

THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

CHAMPION BOY AND GIRL FORD VS. ROCKEFELLER WHAT MADE STANDARD OIL MAN'S STRANGE NATURE

Part of the livestock show activities in Chicago included judging the healthiest boy and girl in the United States.

Thelma Svarstad, a South Dakota girl, who won the female championship, is seventeen years old, blonde, strong, weighs 122 pounds, is 5 feet 2 inches tall, drinks plenty of milk, no tea or coffee, and expects to be a teacher.

The boy champion is William Tobias, of Michigan, fifteen years old, who weighs 130 pounds, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, likes boxing, admires Jack Dempsey also drinks lot of milk. Milk dealers, please notice this in your advertisements.

From a livestock — and many other — points of view, these are fine American children.

But somewhere in America there is a little baby shivering in its mother's arms, delicate, with a thin little body, a big head, wide anxious eyes, that some day will do things the healthiest boy and girl will never do.

Write that down for your comfort, if you have a child that isn't so robust.

Henry Ford's offhand statement "No successful boy ever saved money," was not meant literally. He meant that it was better to spend for information than merely to save a few dollars. Thomas A. Edison, his intimate friend, "never had any money until he got so much that he couldn't spend it."

The other "world's richest man," John D. Rockefeller, is surely "a successful boy," and did save money. He advises young and old to save now, as he hands each one a ten-cent piece with a smile worth a good deal of money. Mr. Rockefeller will tell you, "Save money, not chiefly for the money you save, but because saving teaches self control, and that's the beginning of wisdom."

Ford has high respect for John D. Rockefeller. He said to this writer, "I never saw John D. Rockefeller but once. But when I saw that face I knew what made Standard Oil."

Strange is the nature of man. In New York a young man confesses to strangling a fifteen-year-old girl, whom he loved. He says she wanted to kiss him. That is his excuse.

At Brunswick, Ga., Walter Rawlins in prison, saw his wife, whose complaint had jailed him for wife-beating. He seized a carving knife, dashed from the prison overtook his wife, stabbed her several times. His excuse is: "I loved my wife so that I would rather see her dead than with somebody else."

The fair Jessica Brown, a stage beauty, once married to Lord Northesk, yesterday married Mr. Cornelius. Lord Northesk, as her retired husband, came to America led by his ambition to be the fifth husband of Peggy Hopkins Joyce. And so it goes.

S. P. REWARDS OLD EMPLOYEE

The appointment of J. H. McClure as general freight and passenger agent for Southern Pacific Company, with headquarters at Phoenix, Arizona, was announced today by J. T. Saunders, freight traffic manager, and F. S. McGinnis, passenger traffic manager for the railroad. The appointment is effective January 1.

Mr. McClure takes the place of Mr. E. J. Fenchurk, who died recently. He has been serving as assistant general freight and passenger agent at Phoenix since July 1, last. He entered Southern Pacific service in 1902, and after serving in various capacities, was for a time local freight agent at Tucson. In 1923 he was made assistant district freight and passenger agent at Santa Barbara and in December of that year was promoted to district freight and passenger agent at Reno, where he remained until last July.

TO MAL RILEY— CONGRATULATIONS!

The Age congratulates Malachi M. Riley who is 75 years young today, and who is celebrating his birthday by retiring from the realty business with which he has been connected for so long.

We rejoice with Mr. Riley that he is able to retire from active business and devote his time to some of his pet hobbies, taking a well earned rest from the many cares incident to the conduct of a business.

Attaining the mellow age of 75 is a matter for congratulations itself, but when one reaches this age still active in body and young in spirit, he is to be thrice congratulated!

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U.P. WILL BUILD ROAD TO BLACK CANYON

Wingfield Adds To Large Las Vegas Realty Holdings

NEV. CAPITALIST ENLARGES SITE FOR NEW HOTEL

MOVE BELIEVED TO MEAN LARGER BUILDING

Adding to his already extensive interests recently acquired here George Wingfield this morning paid \$15,000 for an additional 50 feet on Fremont street.

