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DAILY REVIEW

THE AGE is pleased to congratulate its contemporary on its enterprise in entering the daily field.

Las Vegas is just now in a state of transition and every such step forward is another advance toward metropolitanism of which the community should be appreciative.

CITY ZONING

IT IS DIFFICULT for most of us to realize that we should without unnecessary delay take such steps as will assure the orderly growth of Las Vegas.

The City Planning Commission has long been considering the matter of zoning the city and the commissioners are studying an ordinance for that purpose.

Zoning is absolutely necessary for the protection of property values and for the financing of building projects of all kinds. If it is not done we will find industrial plants, garages and small business centers locating here and there in what should be exclusive residential districts.

Experience has proved that zoning a city by ordinance is absolutely necessary to establish and maintain stable values. It is a matter that the city board has under consideration. Citizens generally should study the matter and cooperate with the board in the adoption of a zoning plan applicable to the city.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WITH THE CONTEMPLATED building program in Vegas thought should be given to the fire hazard. We already have a fire zone in which there are certain restrictions, nevertheless, there is not one "Class A" building in the city.

Our business section as it is extended should be as nearly fireproof as good construction can make it. The additional cost of a fireproof structure is more than offset by the lower insurance rates and it is much easier to obtain the financing for a good building than a poor one.

BOULDER DAM SURE

WITH THE CALLING of a tri-state conference by Governor Balzar, the Boulder Dam project moves one step nearer to accomplishment.

The Age believes that self interest will impel Arizona to accept the water division suggested in the Boulder Dam legislation. It is as nearly fair to all interests as human ingenuity can devise.

Should the implacable element in Arizona succeed in defeating ratification of the terms of the bill, the other six states will proceed without any further fussing.

Every reasonable concession and consideration has been shown to Arizona by her sister states and the threat of "litigation" made by a certain element in that state is not taken seriously. The United States government, including the senate, house of representatives, the president and heads of departments; and the governments of the six other states are not to be bluffed or hampered in what they have decided to carry out.

The Boulder Dam project has all the "powers that be" behind it and cannot be defeated or delayed.

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ABOUT NEW YORK

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Apache infested sewers of Paris live in literature. History tells of gruesome catacombs that served as human habitations. But as strange an underworld has come to light in this city of stone and steel: a mechanistic, steam heated underworld where thieves and vagrants hide out.

Sixty-five to 90 feet under the girded shell that serves as a ground-level in the Grand Central zone of mid-Manhattan are tunnels through which is carried from a central plant steam to heat the tenants of buildings above. In the tunnels have been glimpsed from time to time shadowy figures whose existence would be like that of a mole were it not for the electric lights.

Tracks Cover 46 Acres

The writer knew there were 46 acres of railroad tracks, 30 miles of rails in 117 pairs, spreading under Madison Park and Lexington avenues from Forty-second street to Fifty-ninth. He knew also that tall office buildings, immense hotels and rich apartments rested on steel stilts cushioned on lead and sheetrock plates to absorb the vibration from commuters' trains and crack specials.

But until he slipped past a station guard in the terminal, and along the tracks to an opening be-

tween the rails, he did not know what a machine-age labyrinth lay below.

Descending a ladder he came to a tunnel, 12 feet square in cross section, hewn in rock and walled with concrete. It was well lighted and drowsily warm.

He took the wrong direction and found himself in a shop where mechanics were making railroad equipment repairs. Backing out, he began a trek that proved to be 15 blocks long. Here was a valve indicating that steam was being shot into a 26 story hotel at 140 pounds pressure, there a pump drawing off a pool of water that seeped through from the East river a few blocks away. He was, he learned later 57 feet below tide level.

The Exits Look

He climbed a stair to a huge vault, 55 feet high, drilled out of stone. All around were steel rails, steel girders, steel cars, signal lights, cliff-like walls. Exits led to street doors in office buildings, locked from the inside. The reporter peeped through one and stepped back, the door locking as it closed.

Again he descended to the tunnel. Now he knew how vagrants could make their entrance and exit. Now he saw how they could sleep in recesses behind the pipes, emerging after dark to pilfer from Park avenue automobiles.

A Washington Daybook

By HERBERT C. PLUMMER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The four big state receptions held each year at the White House probably occupy the most important place on Washington's social calendar. The President and First Lady are hosts on these occasions to great numbers.

Many people who otherwise would not have the opportunity of every meeting a President have their chance at one of these four receptions—one to the diplomatic corps, one to the members of congress, one to the judiciary, and one to the war and navy.

Each guest receives a specially engraved invitation delivered to his or her home by a White House messenger. The mails are not used at all.

Through the years interesting side-lights have come from these functions.

There is the story of how, after one of the post-war receptions, more than 400 heavy silver plated White House spoons, bearing the official engraving "President's House," were missed when check was made after the guests departed. The souvenir hunters had been busy that night.

Taft Fed Them President Taft always insisted that food be served. Accordingly, everyone attending had the opportunity of partaking of good food at the expense of the President. A typical menu for a reception in those days was lobster a la Newburg, chicken salad, assorted sandwiches, ice cream cakes, coffee and punch. It was served in buffet style.

Since the Taft days a guest is lucky if he is able to assuage his thirst with a glass of water during the evening. President Taft had to foot the bills for all of this food, too. It was not until the Harding administration that expenses for extraordinary entertainment at the White House was charged to the President's \$25,000 allowance for traveling expenses.

