

## **Charles Christian Ronnow**

**July 29, 1865- October 4, 1945**

**Clark County Commission, 1910- elected to short-term, 1912- elected to long-term**

**C.C. Ronnow spent most of his life Nevada and held several important roles during his life including church leader, educator, businessman, and politician.**

**C.C. Ronnow moved to southern Nevada in 1868 when his father, C.P. Ronnow was called by Brigham Young to help settle the Moapa Valley area for the LDS Church. C.C. Ronnow lived in Panaca and attended Brigham Young University. Ronnow served as bishop of the Panaca ward in 1884. In 1889, he served a two-year mission to Denmark. Following his education, Ronnow taught school for six years. He also served as the Justice of the Peace for eight years and as postmaster of Panaca for sixteen years.**

**Ronnow formed a partnership with Ed W. Clark and together they established the Ed W. Clark Forwarding Company. The two men also purchased a ranch eight miles south of Las Vegas. Ronnow and his family moved to Las Vegas in June of 1905.**



**Following his move to Las Vegas, Ronnow became involved in local politics. In 1908, he was appointed president of the school board. He also took an active interest in the division of Lincoln county. Ronnow was elected to the Clark County Commission in 1910 as the short-term candidate and served as chairman. He won reelection in 1912, as the long-term commissioner. During his time on the commission, the commissioners oversaw the construction of the Clark County courthouse.**

**Ronnow remained active in civic affairs following his time on the commission. He was a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. He also served as a school trustee.**

**In 1930, Ronnow and Clark expanded their business to include the Clark County Wholesale Mercantile Company. In 1935, Clark and Ronnow were praised for their long operation of business in southern Nevada.**

**C.C. Ronnow died in 1945. He was remembered for his role in county division, his passion for education, and his long career as a businessman in Las Vegas. He was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. In 1965, the Clark County School District honored Ronnow's commitment to education and named an elementary school in his honor.**