The property purchased this morning adjoins the hotel site on the corner of Fremont and Second streets, and consists of two lots which belonged to the Nevada State Farm Bureau and to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

The price for \$300 a front foot is the same as was paid for the hotel site proper, and is the result of several days of dickering between Wingfield and representatives of the Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce.

Cash Deal
Stevens and Henderson, local attorneys, are drawing up the deed and abstract, and the money has been paid into the care of W. R. Bracken, who was instrumental in interesting Mr. Wingfield in Las Vegas.

Cecil W. Creel, director of the University Farm Extension work, who represented the Farm Bureau in the deal, has just returned from Washington and announces that he has been promised quarters in the new Federal Building for the Farm Bureau.

Dr. Roy W. Martin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, states that that organization is looking for a temporary location until they can secure quarters in some of the projected buildings, but so far have been unable to find anything which will fill their needs. They may be forced to lease or buy a lot, and erect temporary quarters.

NORTHCOTT PLEA 'MERE GESTURE' SAYS REDWINE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL PROSECUTE MUR- DERESS' SON

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 1. (AP)—The confession and subsequent sentence to life imprisonment of Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott of the murder of little Walter Collins while he lay asleep in the chicken house of the murder farm near here, is believed by officers to be a mere gesture on the part of Mrs. Northcott to save her son, Gordon, from death on the gallows.

Gordon, who is also charged with the cruel murders of several small boys, declared in his cell at the Los Angeles County jail that his mother was "insane" and that no murder was committed by her nor anyone else.

Describes Killing
Describing how she killed one child she said, "The child came into the ranch one night tired, hungry, and in ragged clothing. I felt sorry for him and gave him a bed in the chicken house. He stayed at the ranch the next day and that night when I went into the brooder house to see how he was getting along he was apparently dead. His skull was battered in but he was still moving. I seized an ax which stood near by and struck him dead."

The authorities disregarded the plea of guilty of Mrs. Northcott insofar as it affects her son, and were prepared to bring young Northcott to trial January 2 on the original indictment charging him with the murder of the Collins boy.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1. (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Northcott was taken to San Quentin prison last night by Riverside officers. She pleaded guilty to the murder of a small boy yesterday and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The quick removal of the woman by officers is said to be a move to avoid habeas corpus proceedings by removing her from the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles and Riverside county courts.

PUTTING THE KID TO SLEEP

By Albert T. Reid



KING'S CONDITION IS STILL PUZZLE TO HIS DOCTORS

LONDON, Jan. 1. (AP)—The exhausted condition in which King George's prolonged illness has left him is presenting a difficult problem to his large staff of physicians which they frankly acknowledge in a bulletin signed by five of them.

The bulletin recorded a rather disturbed night but announced some improvement in appetite and that the Royal patient was holding his own regarding his general condition.

The public, although warned by doctors that recovery must be slow, show keen disappointment whenever bulletins announcing the King's condition as "unchanged" are issued.

RILEY BUSINESS TO HARRINGTON

A. F. Harrington, for many years connected with the First State Bank, has purchased M. M. Riley's real estate and insurance business, and will take charge on the 3rd.

Mr. Riley, who is one of the pioneers in the business, first came to Las Vegas in 1905, after financial reverses, and made a new start. Now, after 22 years in the business, he is able to retire, and devote himself to his personal interests.

Mr. Harrington is president of the Kiwanis Club, and well known in business circles.

BOLIVIA OKEHS NEW PROTOCOL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. (AP)—Bolivian approval "with slight modifications" of the proposed protocol for conciliation of differences with Paraguay was announced by the Bolivian legation which said it was not informed by the government as to the nature of the modifications desired.

As soon as the Bolivian reply has been received in full it will be forwarded to Secretary of State Kellogg and Doctor Victor Mautua, of Peru, who are prominent in the Pan-American conference of peace overtures.

Since Paraguay has already signified her intention of accepting the protocol with slight modifications the special Pan-American committee will have to reconcile the differences into one document.

