

RECALL PETITION IS FILED LATE TODAY

VEGAS WOMAN TRIES SUICIDE

Mrs. Carl Kuhlman in Critical Condition at Hewetson Hospital as Result of Poisoning.

Returning to his home late last night Carl Kuhlman found his wife on the floor, unconscious, and with a gash in her head, and blood on her face and neck.

On the sink was a bottle of lysol, beside which stood a partially emptied cup of the same medicine.

Dr. C. E. Bulette was called, and ordered the patient removed to the Hewetson Hospital, where it is stated her recovery is extremely doubtful.

Mrs. Kuhlman's throat is badly burned from the lysol, but it was that the gash in her head was caused when she fell against the kitchen stove.

This is the second suicide attempt in less than a week. Dr. Bulette was called a few days ago and found that Mrs. Kuhlman had slashed her throat and wrists with a razor but she missed the jugular vein and recovered quickly.

It is said by friends and acquaintances of the woman that she has been exhibiting signs of mental instability, and has not only threatened to take her own life, but to kill others.

She has apparently been extremely despondent, and brooding over her troubles, real and fancied has resulted in acute melancholia.

Mrs. Kuhlman has lived in Las Vegas for some ten or twelve years. She was formerly Mrs. Mannie Burns, the first wife of Waldemar R. Burns, from whom she was divorced.

NO P.T.A. MEET UNTIL JANUARY

It has been announced that there will be no P.T.A. meeting until the regular January meeting.

PERSONAL

Mrs. J. N. Dotson leaves today for Salt Lake City where she will meet her daughter, Miss Cecile who is coming home from the University of Nevada for the holidays.

Judge and Mrs. Charles Lee Horsey are anticipating a happy family reunion at Christmas time. Miss Virginia will arrive Saturday evening from Reno where she is attending the state university. Charles and Mack will come from Los Angeles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler expect to drive to Los Angeles Friday. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Al Cahlan and Marian and the Misses Marianna and Adams. They plan to return Sunday and their son, Donald, will come with them.

Al Moser of Lynnald will arrive the first of the week to spend the holidays with his family at the home of Mrs. Charles Ball.

Mrs. C. C. Corkhill will spend the Christmas vacation with her daughter, Madeline in Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davison have returned from their eastern trip. Remember the Grammar School entertainment at the High School auditorium tonight.

The children of Christ Episcopal Church will take part in a Christmas program Sunday evening. At the close of the exercises the tree will be enjoyed.

Remember the midnight service at Christ Episcopal Church Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m.

Miss Jane Terry, one of the Southland's attractive and accomplished young ladies is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. John S. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Beach of Chicago, owners of the Home Ranch at Moapa, arrived in Las Vegas enroute to Los Angeles Tuesday evening. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hart Fitzgerald, sister of Mrs. Beach. After spending a few weeks in Southern California, Mr. and Mrs. Beach plan to spend a few weeks at their ranch on the return trip to Chicago. The party registered at the Nevada Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dodge of Silver City, Utah, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Mott for a month.

AT HOME WITH SANTA CLAUS

Christmas Operetta Offered by Children of Grammar School at the High School Auditorium.

A Christmas operetta, entitled "At Home with Santa Claus" with a prologue depicting the "Story of the Birth of Christ" will be presented by pupils of the Intermediate grades at the High School auditorium this evening at 7:30. An admission charge of 50 cents will be made.

Following is the cast of characters:

Story of the Birth of Christ Mary.....Shirley Ferron Three Wise Men.....Norman Mott, Brady Golden, Ralph Houser Angeles: Willa Higbie, Nila Ulom, Nola Ulom, Muriel Scharre, Dorothy Parker, Dorothy Beard, Nadine Trelease, Mickie Kelly, Dorothy Hammer, Elinor Rehbehn, Virginia Nay

At Home with Santa Claus Santa Claus.....Charles Doherty Mrs. Santa Claus.....Ella Varella Merry Christmas.....Barbara Ferron Mrs. Santa Claus spinster sister who lives with her.

Sanat Junio.....Carl Krause Christie.....Pauline Honrath Cringle (Twin to Christie).....Jean James Little Nick.....Billy Gingham Baby Bunting.....Dimples Commodore.....Ray Mabey Fairies.....Stella Gordon, Florence Thurman, Sara Jane Flores, Winona, Barlow, Verle Allen, Marjorie Rockwell, Mary Kelly, Teresa Barolo.

Brownies—Lee Rand Orr, Billie Ogle, Jack Colbert, Francis Bozarth, Archie Wadsen.

Explorers—Robert Schmidt, Dayton George, Jack Allen, Virgil Ham, Oscar Thacker, Buster Van Walkenberg, Harry Gravelle, Heber Bleak.

