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BILL TO PASS NEXT WEEK SAYS OPPONENT

MRS. A. D. FERRON DIES AT L. A.

Word was received yesterday of the death of Mrs. A. D. Ferron, mother of W. E. and E. A. Ferron of Las Vegas, at Los Angeles early Friday morning.

Death was not unexpected as Mrs. Ferron had been in very poor health for a long time, and her passing comes after many months of incurable illness.

Mrs. Ferron was born in Wisconsin, but went to Salt Lake as a young woman, and lived there many years, seeing that city grow from a straggling village to a metropolis.

Ten years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Ferron moved to Los Angeles where they have lived since.

Funeral services will be held Monday at Los Angeles.

Surviving the deceased are her husband, A. D. Ferron, a daughter, Mrs. Nelson Dickerman of Berkeley, California, and four sons, W. E. and E. A. Ferron of Las Vegas, Robert D. Ferron of Bolivia, S. A., and Fred C. Ferron of Roosevelt, Utah.

KIWISAR FREED LARCENY CHARGE

Martin A. Kiwisar, old time resident of Las Vegas and Clark county, was acquitted of a grand larceny charge against him in the Justice Court before Judge P. H. Springer this morning.

Kiwisar had been charged with stealing equipment from a mining property in the Yellow Pine district, Harry Kennedy being the complaining witness.

Judge Springer stated that there was insufficient evidence to hold the defendant.

AUTO LICENSES HAVE ARRIVED

The auto license plates for the year 1929 have arrived and have been delivered to the Assessor's office. They have black numerals on an orange background. The plates for pleasure cars are numbered from 13,501 to 15,350.

FIRE BOYS WORK IS APPRECIATED

The Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department has received a check for \$50.00 from the owners of the Clark building, as a token of appreciation for the splendid work done on Thanksgiving eve, when fire was discovered in one of the upstairs offices.

The prompt, efficient work of the fire boys, coupled with the quick action of Mr. Perry and assistants of the J. C. Penny Company averted what might have been a disastrous blaze.

The fire boys are also appreciative of a gift of \$10.00 from Tom Williams for the work performed at the Williams service station a few weeks ago.

These gifts are placed in a fund which the boys use for the benefit of their members in case of illness or other adversity.

ELKO EDITOR IS INJURED

Word has been received that E. M. Steninger, editor of the Elko Free Press was injured slightly in an automobile accident Tuesday, when the automobile which he was driving skidded and turned over.

The accident took place near Battle Mountain as Mr. Steninger was returning from Reno, where he had attended a meeting of the fish and game commission of which he is a member.

First aid was given by passing tourists who took him to Battle Mountain. His car was badly wrecked, so Steninger completed his journey to Elko by train.

He was confined to his bed for several days suffering from the shock.

DECREE GRANTED

MYERS: George from Jeanette, Dec. 8, on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. J. R. Lewis represented the plaintiff.

ARMSTRONG: John W. from Claire C., December 8, on the grounds of cruelty. Dupray and Foley represented the plaintiff.

SOVIET DIVERS FIND TORPEDOED WARSHIP

NOVOROSSISK, Russia, Dec. 8. (AP)—Soviet divers have discovered the hull of the largest warship of the Soviet Black Sea fleet, "Free Russia," torpedoed off Novorossisk harbor in 1918.

The ship was sunk by the Reds to prevent its falling into the hands of the Germans. It rested at a depth of 125 feet and the authorities are confident of raising it.

COM. CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEET

The Community Christmas Tree committee had its first meeting last evening. Owing to the absence of several members of the committee, no attempt was made to decide on the details of the Community Celebration.

The decision was reached, however, according to Mrs. W. B. Mundy, permanent member of the committee, to have the Christmas tree celebration on Christmas eve, at the hour of six-thirty.

SEABORN MADE BANK EXMINER

Governor Balzar appointed E. J. Seaborn to the position of State Bank Examiner, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of True Vencill. The appointment was made Wednesday.

Mr. Seaborn was deputy under Mr. Vencill, and is said to be fully qualified for the position to which he has been appointed. He expects to file his bond immediately, and it is said that his first official visit will be to the southern part of the state.

It is said that there will be no additional members added to the force, which will continue to consist of Mr. Semenza, Mr. H. S. Pohe, and Mrs. Jessie Watson.

Mr. Seaborn and Mr. Semenza just completed an audit of the Clark county and Lincoln county books last week.

\$524,481 IS PAID IN GASOLINE TAX

Gas tax receipts for the month of November were \$47,962.96, according to figures compiled by State Controller Ed. C. Peterson.

This is \$2441.03 in excess of the month of November, 1927. Total gas tax receipts for the eleven months of 1928 reach the sum of \$524,481.41. Half of the gas tax receipts goes to the counties and half is retained by the state.

