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### WINGFIELD HERE

GEORGE WINGFIELD, recognizing the new era upon which Las Vegas and the state of Nevada is entering since the passage of the Boulder Dam bill, arrived in Las Vegas this morning to look the town over.

Mr. Wingfield is the dominant financial power of northern Nevada as head of a group of strong banks and leader in mining enterprises, and withal the foremost citizen of the state.

He comes with some definite ideas of assisting in the development of the city, and has already made a very substantial cash investment in business property.

It is pleasing to know that the capital and enterprise and will join in enterprises which will be an important factor in our future.

It is pleasing to know that the capital and enterprise of Nevada will take a leading part in our development instead of leaving the field entirely to capital from other states.

Mr. Wingfield's lead in Las Vegas will be followed largely by other interests heretofore confined to the northern part of the state and their entrance into the Las Vegas field will result in a Nevada more unified and closer knit in interest than otherwise could be.

### KEEP FEET ON GROUND

LAS VEGAS is the center of interest and activity in the southwest following passage of Boulder Dam legislation. Businessmen, capitalists, investors, speculators and promoters of questionable enterprises are arriving on every train and some of them are buying property.

Boulder Dam is recognized now as certain to be built. Yet we must remember that it will be some months before money will be available for its construction. In the meantime the people of Las Vegas should not be swept off their feet and become involved in an era of frothy speculation which will be harmful to the more substantial growth of the city when the dam construction actually begins.

### THE COMPACT

TO MAKE THE Boulder Dam bill effective either Arizona must ratify the seven state compact within six months or, after that, Utah must ratify it as a six state compact.

The Age believes that Arizona through its legislature will promptly approve a compact between Arizona, California and Nevada including the water allocations set out in the bill, and also immediately thereafter the seven state Colorado River compact.

Should Arizona by any chance refuse to come into the compact the interests of Utah are such that they could not wisely refuse approval of the compact on the six state basis.

While there will probably be some contention in Arizona, the Boulder Dam bill is so beneficial to that state in all its features that the leaders in the new administration can hardly refuse to give it approval.

Boulder Dam is a certainty. It has passed the point where the opposition of any one state or any interest can delay or defeat it.

### LET'S CLEAN HOUSE

THE DIRTY CONDITION of the streets of our city has long been a source of shame to our citizens and a cause for open and contemptuous criticism from our guests. Those of us who are familiar with the order of municipal projects in Las Vegas know that this open and flagrant disregard for our reputation will not continue long.

But some emergency measure ought to be conjured up to alleviate the bad taste which uncleanness leaves in the mouths of those who come for a day, or a few days, and carry away with them, to other parts of the nation, a mental picture of Las Vegas which they are bound to convey to others.

If you think that unsanitary street conditions have nothing to do with the property values of a city all you have to do is turn back a few pages of Atascadero, California history, where cluttered thoroughfares and clogged sewers turned more potentially good citizens away than inflated land prices.

### THIS AND THAT

By NORREFF

The other day some 78,000 pieces of mail left Los Angeles by plane for the East, via Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. Two giant planes were needed to transport it. The air mileage in the U. S. is now about 31,000. Regular air stops number about 87. Vegas is one of these 87 stops—at present, barring Elko, the smallest town on the route where regular daily stops are made. Many cities advertise the fact that they are "only fifty miles from air mail service." Quite a lot to crow about isn't it? Here we have the air mail service—not fifty miles away or one mile away, but right on the corner of Second and Fremont. While the planes will continue to stop here air mail service will be continued—unless we make it worth while. Not only from the stand-

point of using it more (the rate is only five cents to any point in the United States) but from the standpoint of greater public support of a first-class air-mail field, properly equipped to handle the situation. Ely, Nevada, with no regular stops, has a municipal air field, with hangars, etc. It doesn't make them money now—but air men all over the country know about it, and it puts Ely in the front rank of wide-awake up-to-date towns. Las Vegas should think this over seriously. Down in Imperial Valley, starting at Indio and going on down through Brawley and El Centro, we find the most up-to-the-minute little towns in the west. A uniform idea of construction, mostly Spanish type, attractive street lighting, good hotels, etc. None of these towns are larger than Vegas. It didn't cost much more in money to accomplish this result; but it did cost much thought and energy. In many instances new fronts were put on

## Americanized Mafia In Chicago Defies New Law Enforcer



The kidnaping of Billy Ranieri, 10 (right) and subsequent threats had notes to principals involved has challenged John A. Swanson (inset), new state's attorney in Chicago. Judge Robert E. Getzel (below) received a threatening note while he was trying the kidnaping case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29, (AP)—An outbreak of terroristic violence attributed to the Americanized Mafia, the secret maneuverers of which date back to the middle ages in Sicily, has challenged the new "cleanup" regime in Chicago's officialdom.

