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## ROTARY HAS NEW MEMBER

M. W. Davis, local jeweler, was made a member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club at the luncheon today and will be henceforth known as "Dave."

Bill Ferron, program chairman, spoke briefly on the subject of a revised plan for committee functions in connection with Rotary. He then introduced Mrs. Powers who gave two readings which were enjoyed by all present. Father Reardon closed the program with a vocal solo.

Frank Garside of Tonopah was a visiting Rotarian.

## VEGAS WINS FAST GAME

The Las Vegas Union Pacific basketball team won its first game this season when it defeated the Callente team at the High School last night by a score of 36 to 24.

Those who saw the game were impressed by what appeared to be mid-season form in the first game and predict that the Vegas quintet will go through the season with a clean slate.

Another game is scheduled for Saturday evening when the Vegas boys play Milford. The game will be played at the same place, the same hour, and the same style basketball is promised for the fans.

## J. W. CARPENTER PASSES AWAY

Joseph W. Carpenter, a veteran newspaper man and rancher, died at the home of his son in Westside shortly after twelve o'clock this morning. Death was caused by pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

Mr. Carpenter was a pioneer in the newspaper business in Utah. In 1888, at the age of 18, he started a newspaper at St. George. During the past few years he has been living with his son and daughter, Mrs. Hodges, in Westside.

Definite arrangements for burial have not yet been made. The remains are at the Las Vegas Funeral Home.

## LEGION MEN ATTENTION

All Legion men are requested to assemble at the Las Vegas Funeral Home at 4:00 o'clock Friday to assist in the funeral services for P. M. Bentley.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Moapa, Nevada, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Saint Thomas, Nevada, and other vacancies which may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$919 for the last fiscal year.

## FALLON-SCHURZ BIDS UP NEXT

At a meeting of the board of directors of the state highway department at Carson City yesterday it was decided to advertise for bids for the construction of 19.33 additional miles of highway on the North-South highway system between Schurtz and Fallon. This stretch will extend from the north limits of the Schurz Indian reservation to a point 16.7 miles south of Fallon. Bids for this work will be opened December 12.

Although a part of the state highway system, the new road will not be a part of the federal aid system, so Churchill county will finance the construction. A bond issue of \$53,000 has already been floated by Churchill county to raise the money to build the new stretch.

## RESOLUTIONS ON VESTRIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, (AP)—Two resolutions calling for congressional investigations into the sinking of the Vestris last month were introduced into the Senate today.

## Noted As Prosecutor, Asa Keyes Himself Faces Prosecution



Asa Keyes (right), famous Los Angeles district attorney who has figured in many sensational trials, is to go on trial December 17 for alleged acceptance of bribes. Buron Fitts (lower left), Keyes' successor-elect, will press the charges against him and other co-defendants, including Jacob Berman (upper left).

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6, (AP)—Two weeks after he steps from office, District Attorney Asa Keyes, a figure in Los Angeles political circles for a quarter of a century, will go on trial charged with one of the most astounding bribery plots in the city's history.

Keyes' names is identified with many sensational trials, including the Almee Semple McPherson case and the murder trial of William E. Hickman, for the slaying of 12-year-old Marian Parker.

The famous prosecutor will sit in a familiar court December 17 while Buron Fitts, his elected successor, and one-time aide in office, seeks to prove that Keyes accepted bribes to secure the acquittal of the notorious Julian Petroleum corporation promoters.

The history of that alleged oil scandal will be as much a part of the trial as the stocky prosecutor himself, for three of the men charged with a part in the swindle of more than 40,000 investors also have been caught in a grand jury's charges of corruption.

Keyes, it has been agreed, will be tried apart from the others. The co-defendants are Jacob Berman, known up and down Broadway as the "bright youngster" of the Julian fiasco; the Rosenbergs, Ed and Jack, promoters; Charles Reimer, special investigator in Keyes' office; Ben and Dave Getzoff, father and son proprietors of an obscure Spring street tailor shop where the "pay-offs" were alleged to have been made during the Julian trial, and A. I. Lasker, former head of a defunct finance company.

The Lasker case, separate from the Julian trial, was an embezzlement action in which the grand jury accused Keyes of accepting a

bribe to dismiss the charges. The case against Keyes is all the more sensational in that it involves a man upon whose name scandal never had touched before in a long public career.

Keyes' prosecutor, once lieutenant governor of California, was elected after Keyes, a short time before the grand jury laid its cards on the table, announced his retirement.

Keyes, the grand jury said, had engineered the Julian trial which resulted in the acquittal of every defendant. As one witness put it: "The verdict nearly knocked Judge Doran off his chair."