Corporation fees received during November by Secretary of State Greathouse were \$10,314.75. In addition to this amount the office received the sum of \$225.50 from the sale of statutes and reports, \$36 as mortgage fees, and \$83 for miscellaneous fees, making a grand total of \$10,659.25.

Controller Peterson's records disclose the fact that \$24,000 has been received by the state of Nevada for the eleven months of 1928 from insurance companies doing business in this state. For the month of November, 1928, the amount received was \$81.

Revenue derived by the state of Nevada from the sale of liquor prescriptions during November amounted to \$154.50. During the eleven months of 1928 the state has received the sum of \$13,544.50 from this source, indicating that 27,089 pints of liquor were purchased from drug stores.

Receipts of the state for November total \$253,338.94, while the records show that the sum of \$248,414.20 was disbursed during the month.

BERT NAY DIES AT SAWTELLE

Relatives here have received word of the death of John Herbert Nay, familiarly known as Bert Nay, at Sawtelle, California, early this week.

Mr. Nay was an old resident of Clark county, having resided here for many years and is survived by his wife and seven children. He was a son of Mrs. Louise Nay, a brother of Ora and Sylvester Nay, and brother-in-law of Mrs. Minnie Nay. Before coming to Las Vegas the family lived at St. Thomas for a number of years.

The Nays moved to California only a few months ago on account of Mr. Nay's poor health.

BOSTON BUYS TWO CARDINALS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8. (AP)—Walter Maranville, famous infielder and George Harper, outfielder, were sold outright by the St. Louis Cardinals to the Boston Braves. Terms were not mentioned.

DECREE GRANTED TO MRS. MUNCH

Mrs. Mabelle Munch was granted a decree of divorce from Dr. J. C. Munch by Judge Wm. E. Orr yesterday morning. The divorce was granted on Mrs. Munch's cross complaint alleging desertion.

A contest had been anticipated in the trial of this case, but the parties finally reached an agreement out of court. Total alimony awarded Mrs. Munch until 1947 will reach approximately \$24,500.00.

Chas. Lee Horsey appeared in behalf of Mrs. Munch, while Mr. Munch was represented by Messrs. Stevens and Henderson.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD ELECTION

Artesia Lodge, I. O. O. F. held their annual election Wednesday evening with the following chosen as officers for the ensuing year: Ray H. Snyder, Noble Grand; Lawrence Chappell, Vice Grand; Donald Bremer, Secretary; E. O. Knudson, Treasurer, and A. D. Hinrichsen, Trustee.

Plans are being made for a joint installation with the Reg-

FIRST INNING PLEASES BEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (AP)—Speculators scrambled to get out of stocks following yesterday's drastic shake-up, leading shares tumbling three to fifteen dollars, several blocks of five to twenty thousand shares changing hands as the bears flushed with the first victory since June hammered away unmercifully.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (AP)—Stock prices were again set tumbling, Radio touching \$325, which is nearly \$100 under the high mark of three days ago.

This morning Byers dropped \$26, Case Motors lost \$25, and General Motors dropped \$2.50.

WIFE KILLER IS HANGED

SAN QUENTIN, Dec. 7. (AP)—John J. Malone, convicted wife murderer, was hanged today after desperate attempts of his counsel to procure intervention by the Supreme Court of Justice at Washington.

Malone, who was 27, at first refused religious ministrations, but later permitted visits by two Catholic priests.

AVIATOR LEAVES HALF MILLION

TUSCON, Dec. 7. (AP)—George B. Peck, aviator who was killed with three companions when searching for William Hyatt, left an estate valued at five hundred thousand dollars. His will revealed that his young widow was the sole beneficiary.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED ARMS' RONG-PARRY:

John William, 38, of Las Vegas, to Ruth Tuttle, 35, of Los Angeles.

SUITS FILED COOPER: Mary W. vs. Edgar Harold Richard. Suit filed December 7 on the grounds of cruelty. Stevens & Henderson represent the plaintiff.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and to the American Legion, Odd Fellows and all other Orders for their sympathy and kindness in our recent bereavement. May God's blessing rest on all.

MRS. P. M. BENTLEY
AND CHILDREN.
MR. B. LEROY BENTLEY
AND WIFE.

FRANCE HAS BEGUN TO SHOW A PROFIT

PARIS, Dec. 8. (AP)—The income of the French government is now running ahead of expenditures at the rate of \$7,500,000 yearly.

This results partly from the increased industrial and commercial activity since the stabilization of the franc and partly from the fact that estimates of the yield of taxes and other revenues are based on the second year preceding each budget.

