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STREET IMPROVEMENTS

TO ASSURE that no new town shall arise to compete with Las Vegas we must provide street improvements. We have already made a good start toward that and the campaign should be pushed with vigor. Two blocks on Main street have already been improved with oil-bound gravel forming an excellent pavement. Fifth street is under way. With these examples before us the improvement of the remainder of the city streets should promptly follow.

AIR FIELD

THIS IMPORTANT MATTER has been before us for many months. We have made some progress, but nothing decisive has yet been accomplished. Action should be taken promptly to assure the future metropolis of Nevada an adequate airport.

HOUSING

HOTEL and residence accommodations must be provided for a growing Las Vegas. The influx will soon assume considerable proportions and will increase as work on the dam is undertaken. Whatever can be done now in the way of building will prove advantageous to the owners as well as to those who come to live in Vegas.

In addition to the resort hotel which we believe will come to realization in due time, commercial hotels of several times the capacity of our present hotels must be provided. Modern apartment buildings also must be built to meet the demand for residence quarters.

THE PROBLEM OF SIXTEEN

THE REDLIGHT DISTRICT of Las Vegas, generally spoken of as "Block Sixteen" has long been a serious problem. Situated as it is almost in the heart of the city it has become a growing disgrace to Las Vegas and a detriment to values of surrounding property.

There is every reason why the redlight district should be relegated to a more secluded site, one not so prominently obtruded on the business and residential districts of the city. Its removal is inevitable and it would be cheaper, easier and in every respect better if the City Commissioners would provide a solution of this problem now rather than wait until public opinion has been aroused to violent protest.

The attention which Las Vegas will receive from the outside world during the next few years and the growth which is inevitable make it wise for the city to consider this matter seriously now and not leave Block 16 as a festering sore in the heart of an otherwise progressive city.

EARLY BOULDER DAM BOOST

THIS SECTION had the Boulder Dam bug longer ago than most of our people realize. To the public mind the Boulder Dam project has taken form within the last six or eight years. As a definite idea it was in existence since the earliest days of Las Vegas.

Most of our readers have forgotten, probably, that the Republican county convention of Lincoln county (of which Las Vegas was then a part) in 1908 adopted a platform advocating the Boulder Dam project.

The convention was held at Caliente September 17,

VEGAS PIONEER CROSSES DIVIDE

DIED

CLARK: In this city Wednesday, December 26, 1928. A. L. J. Clark, aged 62 years.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at Las Vegas Funeral Home. The services will be conducted by Rev. F. C. Moreno of West Side Mission. Mrs. Moreno will furnish music for the occasion.

"Al" Clark, as he was called by his friends and neighbors, was one of the pioneers of Las Vegas, having settled here in 1905 on the old Stewart ranch. From those early days he was prominent in the civic and political life of Vegas. He served as road supervisor for a time and was active as a builder, carpenter and contractor. He came to Vegas from Montana and prior to that he lived in Iowa, Colorado and Arizona. For several years past he has been in ill health and it was realized that his passing was but a question of a short time. Mr. Clark was a kindly and congenial soul and his passing brings sadness and regret to his large circle of old friends.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moser and three little daughters of Lyndall, Utah spent Christmas with Mrs. Moser's mother, Mrs. Charles P. Ball.

Thomas O. Harland is spending the holidays with his parents at Coronado.

Mrs. Jane Frost Fayle and son Leonard R. are visiting old friends for a few days. They are accompanied by Leonard's friend, Mr. Albert Rudy.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter F. Weise and children of Fresno arrive this evening for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ferron.

Mr. and Mrs. Mannon of Hollywood spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cahlan of Reno are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cahlan.

PUBLIC LAND REVENUE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, (AP)—The public domain produced a government revenue of \$6,700,000 for the fiscal year 1927-28, largely out of mineral lease royalties. The administrative cost was \$2,200,000.

EASY TO REMEMBER
FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 27, (AP)—Uz and Oz, two little Kentucky towns, claim the distinction of having the shortest names of all railroad stations in the United States.

1908, more than 20 years ago and in the Age of Sept. 19, 1908, in its report of the convention was the following:

"The national and state Republican platforms were endorsed with enthusiasm and a plank added asking for the improvement of the Colorado River for the development for its mighty power for the use of the people."

Henry Robbins, now of Los Angeles, but then of Goodsprings, in this county, was the author and proposer of the Colorado River plank, and his action constituted, we believe, the first public action in this state favoring the building of a dam at Boulder Canyon.