The slaying of a state witness in the first major trial conducted by John A. Swanson, state's attorney—the kidnaping case of 10 year old Billy Ranieri—was coupled with a series of death threats that sent police to protect everyone connected with the trial.

Assassination threats were received by Samuel Hoffman Swanson's assistant, who was assigned to demand the death penalty for Billy's alleged kidnapers. Hoffman's wife and four children, terror-stricken, fled the city.

Billy Ranieri himself braved blackhand letters to his father, A. Frank Ranieri, to tell the whole story of his abduction for \$60,000 ransom to a crowded courtroom. The elder Ranieri, a well-to-do Italian contractor, who at first hesitated to co-operate with police for fear of his own life at the hands of extortionists, also told his story—while his home was guarded by police.

Following the slaying of Ole Scully, alias Scalcetti, three other state witnesses were placed under guard in downtown hotels. Scully was slain shortly before he was to have appeared before Judge Robert E. Getzel to tell of his knowledge of the blackhand terrorists reputedly connected with the boy's abduction. Police, fearful of bombers' attacks, guarded Judge Getzel's

home. "Clean up with fear or favor" was Judge Swanson's pledge in his campaign for state's attorney. He called Scully's death a "challenge to law and decency" and said it would be "answered as such." Two weeks after he assumed office he was guarded by police as he made public addresses. His own home was bombed shortly before the primaries last April.

Terrorism was spread over the Sicilian colony in Chicago with the kidnaping episode several weeks ago. Scores of families, afraid of their own lives, moved out. Blackhand notes, anonymous telephone calls and mysterious threats—which police said were the work of the Mafia—were received by Ranieri as police searched northern Illinois for his small son.

Angelo Petitti, one of three men on trial for Billy's abduction, was charged with negotiating for the kidnapers with the boy's father. On the first day of the trial Ranieri received an unsigned note saying: "If you don't let Angelo alone you won't see the end of the trial."

Billy's release by his captors near Joliet, Ill., 13 days after he disappeared ended fears for the boy's safety. It was several days later however, before police located the kidnapers' farmhouse rendezvous near Kankakee, Ill. Andrew Cappallano and his son Tony, who had fled from their farm after Billy was taken from there, were indicted along with Petitti.

More than 600 veniemen were examined before Judge Getzel found a jury willing to inflict death if the defendants were found guilty. Some were excused when they expressed fear for their own lives.

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## SOCIETY

Members of the Mesquite Club and a few guests enjoyed a delightful tea at the club rooms yesterday afternoon. The rooms had been made most attractive with lamps, cushions and easy chairs, under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. James Cashman. Miss Fern Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. Roy W. Martin sang several solos in her usual pleasing manner. Miss Dorothy Buzick played a violin solo which was much enjoyed, while Miss Frances Martin delighted with a piano solo.

A few old time friends of Mrs. Jane Frost Fayle enjoyed a community dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires Thursday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanding, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke, Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley, Mrs. Jane Frost Fayle, Mrs. James Cashman, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Mr. Leonard R. Fayle, Mr. Rudy, Mr. O. C. Boggs, Mr. Ed. W. Clark and Mr. C. Russell Squires.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin

will have as their dinner guests this evening, Dr. and Mrs. Walter F. Weise of Fresno, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ferron, and Mr. George Kratsch of Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley are entertaining tomorrow evening in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Walter F. Weise of Fresno. Other guests include Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, and Mr. George Kratsch.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin entertained at dinner last evening in honor of Mrs. Jane Frost Fayle, Mr. Leonard Fayle and Mr. Rudy of Los Angeles. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Mrs. John H. Lightfoot, Mr. James W. Squires and Mr. C. Russell Squires.

John A. Fredrickson of Good-springs spent yesterday in Las Vegas on business.

### ANTI-AUTO LAW REPEALED

GOODLAND, Kas., Dec. 29, (AP)—This western Kansas town now accepts the automobile as superior to the horse. An old ordinance prohibiting the driving of motor cars on Goodland streets has been repealed. It was enacted when an early day car frightened a team and caused a runaway, but it never was enforced.

Mrs. William Schaeffer arrived Wednesday from Chicago to join her husband, of the Age force.

SEALED BIDS OR PROPOSALS for the construction of Cement Curbs and Oil Bound Gravel Pavement for the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, will be received at the office of the Engineer for the City until 12 o'clock, noon, Wednesday, January 23, 1929.

The principal items and approximate quantities are as follows:

1496.25 linear feet of 18 inch Cement Curb.  
2889.56 linear feet of 15 inch Cement Curb.  
80824.24 square feet of Oil Bound Gravel Pavement, with appurtenant drainage substructures.