The jurors asserted that Keyes had conspired with the Julian promoters to obtain either the dismissal of charges or acquittal in the event of trial.

The money involved in the alleged bribery was not large, the indictments disclosed. Officially it totaled \$38,200, but rumors sent it soaring to huge sums. A United States district attorney said Berman made \$3,000,000 off the Julian collapse.

First evidence of a ripple in the smooth workings of Keyes' office came when an employe of the tailor shop, Milton Pike, angered at the Getzoffs for alleged salary differences, brought a little diary to a county official.

It recited the frequent meetings of Keyes and various defendants in Getzoff's shop. Pike said he and other employes overheard "interesting" conversations in the partitioned office. A three-sided mirror facing the office reflected the actions of the occupants and Pike said he saw large sums of money exchanged. Subsequently, other related alleged surreptitious deals in Keyes' office centering about the Lasker and Julian cases.

## SCOTTY'S RANCH IS DESCRIBED

Glen Jones, a local merchant on returning from Death Valley Scotty's ranch describes some of the refinements being installed. One of these is a fountain twelve feet high in the main reception chamber that pours a stream into an eight-foot basin. The music hall is nearing completion with hand-carved imported from Austria finishing the scroll work of the ceiling. This room will receive the \$50,000 pipe organ which was delivered last fall and left unpacked. One of the towers seen in the plans will have one of the finest carillons, costing \$25,000 that will surpass in tone any chimes heard on the coast.

The whole estate of twenty acres will be enclosed with a six-foot fence of pig wire attached to concrete poles with a steel core. These are made on the grounds where a special plant has been installed. Over 5500 of these posts will be required and 2200 are finished baking in the sun. Three miles of scenic highway has been built as part of the system connecting the mansion and the floor of Death Valley.—Reno Evening Gazette.

## CHARGE KIWISAR WITH BURGLARY

Martin A. Kiwisar, well known miner and prospector of Southern Nevada, was brought into the Justice Court yesterday on a three-months-old warrant alleging burglary.

Kiwisar has been at his mine just over the California state line where he has been doing development work. When he arrived in town yesterday the warrant was served on him.

The complaint was sworn to by Mr. Kennedy, of Goodsprings, and alleges that Kiwisar removed machinery from Goodsprings mining property without the consent of the owners.

Kiwisar was admitted to bail in the amount of \$1000.

## NOTICE: I. O. O. F.

All members of the I. O. O. F. are requested by Noble Grand A. D. Hindrichsen to meet in front of the Lodge Hall at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon to assist the American Legion at the funeral services for Brother P. M. Bentley.

## BENTLEY DEATH SHOCKS FRIENDS

The death of P. M. Bentley, well known resident of Las Vegas, came yesterday morning as a great shock to relatives and friends. Although he had been suffering with an attack of influenza for several days, it was not considered serious, and he was considered well on the road to recovery.

Contrary to reports published, Mr. Bentley did not get up yesterday morning, nor did he have any intimation or warning of the heart attack, which came on him suddenly, death being almost instantaneous. Dr. P. M. Ferguson was summoned but pronounced him beyond earthly assistance.

His full name was Preston Moses Bentley and he has been employed by the Union Pacific for some time, before that having been with the West End Chemical Company.

The deceased was born in Attica, Kansas, and was aged 32 years, 6 months and 18 days at the time of his death.

He had resided in Las Vegas for some six or seven years, having been active in American Legion and Odd Fellow circles.

He is survived by Mrs. Bentley, three children, LeRoy, aged 8 years, Minnie, 5, and May Juanita, 1, and also by his father, LeRoy Bentley.

Services will be held tomorrow afternoon at four-thirty at the Las Vegas Funeral Home. Interment will be made at Attica, Kansas. Mrs. Bentley and children accompanying the body. They will leave on train No. 26, Saturday morning.

## LEGION PLAY AT EL PORTAL

The American Legion is presenting a comedy in three acts at El Portal this evening.

The play, which is entitled "Cyclone Sally," has been prepared under the direction of Fred Gildner, and the following are those taking part: C. E. Pembroke, Ted Rea, Cub Ryerse, Roscoe Hampton, Marie Gildner, Gertrude Jones, Mickey McQuade, Marjorie Goodwin and Pauline Jones.

## DR. MILDREN IMPROVING

Dr. F. R. Mildren who has been suffering with a serious attack of flu and also from sinus trouble is much improved and is sitting up today.

