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Wandering through ghost towns, away from the 'real world. Herb's "Day of Infamy" was very peaceful

Dec. 7, 1941 165 miles I left Reno at 7:50 and travelled south over the familiar road toward Carson City. It was extremely clear and cold and certainly a beautiful day presented itself. Drove to the hot springs at Steamboat thence over the Geiger Grade to Virginia City. The scenes which presented themselves at each turn in the road were gorgeous and I took time to drink in all of the beautiful mountain and desert scenery as I climbed the long grade. Stopped at Geiger Point, climbed the rocks to stand on their utmost point and gaze out over the vast valley beneath with the craggy Sievras in the background. The snow-covered mountains were extremely beautiful in the early morning light as the brilliant sun shone on their glossy tops. Then drove on over the crest of the hogback and down the long twisting grade to the gold camps. The mountains to the east showed dear and snow-covered while far to the south range after range of snow-capped peaks glistened in the sun. After entering Virginia City. I drove over to Boot Hill and visited the old and new cemetaries. One is apt to wonder at the neglect and tumble-down appearance of many of the graves but one must realize that many who died in old virginis City or were killed there left no relatives or friends thus their graves suffered from neglect as no one tended the graves. I wandered back and forth among the graves noting many of young men who had died early in life, most likely with their boots on for this city was a place of terror and gun fights were so common as to go unnoticed entirely. Many graves were of important people in their day in the wild bushling gold camp. From beside the grave of Charles H. Setzler 1824-1875 I took a picture of Virginia City across the little draw which seperated it from the cemetory. A draw which contained some rubble and mine dumps, now dormant as the town and the whole scene presented an idea of death and sleeping memories. int. Davidson, solemn and capped by snow lay sevenely beautiful above the old town. The grave of J. R. Mckey was seen, as was that of Dewitt A. Stanton - New York, died Jan. 8. 1876 1975. old. Then the graves of Mckenzie and Capt. Ed. Faris Storey after whom Storey County was named - died 1860 -. After spending an hour in the old boot hill I drove in to town and entered the Crystal Perlar Spent some time looking at the old relics and listening to the 60 yr. old player plains, then took a picture of the formous Crystal Chandilier. This beautiful pièce of work is composed of gold tubing, standards, bars, 18 chimneys, 18 shades and 18 bulbs and 600 seperate cyristal pendants that have to be taken off to be deaned.

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Then walked up the street along the old board walks past the old



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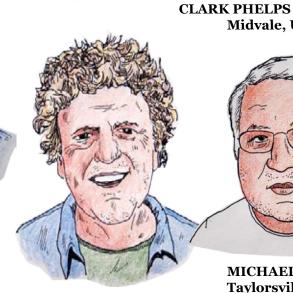




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