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The boom is on! Las Vegas awakened this morning to a full realization that the eyes of the nation are upon us. Every available bedroom in the city has been thrown open for the comfort of the newcomer. Many, however, are reported to have slept in their automobiles and from the appearance of the railroad station one would presume that every bed in the city was occupied.

City Responds
A canvas made today by The Age in an effort to obtain accommodations for the hundreds who are coming into the city by rail, motor bus, automobile and even those who come in occasionally, by foot, showed that the spirit of hospitality for which Las Vegas has always been noted, had reached its mecca.

Unless something is done at once to make room for the onrush of tourists Las Vegas will find itself confronted with a more serious condition than the problem appears at first thought.

Urgent Need
The immediate solution is, of course, the prompt response of residents to the clarion call of the Chamber of Commerce for rooms. It must be stressed that the need is urgent. Any dwelling of speakable sanitation should be utilized and cots, beds and bedding provided.

Until our new hotel is completed—which will be but a very short time, according to George Wingfield, the builder—all Las Vegas should answer the call for help.

Those who have room available should communicate with the hotels and with the Chamber of Commerce so that this emergency, which is indeed an emergency, can be quickly and properly met.

LOCAL CLEANING WORKS IN REMODELING JOB

A. Corradetti, proprietor of the Vegas Cleaning Works, has let a contract for remodeling and decorating his main shop to Sam Shaw, Jr. All the show cases will be rebuilt and the arrangement of the front of the shop changed.

BLIZZARD, GUNFIRE, TAKE HEAVY TOLL IN YULE FROLIC

CHICAGO, Jan. 1. (AP)—A blizzard descended upon the New Year revels in the worst traffic jam ever witnessed here and changed horn tooting from fun to serious business. Two persons died in traffic accidents and three were seriously injured, one perhaps fatally by a random of shots of fun-makers.

MILLS OFFERS NO TESTIMONY AT HEARING

The preliminary hearing in the case of Charles Mills who is charged with driving an automobile on the streets of Las Vegas on December 21 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and inflicting bodily injury upon Norman Ullom, 11-year-old boy was conducted before Justice of the Peace C. D. Breeze Monday.

District Attorney Harley Harmon offered testimony on behalf of the state. Mrs. Norma Ullom, Bert Nicholson, driver of the car in which the Ullom boy was hurt; Thelma Cobley; Ed Waite, police officer; Joe Henning and Mrs. Ferris Doolittle testified that the defendant was under the influence of liquor at the time of the crash and told of the manner in which the accident occurred.

Mills, through his attorney A. A. Hinman, offered no testimony to contradict the state. It is presumed the defendant will be held to answer at a term of the District Court.

JUDGE ORR TAKES GOLF TOURNEY HONOR

The Sunday golf tournament was won by Judge William Orr with a score of forty-three. Dr. Park finished with a score of forty-six while W. H. Pike cupped the last ball with a score of forty-eight.

Others who scored well were W. E. Houck with a score of forty-nine and Leo McNamee fifty-one and Charles Underhill 52.

James W. Squires of Marysville is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Squires.

Charles P. Squires, editor of the Age, has been confined to his bed for the past two days, suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

CALIFORNIAN PRAISES LAS VEGAS AS "GET RICH QUICK" BONANZA

Aleck Clark, vice-president of Hare, Brewer & Clark, well-known California realtors, is a visitor in Las Vegas. Mr. Clark who has large holdings in real estate in Palo Alto, California is here with the intention of investing in property in and around Las Vegas.

Mr. Clark, a Kiwanian, was a guest of the local Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon yesterday. He spoke briefly of the bright future of Las Vegas and expressed an emphatic conviction that investment in property in and around this city was "one of the few ways left in the world to get rich."

LYNCH NEGRO ABDUCTOR AND KILLER, REPORT

BULLETIN

PARCHMAN, Miss., Jan. 1. (AP)—Charley Sheppard, negro murderer of J. D. Duvall, a prison guard and the abductor of Duvall's 18 year old daughter, lynched by an infuriated mob of citizens near Cleveland, Miss., last night.