Eskimos—June Bradford, Audrey Watters, Gail Mildren, Norma Webb, Helen Miller, Evelyn Young, Eunice Beckley, Bessie McKenzie.

Synopsis: Act I. Santa's home at the North Pole. The night before Christmas.

Act II. Same scene, Christmas morning.

The productions have been prepared under the direction of the Misses Ebba Lundquist, Louise Jensen, Sara Wilson, Ethel Oxley, and Mr. Lewis E. Rowe.

The stage settings and costumes are by the Grammar School class under the direction of Louise Jensen.

LETTER CLUB DANCE FRIDAY

High school students and their friends are looking forward to the Letter Club dance tomorrow night with a great deal of pleasure.

There has not been a dance at the high school for some time, and this one will be in the nature of a tribute to the football boys and a holiday celebration.

Fine music is promised, and the gymnasium is a fine place to dance.

All who enjoy dancing should attend and help the boys make the occasion a success.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Roy W. Martin is entertaining the members of the Thursday Afternoon Club at luncheon at her home on Second street this afternoon. Members of the club are Mrs. F. M. Ferguson, Mrs. E. W. Cragin, Mrs. A. W. Ham, Mrs. C. E. Pembroke, Mrs. J. H. Lightfoot and Mrs. Roy W. Martin.

Mrs. J. M. Heaton was hostess to the members of the Auction Bridge Club and a few guests, when she entertained with a charming bridge luncheon yesterday afternoon.

The rooms were bright with holly and Christmas decorations. The prize for high score was won by Mrs. John H. Lightfoot. Those present were Mesdames John H. Lightfoot, C. E. Pembroke, Roy W. Martin, W. N. Schuyler, Will Beckley, W. R. Bracken, Charles P. Squires, W. E. Ferron, J. F. Hesse, F. R. Mildren, Leo A. McNamee and C. C. Boyer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED SWARTZ—DEAN, Paul S., 38, of Oxnard, Calif., to Gene, 36, of Salem, Oregon.

DIVORCES, MARRIAGES SHOW GAIN

California's "gin marriage law, requiring a three-day notice to wed before a marriage license is issued, brought a decrease of 5.6 percent in the marriage licenses in California in 1927, as compared to the 1926 figures, while Nevada, the principal beneficiary, showed an increase of 95.3 percent, according to statistics gathered by the United States department of commerce.

Arizona Also Gains Arizona, just across the "gin marriage" border, also received the overflow from southern California and reported a 21.6 percent gain over 1926.

The three-day notice law, however, served to cut but little into California's total licenses-to-wed the report indicates. While in 1926 there were 56,664 marriage licenses issued in California, there were 53,487 in 1927, a decrease of 3,177.

Although the Nevada percentage gain is almost double that of 1926, it actually received less than a third of the California couples who declined to wait for the three-day elapse, if it is assumed that the marriage license rate would have remained equal for the two years without the law changes.

1,170 Increase Nevada's total for 1927 was 2,398, as compared to 1,228 for 1926, an increase of 1,170. While Arizona's increase was 21.6 percent, that state actually received an increase of 882 marriage licenses. Its 1926 figure was 4,007 and the 1927 figure, 4,959.

Generally, the figures indicate Nevada received less than 2 percent of the available wedding couples who irked at their homeland's restrictions.

Divorces Soar Responding to the effects of the three-months' divorce law, Nevada decrees in 1927 also skyrocketed in percentage by 91.3 percent, the commerce department statistics show.

Where divorces in 1926 totaled 1,021, in 1927 the total amounted to 1,953. Nevada in this respect was far in the lead of all other states, the District of Columbia was the closest contender with an increase of 52.1 percent. The increase in the nation's capital, the report explains was due directly to the number of cases held over from 1926 when a strongly contended patent case occupied the time of one of the courts to the exclusion of divorce cases.

13 to 1,000 Ratio Compared with Nevada's 1,953 total cases in 1927, however, are the totals of 17,290 in Texas, 14,646 in Ohio, 14,135 in California and down to 146 in the District of Columbia. Vermont suffered a falling off of 35.3 percent in divorces due to a law which requires that decrees do not become final until six months after they are granted.

Based on population, there were 13.19 divorces to every 1,000 of population in Nevada in 1927 and 31 marriages to every 1,000 inhabitants during the year.

DEATH THREAT TO RANIERI JUDGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 20. (AP)—A letter threatening death to Judge Robert E. Gentzel was received by the Judge shortly before he took the bench to resume the trial of the three defendants accused of the kidnaping of ten year old Billy Ranieri.

