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THE OPEN DOOR

SUNDAY'S INFLUX OF TOURISTS, sightseers, real estate speculators, and hobos de luxe has left Las Vegas somewhat befuddled. We folks have led a sort of carefree existence for some thirty odd years. Our homes have been peaceful retreats for quiet thought and family devotion. Our commerce with each other has been of even keel and steady patronage.

But Monday found many of us with strange bedfellows. Our homes, commandeered by the hand of hospitality, took on an unfamiliar cloak of guardianship. Some of us, who have left the front door unlatched through all these years, felt a bit funny about scraping the rust off the lock.

But such is the tragedy of success. And it is a responsibility upon the shoulders of every Las Vegas to answer the call of the "open door." Our hotels are inadequate to accommodate the hundreds who are daily pouring into our little city. Home-towners that we are, we just didn't think about the outsider, who, for many years has had his eye focused upon Las Vegas.

But the rush is upon us. We cannot forestall it. We would not want to forestall it if we could.

And we must not shut our hearts nor our homes to those who knock. If we have a spare room it is a civic duty to notify the hotels so that the overflow will be properly taken care of.

It won't be long before the new half million dollar hotel which George Wingfield is building, will be finished. Another hotel project is on the horizon.

But until such a time as these dreams become real, let us "live in a house by the side of a road and be a friend to man."

VOLUME TWENTY-FIVE!

WITH TODAY'S ISSUE of The Age we pass the quarter century mark. Goodness! How time does fly! The old-timers around these parts remember well when, 25 years ago C. W. Nicklin printed the first issue of what has grown to be the leading newspaper of Southern Nevada.

The publisher of The Age has always borne in thought the spirit which prompted Mr. Nicklin to publish a newspaper in what was then a wild and arid desert land—the spirit of friendliness and public service.

And now that Las Vegas is confronted with the most serious problem since its inception, we are doubly cognizant of a service to be performed and a warm hand of friendliness to be extended.

With the apprehension of our responsibilities which the launching of this anniversary issue brings to thought we beg cooperation with the loyal citizens of this fast growing municipality to the end that the name LAS VEGAS will be engrossed upon the memory of every visitor, as the Founder of The Age once said—"a watering place for peaceful thought where Stranger is not Stranger still nor Wanderer wanders more."

OVERTON HIGH NEWS NOTES

OVERTON.—The Senior dance Christmas night was a very decided success in every way. The hall was decorated with Christmas colors and apple cider was served as a refreshment. The dance was well attended and also a group of young people from Las Vegas were in attendance.

The Misses Verna and LaRue Cox of St. George, Utah are spending the remainder of the Holidays with relatives in the Valley.

The basketball squad is practicing regularly now in an effort to make up for the time lost the past two weeks in school. A game has been scheduled for Friday night with the St. Thomas M. Men. This will be the first practice game this season and not a great deal will be expected of them as the regular center is absent at the time. Coach Stromberg hopes to have a well balanced team by the 18th of January when the Pirates will invade the Ely camp.

BOLIVIAN TROOPS IN FIRST VICTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, (AP)—The State Department has been officially advised that Bolivian troops have captured Vangauriga where the clash which precipitated the present Bolivian-Paraguay trouble occurred and that Bolivian troops have advanced 12 miles into Paraguayan territory. The note received by Secretary Kellogg was transmitted by Juan Ramirez, Paraguayan Charge de Affaires.

FALLING WALLS KILL ONE, INJURE TWO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31, (AP)—Trapped between the collapsing walls of a trench they were digging, one laborer died of suffocation before he could be extricated and the two others were taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

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