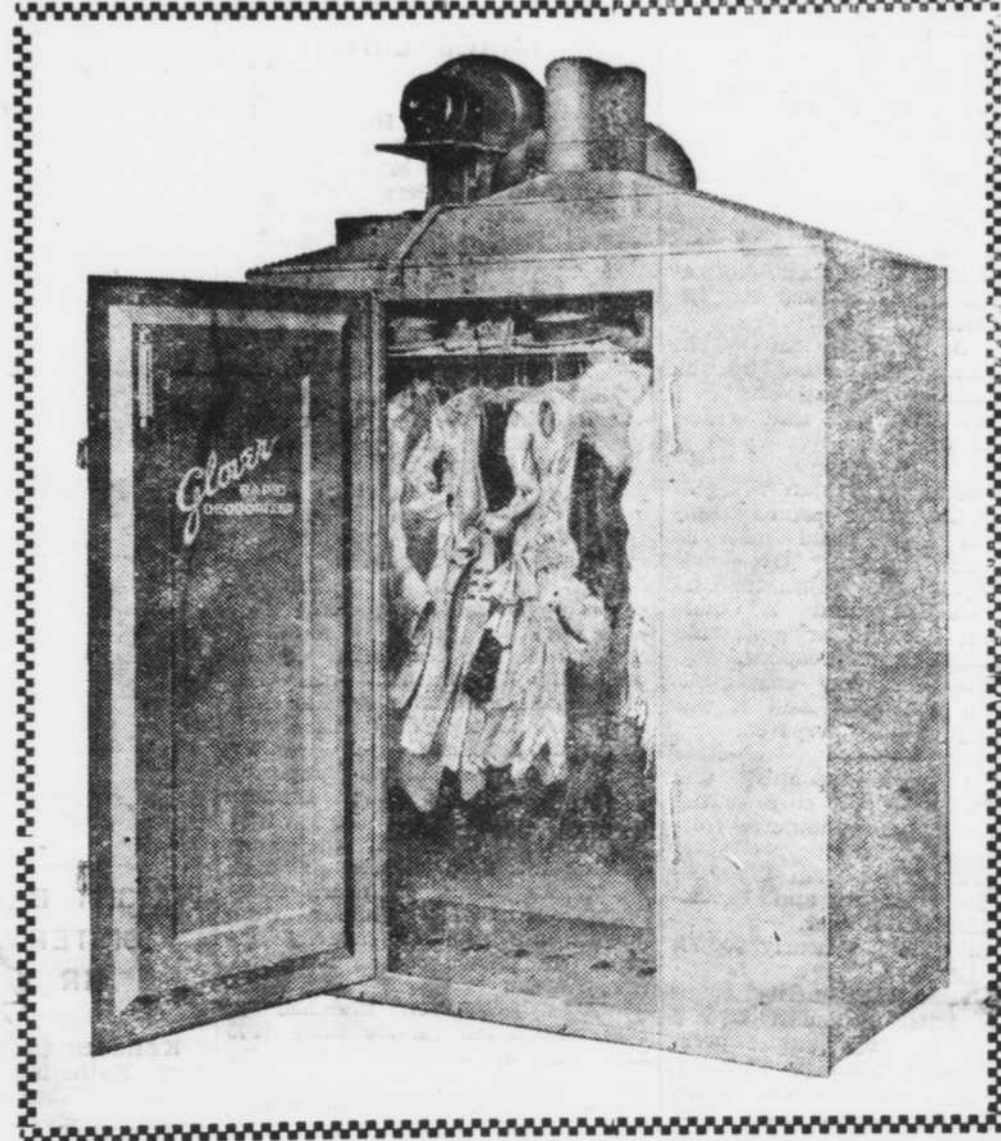
Plans, specifications and all information may be obtained from the office of the Engineer. Specifications furnished gratis. Plans to be had on receipt of postoffice money order or certified check, payable to A. P. Slocum, to the amount of Nine Dollars.

Bids to be publicly opened at 3:00 P.M., Thursday, January 24, 1929, at City Commission Board Room, Court House, Las Vegas, Nevada.

A. P. SLOCUM, Engineer for the City.

P. O. Box 962.

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## The Vegas Cleaning Works

was started in 1916 by Mr. A. Corradetti in the old Troy Laundry Works. The equipment at that time consisted of a gas iron, a sewing machine and a washtub. The following year a small washer and extractor were added and later an American Press machine was put in stock. In 1920 the present name was adopted and more equipment added. A fire wiped everything out and Mr. Corradetti was forced to rebuild and re-equip his entire plant. This he did on north Main street. In 1924 the famous DeLaval Continuous Clarification System was installed. 1927 saw the addition of a Premier Dry Tumbler which extracts all of the lint and odor. And to keep up to his policy of giving the customer the best he can, Mr. Corradetti recently added the Glover Rapid Deodorizer which prevents silk dresses from tearing and completely takes out all of the odor.

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