TO CONSOLIDATE NICKEL STOCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (AP)—Directors of the International Nickel Company of Canada, Ltd., voted for an exchange of stock with the Mond Nickel Company, Ltd., in a plan to place the control of 95 percent of the world nickel supply in the hands of International Nickel.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

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

TODAY'S AIRMAIL BREAKS RECORD

Carrying a record breaking load of 2400 pounds of airmail, two planes, a tri-motored Fokker and a Douglas landed at the Western Air Express field this morning.

The airmail is further proving its practicability by helping relieve the Christmas mail congestion, as this morning's load of 1.1-5 tons indicates.

KELLOGG TREATY HALTS NAVY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—Chairman Hale of the Navy Committee took the Senate by surprise by calling up the bill proposing the construction of 15 cruisers.

The senators opposed to considering the bill ahead of the Kellogg anti-war treaty had endeavored to hold of the navy measure until after two o'clock when a motion for consideration would have been debatable.

After the opponents of the naval construction bill had forestalled attempts to get the measure before the Senate body, they agreed to consider the Kellogg anti-war treaty and the naval bill providing for the construction of 15 cruisers simultaneously after the Christmas recess.

CONVICTS ARE RECAPTURED

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20. (AP)—Two convicts, Jess Watkins, serving life for murder at San Francisco, and Alvin Hodges, 20, serving one year for automobile theft at Phoenix, Arizona, were recaptured after a clever escape from the United States penitentiary at McNeil's Island.

K. OF P. GIVES NEW YEAR BALL

Charleston Lodge No. 36, Knights of Pythias, will hold their fifteenth annual masked ball at the Elks' Hall New Year's Eve. This annual affair has always been looked forward to for the celebration of the new year and will be a huge success as it always has been in the past.

KING'S PROGRESS IS ESTABLISHED

LONDON, Dec. 20. (AP)—An official bulletin states the King's progress has been established on a firmer basis. The condition of the right side of the lung is improved, and the heart is slowly gathering force.

The exhaustion is still profound but the general strength is slightly improved.

150 SUSPECTS ARE ROUNDED UP AT TRIAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 19. (AP)—All of the agencies of the law combined to defeat the lawlessness that trailed in the wake of the kidnaping last September of little Ranieri when the second day of the trial of the three accused kidnapers got under way. More than one hundred and fifty suspects of the slaying of Ole Scully, witness in the case, were rounded up last night in a police drive.

MEXICAN PAYS FINE IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Steve Garcia, Mexican, was found guilty of intoxication in the Justice Court and fined fifty dollars by Judge P. H. Springer. Until the fine is paid Garcia will remain in jail.

WAR REMINDER GIVEN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20. (AP)—West and central London were given a startling reminder of war time raids when gas mains exploded heaving up a long stretch of street and caving in many shop fronts.

The explosion was caused when workmen entered a tunnel with an electric blower to clean out foul air for workers.

Seventeen persons were injured seriously enough to be taken to hospitals.

VIRGIN VALLEY TO GET ANNUAL MEETING

National and State Farm Leaders Will Speak on Dec. 31. L. V. Service Clubs Plan Joint Meeting Here Jan. 2.

The annual meeting of the Clark County Farm Bureau will be held at Bunkerville in the Virgin Valley High School on December 31, the meeting being called to order by President Clarence A. Lewis.

The day's program is crowded with pleasing and instructive entertainment and a large crowd is expected.

The principal speaker of the day will be the Hon. Frank Evans general counsel of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who will take as his topic "The Farm Bureau Service."

On January 1, Mr. Evans will meet with the Moapa Growers, Inc.

On Wednesday, January 2, Mr. Evans and Mr. Cecil Creel will be the speakers at a luncheon being arranged through a joint program committee from the Las Vegas Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and the Chamber of Commerce.

GEORGE BALL NEW MESSENGER

George Ball has been placed on duty as a second messenger boy by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and prompt delivery of messages up to 9:00 p.m. is now insured.

The Age has long been of the opinion that the Western Union Company was falling down on its service here, by failing to provide for the growth the community has made in the past 20 years. The lack of service has in no way been due to any neglect on the part of local officials, as Mr. Mundy, Mr. Huntington and all the employees have given the best they could under the circumstances. They have often gone out of their way to serve the Las Vegas patrons, but have lacked sufficient help to assure us of a service equal to that in most cities of similar size.

With two boys on the job during the peak hours, from noon until five o'clock, congestion should be considerably relieved.

ELECTION HELD BY AUXILIARY

The annual election of officers was held at the meeting of the Legion Auxiliary Monday evening of the Legion Hall. Mrs. Leonard Blood was elected President, Mrs. Claude Mackey, Vice-president, Mrs. Henry Deadrich, Secretary, Mrs. N. R. Burkhardt, Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Chaplain, and Mrs. C. D. Farrar, Sergeant-at-Arms.