Newspapermen Go Newspapermen in Washington whose names appear in the congressional directory are included in

the list of guests at these four state receptions. There are, however, so many of them here that it has been found impossible to invite all at one time. Therefore, a certain number are invited to at least one. If the name of a member of the press appears in the directory, he is practically assured of the opportunity of attending one during the year.

But they are slow in attending. Unless his wife has a desire to meet the President and First Lady socially, or he has a great deal of curiosity, the average newspaperman is seldom found at the White House on these occasions.

TELLS FUTURE OF DODGE CAR

What will the automobile be ten —fifteen—twenty-five years from now?

A. H. Knight, consulting engineer for Dodge Brothers, who has been in close touch with the industry for 20 years, thinks developments will continue to be as striking as those that marked the last decade. He peers into the future with these predictions:

"In the first place, there undoubtedly will be improvements in safety features and riding comfort with outstanding changes in the appearance of the automobile of the future," said Mr. Knight. "It will reach new standards in artistic coach work and graceful appearance. Just as the last decade has seen remarkable strides in the industry, so will the coming years bring novel creations, particularly in body and radiator design. An ever changing public demand will bring new ideas in interior refinements. Unique color combinations will feature the lacquer finish of the exterior. America is becoming more and more color conscious. Striking examples of these tendencies are noted in the new Dodge Brothers cars on display at the automobile shows this year."

The population of most of our prisons continues to grow steadily and yet the prisons don't have any chambers of commerce.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanding will entertain with a bridge dinner tomorrow evening. Invited guests are Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. S. Park, C. O. Rinnow, W. N. Schuyler, J. T. Watters, C. D. Breeze, Harley A. Harmon, C. S. Wengert, C. C. Boyer, the Misses Maude Frazier and Jane Terry, and Mr. Ed. U. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke had as their guests at dinner Saturday evening Messrs. and Mesdames A. M. Minnetta, F. M. Ferguson, E. D. Martin, and Robert Downey. The affair honored their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downey of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Charles Lee Horsey is entertaining the Inter-Ce Club with a luncheon this afternoon at her home on South Fifth street.

Mrs. Charles P. Squires will be hostess to members of the Auction Bridge Club tomorrow afternoon when she entertains with a bridge luncheon at one-fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hesse will be host and hostess at a dinner party Thursday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin entertained with a delightful bridge dinner Friday evening. Prizes for high and second scores went to Mrs. S. J. Lawson, Mrs. C. S. Wengert, Mr. Jack Hemphill, and Mr. Harley A. Harmon. Those who enjoyed the Martin's hospitality were Messrs. and Mesdames C. D. Breeze, W. N. Schuyler, A. E. Chelan, Harley A. Harmon, J. T. Watters, C. S. Wengert, S. J. Lawson, A. C. Grant, J. R. Hemphill, Mrs. Helen Henderson, Miss Maude Frazier, and Mr. Allyn Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley have bidden as their dinner guests for this evening, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Rinnow, Harley A. Harmon, Leo A. McNamee, A. C. Grant, W. N. Schuyler, and Miss Maude Frazier. After dinner the evening will be devoted to several rounds of bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires had as their dinner guests Saturday evening, Mr. Carl Laemmle, Mr. Sam Van Ronkle, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer.

Mrs. Will Beckley entertained with a charming luncheon Saturday afternoon honoring the 12th birthday of her daughter, Virginia. The long table was beautifully decorated and each guest received a favor consisting of a cunning doll. After luncheon the party attended the matinee at El Portal. Guests were the Misses Barbara Ferron, Shirley Ferron, Frances McNamee, Marion McNamee, Audrey Watters, Margaret Santougue, armen Harvey, Evelyn Johnson, Eunice Beckley, Helen Blanding, Jane Kramer, and Ruth Doolittle.

One of the charming bridge luncheons of the season was that given last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. John S. Park, honoring her niece, Miss Jane Terry, who is a house guest of the Park's for the winter.

Prize for high score went to Mrs. C. D. Breeze, Mrs. Hal Hewetson received the consolation, while Miss Terry received the guest prize. Those present were Mesdames J. M. Heaton, F. R. Mildren, J. P. Hesse, Wm. T. Orr, Hal L. Hewetson, Wm. S. Park, C. D. Breeze, and Miss Jane Terry.

The Republican National Committee reports that it spent six million dollars to elect Hoover. And judging by the official returns it ought to feel convinced that it got its money's worth.

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ATTENTION EAGLES! Las Vegas Aerie No. 1213 Fraternal Order of Eagles meets in regular session the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at Levy's Hall. All Stray Eagles cordially invited.

SOUTHGATE CHAPTER NO. 18 Order of the Eastern Star Meeting second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall. All visiting members cordially welcome. MRS. GRACE NEWLIN, W. M. MABEL R. ULLOM, Secretary

E. P. O. E. Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468 Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30. Club rooms open from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. C. V. T. GILBERT, E. E. Wm. L. SCOTT, Secretary

Artesia Lodge No. 43 I. O. O. F. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P. M. Levy's Hall, Fremont St., between First and Second. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. A. D. HEINRICHSEN, N. G. DONALD BREMNER, Sec.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 36 K. OF P. Regular meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., at Beckley's Hall. Local members and visiting brothers are cordially invited. JOHN GORDON, C. C. JULIUS AHLSTROM, K. R. C.