The Age regrets that the text of the resolution offered at that time was not printed in full, but feels that at this time, when the great project has been written into law, Mr. Robbins should be remembered as one of its earliest sponsors.

NEWSPAPER IS NATION'S NERVE CENTER, CLAIM

By JAMES W. BROWN

(Publisher, "Editor and Publisher")
NEW YORK, Dec. 27, (AP)—The American press functioned in the public interest in 1928 as it has done for more than a century as the nerve center of the republic and the market place of the nation.

Perhaps the outstanding public service of the year was the courage of the presidential campaign. Without fear or favor the American press unfolded the stories, day by day from the moment the campaign was begun as a case without parallel in political reporting. The elections were reported more elaborately, speedily and accurately than ever before.

Circulations of American newspapers in 1928 approximated those of 1927. The morning newspaper having approximately 14,000,000 paid circulation per day, 1,500 evening newspapers approximately 24,000,000 and 500 Sunday newspapers approximately 36,000,000 circulation per Sunday.

Advertising in daily newspapers in volume closely paralleled the course of general business. Its total was slightly lower than the volume for 1927 and 1926 but during the last quarter showed a pronounced upward trend.

A considerable part of the decline in total volume was due to a slackening in the real estate market and to a lessening in the demand for labor in industrial centers as compared with the peak activity of 1926. The outlook for 1929 appears to be a continuation of the upward trend which began in September of 1928, was an increase in the number of newspaper groups or chains, which now exceed 50 and control more than 250 newspapers. Circulation of chain newspapers is about 20 percent of the total daily circulation of the country, having increased almost 10 percent during the past five years.

As 1928 drew to a close several corporations were in process of organization to establish new operating groups by purchase of existing newspapers or establishment of new papers, and it is believed 1929 will see a greater expansion of the chain idea than any year of the present decade.

Roughly, American newspapers did a volume of business approximating \$1,000,000,000, about \$200,000,000 of which represented income from subscribers and sales of papers. The balance represented income from advertising.

The newspaper business is entrenched more strongly in the public regard and esteem than ever before and is destined in 1929 to serve the public interest more vigorously and fearlessly than ever before.

BAD TASTE IN MILK SOLVED

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27, (AP)—A source for bad flavors in milk, that does not seemingly endanger health, however unpleasant to the palate and bad for the milkman's business, was announced at the meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists here today. This source is bacteria known under the name of "heat lovers," because they germinate only in considerable heat. They are found to grow even in pasteurized milk. Dust from cow stables is one

source of infection and standing of milk cans in a hot sun one means of giving them a good chance to grow. If pasteurizing containers in a dairy have to stand more than 30 minutes waiting for milk, the heat lovers may develop, so fast do they grow. The report was presented by Robert S. Breed, Paul S. Prickett and M. W. Yale, of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. The chief effect was reported as being usually an increased acidity. A number of large milk plants reported that flavor is affected, and the investigations concluded that "these bacteria do not have an intimate connection with unsanitary practices."

FIRE THREATENS LOCAL HOSPITAL

The Hewetson Hospital was slightly damaged by a small blaze yesterday morning which for a time threatened the entire structure.

An over-heated furnace flue is reported to have been responsible for the fire.

Members of the volunteer fire department headed by Fire Chief Harold Case were commended on the alertness with which they handled the situation which might have proved serious.



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MEXICO STOPS SUMMARY DEATH

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27, (AP)—Summary executions of persons apprehended in open rebellion against the government or for any other cause were abolished in an order issued here today by President Emilio Portes Gil.

The Presidential order demands that all persons arrested for any crime against the state or nation be turned over to authorities properly constituted for formal trial upon the charges.

KING BETTER AS FAMILY IN VISIT

LONDON, Dec. 27, (AP)—The condition of King George is reported to show marked improvement.

While the monarch is resting favorably and continues to gain strength, his physicians are still concerned over the lung infection which persists.

Members of the King's family gathered around his bedside on Christmas day and thousands made visits to the gates of the Palace to enquire concerning his condition.

King George seemed to be much cheered that his sons and daughters were with him and the Queen during the holidays.

ADOPT MODEL TRAFFIC PLAN

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27, (AP)—The model municipal traffic ordinance for cities evolved at the national conference on street and highway safety, which was called by Herbert Hoover while he was secretary of commerce, has been adopted by the Indianapolis city council. It will become effective January 1.