FIRE ALARM BRINGS CROWD

A fire alarm turned in this afternoon when a gasoline stove flared up and threatened the office of I. S. Thompson in the Griffith building brought crowds into the streets of Las Vegas. Many supposed at first that it was the signal that President Coolidge had signed the Boulder Dam bill.

The fire was quickly extinguished and the stove carried out side before any damage was done.

LIST OF NAMES WILL BE EXAMINED

The petition for the recall of Mayor Fred Hesse was officially filed this afternoon when City Clerk Wm. L. Scott returned from a short trip. Arrangements have been made by the clerk to examine the list of names to morrow morning for the purpose of determining that all signers are qualified voters.

The petitions were left at the clerk's office yesterday but were not made public until late this afternoon.

The petitions read as follows:

"PETITION FOR RECALL OF J. F. HESSE, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada. To WM. L. SCOTT, City Clerk of said City of Las Vegas:

"We, the undersigned, qualified electors, who vote in said The City of Las Vegas, respectfully request and direct that a special election be called to determine whether or not J. F. Hesse now acting as Mayor of said The City of Las Vegas, shall be recalled from said office.

"The reason why said recall is demanded is that said J. F. Hesse has failed to administer the duties of his said office for the best interests of the citizens and taxpayers of said City, that he has been in opposition to the will and preferences of his constituents and no longer enjoys their full confidence and respect."

A. A. Hinman is the attorney for the petitioners.

MELLON RETORT TO REP. GARNER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—The charge by Representative Garner of Texas that Secretary Mellon had misrepresented the condition of the treasury to Congress drew from Mellon the retort that Garner had employed the wrong figures "which do not fit the facts."

"The treasurer makes a statement and has the responsibility for it," said Mellon.

"Mr. Garner makes a statement and has no responsibility." Under-secretary Mills said there would be no deficit unless Congress spends more money.

CELEBRATE XMAS AT ROTARY CLUB

The Christmas spirit was evident at the noon luncheon of the Rotary Club today. This being the first luncheon since the passing of the Boulder Dam bill by the Senate, there was an unmistakably happy atmosphere apparent.

The program was in charge of the Rev. Boyd Parker. Mr. Parker had brought the vested choir from Christ Church, and the members sang some of the old Christmas carols, including "Adeste Fideles," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "I Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

"Silent Night" was sung as a duet by Mrs. Perle Brown and Mr. Warren F. Parker, while Mrs. C. C. Boyer, assisted by the choir, sang "The First Noel." Other members of the choir taking part were Mrs. Hal L. Hewetson, Miss Ebba Lundquist, Miss Alice Doherty, and Messrs. Rea, Dames and Harland, accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Charles P. Squires.

Mr. Parker gave a short address on the history of Christmas.

Dr. Roy W. Martin gave an article from the Rotarian, Mr. Raby J. Newton gave five minutes of Rotary Education, and the Rev. Father Reardon delighted with a vocal solo.

A collection was taken for Christmas charity purposes. Rotarian Al Hall of Kingman was a guest.

MYERS RESIGNS TRADE COMM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—Chairman Abram F. Myers of the Federal Trade Commission forwarded his resignation to President Coolidge today.

The biggest noticeable growth a town has, is from 5000 to 25,000. That's when the BIG CHANCE takes place. The transition from a little desert town to a CITY is the most interesting phase in the life of any community. What will we make of Las Vegas? We're going to have the biggest town in the State, and the BEST, so let's make it the best LOOKING too.

WOMAN SETS AIR RECORD

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Dec. 20. (AP)—Miss Viola Gentry came down out of rain-filled skies at 1:51 this afternoon after establishing an endurance solo flight record for a woman, of 8 hours, 6 minutes, 37 seconds.

HYDE'S BOAT IS FOUND

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 20. (AP)—Spurred on by the finding yesterday of the scow in which Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hyde were making the trip down the Colorado River, the parties doubled their efforts to locate the missing couple, who are believed to be stranded somewhere along the river 13 miles below Diamond Creek, near where three men of the famous Powell expedition in 1869 were lost.

HERE AND THERE

By NORREFF

If the pioneers had waited for Congress "to do something," our neighbors here in Vegas would still be howling savages. Somebody said, not long ago, that if Boulder Dam was to be built near any of the little towns in Southern California, they would have had enough buildings already completed to house the 30,000 or more people who will be here. Maybe so, maybe so! If we had the "money advantage" that Southern California has, maybe we would too.

El Centro and other Imperial Valley towns had a big time when the Senate passed Boulder Bill, and they know that land in the Valley will now have an increased and staple value. Los Angeles real estate men predict a rise in value for their holdings on account of the Dam Bill, and they will broadcast their ideas to the four winds of heaven. We are in position to broadcast longer and louder than any of 'em—BUT—don't let's jump our prices so high that we'll scare the investors away and force them to listen too closely to the siren's call from California.

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