## NEWSY NOTES OF OVERTON

By J. DONAL EARLE

OVERTON, Dec. 6, (Special)—The Moapa Stake held its annual Stake Conference in the Overton Ward last Saturday and Sunday. It was a convention conference so quite a few of the General Authorities were in attendance. Those present representing the General Authorities were: Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, Horace H. Cummings, Alice Reynolds, Mrs. Kimball, and May Anderson. Saturday was devoted mostly to the different organizations of the church. Saturday evening a social was held in connection with the Mutual Improvement Association. Two one act plays were presented. The cast for "Through the Gate were: Crayton Johnson, Virginia Bush, Rulon Earl and Maxine Whitmore. For "Birds of a Feather" were: Elva Kelly, Stanford Pugmire, Edna Pocock, and J. Donald Earle. Both were clever little plays and well presented. After the plays there was a short social in the M. V. gym with Angus Anderson and A. L. Kelly in charge of the program. Sunday morning a very interesting program was put on by the Sunday School. Dr. Melvin J. Ballard was the main speaker of the conference and Sunday afternoon held what was estimated at about 500 people, spell-bound for an hour and a half. The conference was a success in every way. There were about 100 visitors for outside the Ward.

The M. I. A. Gold and Green Ball Friday evening was a success in every feature. The Wilcox orchestra put life into the dancers and they certainly enjoyed themselves. In a special feature Carrie Anderson, last year's queen, crowned Teresa Jones as queen for the coming year.

Amy Earl, Nellie Earl and Flora Jones spent the Thanksgiving with their relatives.

Mr. Laayette Stahel went to his home in Enterprise for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. Wilmont Gudavison was surprised by a short visit from his mother and sister Saturday afternoon.

## JOHNSON FIGHTS FOR DAM BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (AP)—With every indication that discussions will stretch out for some time to come the Senate started its second day of debate over the best way to construct the huge power and irrigation project on the Colorado River.

Having placed the Swing-Johnson bill once more before the Senate, Senator Johnson, of California was anxious to keep it there until action would be taken. How successful he will be remains for the coming day to tell.

Senator Hayden of Arizona held the floor most of yesterday in opposition to the measure, but the questions he fired at California gave Johnson a chance to put in the records at least a few of his contentions. Hayden declared that Hoover was in favor of a tax on power. Johnson said he couldn't believe it.

## KING GEORGE IS IMPROVING

LONDON, Dec. 6, (AP)—Lord Dawson of Penn visited Buckingham Palace today and had a brief consultation with his colleague, Sir Stanley Hewett, on King George's condition.

About the same time the Queen and Princess Mary went for their usual drive. They not only were smiling, as is customary in response to salutations of the crowd at the palace gates, but waved their hands.

The morning report on the King's condition states that he had passed a fair night, his temperature was lower and general condition slowly improving. The infective process, which remains severe, is becoming more localized.

## \$7.00 A POUND FOR PRIZE BEEF

CHICAGO, Dec. 6, (AP)—A record breaking price for a Grand Champion steer of the International Livestock Exposition was paid today when a Herford yearling owned by Clarence Goeckel, 12, of State Center, Iowa, was knocked down on the auction block for seven dollars a pound. The previous record was three dollars and sixty cents.

## ANITA BALDWIN TO MEET LENGLEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6, (AP)—The Chronicle today reported that Mrs. Anita Baldwin, wealthy daughter of "Lucky" Baldwin, had gone to Truckee, California, in her private car, presumably to meet Suzanne Lenglen, tennis star, and two companions.

Newspaper reports recently said that Miss Lenglen and Baldwin M. Baldwin, son of Mrs. Anita Baldwin, were engaged but no comment was forthcoming.

## OREGON MAN FOR COMMERCE COM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (AP)—The nomination of Clyde B. Aitchison of Oregon to the Interstate Commerce Commission was sent to the Senate by President Coolidge.

## SENATE GETS NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (AP)—Nominations of Roy O. West, of Illinois, as Secretary of the Interior, and William F. Whiting of Massachusetts, as Secretary of Commerce, have been sent to the Senate by President Coolidge.

Forecasting a fight over West, Chairman Nye of the Public Lands Committee announced that West would be asked to appear before the committee and state any connection he may have had with the Insull interests.

## LENGLEN PARTY VISITS TRUCKEE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5, (AP)—Suzanne Lenglen and party are headed for the Baldwin ranch at Truckee, Calif., where they are to be the guests of Mrs. Anita Baldwin.

They will arrive there shortly after midnight tonight.

