Microsoft Word 97 format. In order to understand the references gathered to date, I have also included a copy of the historic newspapers reviewed to date, and a copy of the subject files delineating the specific categories for other available source information. In the interest of saving space and avoiding duplication, I have prioritized the references within each category rather than sending you a complete set. For example, when a "wood drive" was sent down the Carson River from the headwaters of the drainage in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California to Dayton and/or Empire, many of the newspapers along the way reported on the progress of the floating material. Although many of the descriptions provide additional detail, such as ownership, number of employees and other facts, I have reduced the references in order to save space.

It is also important to note that many other important interpretations are also not included in the references, such as the fact that beavers were not native to the Carson River drainage. Beginning with the notation from John C. Fremont on January 18, 1844 that documents the lack of the species, there are not references to beaver in any of the other journals or newspaper accounts until the species was introduced in the 1940s. The lack of beaver in the system, that also included the Truckee and Walker Rivers for that matter, resulted in a proliferation of cottonwood trees and other riparian plant species. This in turn resulted in lower water temperatures on the Carson because of shading, particularly when compared to the Humboldt River, which had no trees along the banks. The point I am trying to make is that the historic and current presence or absence of beaver affected not only water temperature, but quantity and quality as well.

From a statewide perspective the references conclusively show that wildfires, particularly in the high Sierras were not an important factor in eliminating old growth forests in the early years. Most of the extensive fires that occurred on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains were a direct result of logging practices, and in fact many of the fires were intentionally set by sheepherders to improve grazing conditions for livestock. The mining industry was not particularly concerned with these events in most cases, since the trees had already been removed and used for fuel or timber to shore up the underground mines. Similar to the presence or absence of beaver, logging practices and fires had a direct impact on the quality and quantity of water within the Carson River drainage, and thus ultimately affected the fisheries resource. Note in particular the editorial found in the *Gold Hill News* dated June 3, 1871 and the follow-up editorials in the *Territorial Enterprise* of August 19, 1873 and again on May 20, 1875.

Without going into any further detailed interpretation, least this letter turn into a full-blown dissertation, I would simply suggest that the material provided could easily be interpreted to bolster anyone's perspective by carefully selecting only those references needed to prove a particular point. The single reference to the killing of two elk on the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe, hence the name Elk Point, for example, could erroneously be used to suggest that elk were native within the central portion of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is important to recognize that from multiple thousands of pages of historic references to wildlife from this area only one sighting of two elk was found. Based on this factor, an interpretation that elk were native to the area is not a valid conclusion. Similar erroneous conclusions could easily be reached for the historic environmental conditions on the Carson River unless all of the information or



lack thereof is used in drawing any particular conclusion.

I sincerely hope the enclosed references will be of value to you and other interested parties in describing the past history of environmental conditions along the Carson River drainage. If you need any additional interpretation, or have any questions relative to the enclosed materials, please feel free to advise.

Sincerely,

Robert P. McQuivey