PARCHMAN, Miss., Jan. 1. (AP)—Charley Sheppard, negro convict who killed J. D. Duvall, prison guard at the state prison farm near here and then kidnapped Duvall's 18-year-old daughter whom he is accused of assaulting was in custody in Shelby today. Sheppard is reported to have surrendered to Mrs. Laura Keller, ranch owner for whom Sheppard once worked.

Following the report of the negro's capture a mob quickly gathered and it is believed that Sheppard has been lynched.

KIWANIS DINNER LIVELY AFFAIR

The big dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at the social hall of the Methodist Church last evening proved a most enjoyable and successful affair.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and 26-30 clubs attended, as did the principal state and county Farm Bureau representatives.

Frank Evans spoke on the importance of the agricultural education of those in farming communities, while Cecil W. Creel, director of the University of Nevada Farm Extension Bureau spoke on the direct benefits that the Boulder Dam will bring to Southern Nevada agricultural communities.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. C. DeVinney, Mrs. O. A. Kimpball, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Judson, of Long Beach, Miss. Orpha Miller, James Cashman, Rev. C. S. Reynolds, Otis Godwin and Aleck Clark.

Mrs. Minnie Westlake is spending a few days with her children in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Barnum are the proud parents of a seven pound boy which was born Saturday, December 29. Mother and son are doing nicely.

SYSTEM CHIEF REVEALS PLAN FOR PROJECT

STATES CONSTRUCTION DATE DEPENDS UPON RATIFICATION

OMAHA, Jan. 1. (AP)—The President of the Union Pacific Railway, Carl Gray, was the authority for the statement that the Union Pacific will build a railroad line in the near future from Las Vegas to the Boulder Dam Site in Black Canyon.

The construction of the railway line will begin immediately after the signing of the six-state agreement concerning the distribution of water from the Boulder Dam reservoir.

Awaits Ratification
"A branch railroad line must wait until ratification of the so-called seven-state compact by at least six interested states which may take several months," said Gray.

"In the meantime, however, plans may be completed so that actual work can be started as soon as the pact is ratified."

The railroad executive said the road is following the developments of plans for Boulder Dam with a view toward giving all possible assistance to the Department of the Interior.

Mead's Proposal
The decision of the railroad company to build the thirty miles of trackage is reported to have been the result of the solicitation of Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of the Reclamation Bureau. It is understood that Dr. Mead had arrived at a definite plan whereby the construction of rail facilities by private enterprise would be more satisfactory to the government and profitable to the company undertaking the project.

Desert Problem
One feature of the proposal which Dr. Mead made to the railroad company was that the building of the road-bed through the desert country was an engineering problem with which the railroad company was more familiar and that the government would have to spend a great amount of money to make surveys and lay out adequate road bed when the Union Pacific Railroad Company has made a study of this problem for many years.

Las Vegas Shops
Another phase of the proposal was that the Union Pacific shops in Las Vegas were equipped to supply the necessary construction material for the building of the railroad line whereas, should the government undertake the project it would be necessary for it to expend a vast sum of money to build shops and storehouses.

According to Dr. Mead, the actual construction of Boulder Dam will commence in the early part of 1930. He pointed out that the ratification of the Colorado River compact must first be obtained before construction of the railroad line could begin. This, he estimates, will take at least four months. The construction of the railroad line to the dam site will consume a period of seven months. Then the hauling of the first shipments of machinery and necessary materials to begin operation will require thirty or forty days.

Dr. Mead stated that Boulder Dam would, in all probability, be finished in the spring of 1937.

Greetings!

Each year, in the past, it has been the custom for the Editor of The Age to wish the people of Las Vegas and friends in foreign parts a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Editor will depart from this custom this year to congratulate the citizens of Las Vegas upon the Happy and Prosperous New Year which has been graciously and by divine right bestowed upon us. Happiness is already ours! Prosperity has crashed our gates! It is up to us to treat these two welcome visitors with gloved discretion lest they take to their heels amid the bedlam of speculation and false value.

All the same, HAPPY NEW YEAR!