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM IS NAMED

All through the football season, Alan J. Gould, sports editor and other Associated Press experts have been following the gridiron play in every section of the country.

Now Gould, with the assistance of the Associated Press staff and the sports editors of hundreds of member papers and football authorities throughout the United States has selected The Associated Press All-American team.

The Age takes pleasure in presenting this line-up to its readers, on page five.

PUB. LANDS COM. SUMMONS WEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—The Senate Public Lands Committee has asked Secretary West to appear before it in open meeting next Wednesday for questioning regarding his appointment to the Secretaryship of the Interior.

WALES LEAVES FOR PORT SAID

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 8. (AP)—The Prince of Wales, hurrying to the bedside, of his father, left for Port Said at five forty this morning.

KING GEORGE HAS RESTFUL NIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 8. (AP)—The King's physicians issued a bulletin this morning saying that His Majesty had had some restful sleep and that his general strength was maintained.

VEGAS QUINTET MEETS MILFORD

Tonight at eight o'clock in the high school gymnasium the Las Vegas Union Pacific M. E. G. basketball team will meet the Milford M. E. G. outfit. It will be the second game for Las Vegas and they promise a fast one.

SOCIETY

Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. J. R. Hemphill entertained with two charming bridge luncheons this week, the first taking place Friday and the second affair being this afternoon. The first, second and consolation prizes yesterday went to Mrs. A. E. Cahlan, Mrs. J. T. Watters, and Mrs. Dave Kramer.

Guests Friday afternoon were Mesdames E. W. Cragin, W. N. Schuyler, A. E. Cahlan, Wm. McGriff, E. G. McGriff, Virgil Ham, K. O. Knudson, Dave Kramer, Charles Dimock, C. J. Hammond, J. T. Watters, F. R. Hudson, Frank Gusewille, W. B. Mundy, James Cashman, and C. C. Boyer.

Those bidden for this afternoon were Mesdames A. M. Minnette, C. D. Keeler, F. M. Ferguson, W. L. Scott, Jake Beckley, J. W. Woodard, J. M. Heaton, S. J. Lawson, R. W. Thomas, R. B. Griffith, C. E. Pembroke, J. H. Lightfoot, C. L. Ronnow, A. C. Grant, Marble, and Charles P. Squires.

Members of the Thursday Afternoon Club were entertained by Mrs. E. W. Cragin. Those present were Mesdames R. W. Martin, A. W. Ham, J. H. Lightfoot, C. E. Pembroke and F. M. Ferguson.

Mrs. Martha S. Crump, realtor, is just recovering from an attack of the flu.

'WHEAT KING' DIES AT CHICGO HOME

CHICAGO, Dec. 8. (AP)—James A. Patten, 76, famed as the "Wheat King" of the Chicago Board of Trade died of pneumonia at his home here today. He had been ill only a short time.

James A. Patten's name was known wherever the great staple crops of the world—wheat, corn, oats and cotton—are marketed. His attempts to "corner" the world's market in each commodity made his name familiar in many lands and brought him a fortune.

How much of his millions remains is problematical, for Patten was reputed to have given most of his wealth to philanthropic, educational and charitable enterprises. Once he declared that all of his income, above what he needed to support his family, was thus distributed.

Patten was born on a farm at Freeland Corners, Ill., May 8, 1852, the son of Alexander R. and Agnes (Beveridge) Patten. The first 22 years of his life were spent there in the heart of the Illinois prairie and it was there that he gathered much of the knowledge of food crops that later made him a manipulator of the world's markets.

From 1869 to 1871 he clerked in a country store and from 1871 to 1874 worked on his grandfather's farm. In 1874 he went to Chicago and during the next four years gathered his education in grain marketing as an inspector in the state grain inspection department.

From 1878 to 1880 he was employed in a brokerage firm, and in 1880 made his first venture in business, in partnership with his brother, George, in the brokerage firm of Patten Brothers. The partnership lasted until 1903, when George retired from the firm and new partners came in.

In 1910 Patten announced his retirement, but he remained an active speculator for several years, and at least two of his big market coups were executed during 1910 and the years thereafter.

His start as a speculator occurred in the late seventies, when he entered the corn market with \$2,500, his entire savings and bought "calls," closing out later with a profit of \$25,000. The new capital was soon reinvested, and within a short time had multiplied several times over. By 1890 Patten was a recognized leader in the Chicago grain pits.

It was in 1909, however, that he became an international figure through his efforts to corner the wheat market. He bought, it is estimated, 30,000,000 bushels of wheat. Publicly wrecked that ambitious scheme and in 10 days time he saw his "paper profits" slump from an estimated \$5,000,000 to \$500,000.