## BOULDER BATTLE WAGES IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (Special to the Age)—A slow, but what close observers believe is substantial, advance was made in the Senate this afternoon toward Boulder dam legislation. Senator Hayden of Arizona held the floor the whole afternoon explaining his proposed amendment apportioning 4,200,000 acre feet of water annually to California, but was interrupted by frequent questions and interjections by Senators Johnson, Bratton, King, Walsh of Montana, Carroway, and others. There is a feeling that the Senate will settle the controversy by placing California's allocation of water at 4,400,000 acre feet per annum as a compromise and that this will be accepted by both states and will practically assure passage of the measure, probably before Christmas.

Both Senators Johnson and Hayden have admitted in the course of the debate that with a settlement on water reached other difficulties can be surmounted. Boulder dam supporters continue in a most hopeful mood.

## DISCUSSION SWING-JOHNSON BILL STARTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, (AP)—Discussion of the Swing-Johnson bill was started in the Senate where it left off last session.

The first move of Senator Johnson of California was to ask that the measure as already passed by the House be substituted for the one under discussion by the Senate, a move which was unanimously accepted. Senator Ashurst consented to the move upon the understanding that the amendment he offered last session would not be placed in jeopardy.

Meanwhile Senator Hayden declared no one was more anxious than he to see a settlement of the Boulder dam question but he saw no way to agreement except by compromise.

## NO FARM RELIEF THIS SESSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (AP)—Chairman Haugen, of the House Agricultural Committee, said after meeting with his committee, that there was grave doubt as to the possibility of passing adequate farm relief legislation this session.

## PHOENIX WOMAN GETS DAMAGES

PITTSBURG, Dec. 6, (AP)—Mrs. Mae Reynolds of Phoenix, Ariz., was awarded damages of \$12,500.00 in her \$100,000.00 alienation of affections suit against her mother-in-law.

## FOUR KILLED BY EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 6, (AP)—Four men were killed, six injured, and fifteen others unaccounted for after an explosion in a disinfection plant near East River.

Windows within a radius of half a mile were cracked and broken by the shock.

## APPLYING OIL TO MAIN ST.

The State Highway Department oiling crew today began the application of the necessary oil on Main street, following the placing of the additional gravel surface.

The work of mixing the oil and gravel will follow and it is expected the mixing will be completed by next Saturday.

Gravel surface for Fifth street will be started immediately.

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Nevada state teachers examinations will be held in the office of the Deputy Superintendent, Court House, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 26, 27, 28 and 29. Nevada school law examination, Wednesday afternoon, December 26.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

EXALL—MEMMOTT: Edwin Exall, Jr., 29, to Bessie Ina Memmott, 21, both of Los Angeles.

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, (Special to the Age)—Constructive efforts for the most part in yesterday's debate, a noticeable absence of the bitterness which has hitherto prevailed combined with the progress made brought courage to the proponents of the Swing-Johnson bill.

The senate bill was, by unanimous consent, substituted for the house bill and some debate ensued between Senators Johnson and Hayden as to the status of the amendments. This was settled by the agreement of Senator Johnson in accepting Nevada's power and revenue amendments. Senator Hayden spoke at length on the legislative situation, urging that California concede something in water division for the sake of agreement with Arizona and the ratification of the Seven State Compact.

Senator Pittman and others took part in the debate from time to time in attempts to clarify the situation.

The bill will again be before the Senate at two this afternoon.

## CHINESE LAW STUDENT HANGED

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 6, (AP)—Chung Yimiao, Chinese law student from New York, was executed at Strangeways Jail for the murder of his bride, Wai Sheung Miao, who was found strangled in a wood near Keswick last June shortly after the pair returned from their honeymoon.

## WALSH ASKS INDICTMENT OF BLACKMER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, (AP)—Indictment of Henry M. Blackmer, Denver oil man on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government on income tax returns was proposed by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, who said he believed that France would honor a request for extradition on such a charge.

## KINGS CONDITION STILL CRITICAL

LONDON, Dec. 5, (AP)—Bulletins on the King's condition said His Majesty was suffering from renewed activity of the infection in the chest after previous improvement had been noted.

There was a measure of relief in the public mind however in the announcement that recrudescence was being moderated and also that the night had been fairly comfortable for the king.

A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Aden said the Prince of Wales reached there at noon on the cruiser Enterprise.

## REAL ESTATE CHANGES HANDS

Three real estate deals were closed this week in which lots in the South Addition were sold by P. J. Gallagher, local broker.

Harry Stewart and S. P. Clark of Las Vegas and Ed. Church of Idaho Falls were the buyers.

Mrs. Ethel Wisner Genter, proprietor of the Overland Hotel block is in Las Vegas attending to business.

Mrs. W. L. Scott, wife of the county clerk, is ill at her home on Seventh street.