Following the failure of the wheat corner Patten turned his activities to the New York cotton market, and in 1910 in association with Eugene C. Cramer, Frank E. Wayne and William P. Brown, engineered a cotton corner. As a result all were indicted by the United States government for violation of the Sherman law. The government, in its suit, estimated the possible profit in the deal at \$10,000,000. Patten, after several years of litigation, pleaded guilty and was fined \$4,000. He and others had previously been sued for restraining trade by cornering oats in 1902. Ten years later Patten cleared \$2,000,000 in corn. The deal was a year to engineer and involved more than 12,000,000 bushels of the grain.

Patten, it was said, never "gambled" on the market. To obtain accurate information he maintained an elaborate and expensive crop reporting service which, together with his own wide knowledge of market conditions, furnished the data that made his deals in most cases successful. Besides being a speculator he was for year an active Board of Trade dealer.

Northwestern University, of which he was a trustee for 15 years and to which he gave \$1,500,000 was one of the principal beneficiaries of his generosity. Another of his gifts was \$125,000 to the Evanston hospital.

Patten always took an active part in Republican politics. The only office he ever held, however, was Mayor of Evanston, Ill., his home town, from 1901 to 1905.

CITY COURT NEWS

One John Doe was arrested and charged with drunkenness in the Municipal Court before Judge Springer this morning. He was found guilty and fined \$25.00.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. F. Hickman of Elgin, an 8 pound daughter, this afternoon, at the Las Vegas Hospital. Dr. Ferguson reports mother and child doing well.

There will be no church services at the Baptist Church tomorrow, Sunday, December 9.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA AGREEMENT NEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—Senator King of Utah, an opponent of the Swing-Johnson bill, in an off-floor conversation today asserted that the measure would pass next week upon a compromise basis now being worked out.

Prediction of an early agreement between California and Arizona on the water distribution sections of the dam bill were made in the Senate by Senator Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada.

"These states are so nearly in agreement that I believe we will hear the good news shortly and the bill can then come to a vote and will be passed," said Oddie.

A statement by Waterman of Colorado to the effect that he had never heard of a break in the levee protecting Imperial Valley, except an artificial break, brought Johnson, Norris and Oddie to their feet declaring the imminent danger of floods.

As the debate lagged, Ashurst of Arizona took the floor for the first time this session and threatened court action as the last resort of his state.

While off the floor of the Senate, Hayden, expressed hope that a compromise could be effected based on his compromise offer.

WATER AND POWER AMENDMENT VOTE IS EXPECTED NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (Special to the Age)—Senator Oddie today made the principal address in favor of the Boulder Dam bill. He reviewed the general features of the project and particularly stressed the obligation of the Government to act for the protection of Imperial Valley from floods. In reply to interrogations by Senator Waterman of Colorado and Senator Fess of Ohio, Senator Oddie quoted at length from statements made at various times by Herbert Hoover.

Senators Johnson and Phipps participated in the general debate which ensued, the latter again calling attention to his amendment whereby the Government would contribute twenty-five million to the flood control features of the project.

Senator Ashurst occupied the remainder of the day in reviewing Arizona's position toward the Colorado River Compact and the Boulder Dam project, reiterating that Arizona would support the bill if her rights in water and revenue from power are given proper recognition.

The belief prevails that a vote may be had on water and power amendments Tuesday or Wednesday. If the amendments follow the lines of suggested compromise, it is believed that they will be accepted by both Arizona and California, in which case the final passage of the bill will not long be delayed.

EXPLOSION ON TANKER KILLS 3

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 8. (AP)—Three unidentified men were killed, and at least three injured in an explosion on the oil tanker Gulfland.

STAR'S FORMER HUSBAND DIES

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (AP)—Jaime Martinez DelRio, former husband of Dolores DelRio, died today of heart failure which was induced by blood poisoning following a minor operation on a boil.

He was attended to the last by Father Sanchez Moreno, the family priest, of DelRos, who came from Madrid when the illness became serious.

SENATOR COUSENS GETS TAX REFUND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—A tax refund of \$989,833.00 was given by the treasurer to Senator Cousens, Republican, of Michigan, from whom it had attempted at one time to collect an additional \$10,000,000.00.

The refund follows the failure of the government's attempt to levy assessments amounting to almost \$33,000,000.00 against the original stockholders of the Ford Motor Company.

CLUBWOMAN DIES AT TUSCON

TUSCON, Dec. 7. (AP)—Mrs. Estelle Hinkly Langworthy, prominent in club circles of San Diego and president of the First Chapter of National County Federation died at the home of her son, Clark W. Langworthy.

Mrs. Langworthy was seventy-three years old and was a charter member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Mrs. C. O. Lauritzen has been ill since Monday.