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## WELCOME TO SPRING

WINTER LINGERED long in the lap of Spring—so long in fact that Spring was just about crowded out of the picture. The last day or two gives us hopes that Spring has decided to stand up and assert herself. Which reminds us of the conundrum—where does your lap go when you stand up? Anyhow we are delighted with the warm pleasant days we are now favored with.

## SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

AS LONG AS WE GO ON having children and increasing the population of the city by an influx of people from the outside we will be up against the problem of financing additions to our school system.

Just now, while we are in a state of transition the problem is particularly acute. Our finances for all purposes are inadequate and we feel the pinch of distress in all departments.

Nevertheless the requirements of schools cannot be sidetracked. We are now close to the point where a portion of our children will have to be placed on half day sessions. Next fall the trouble will be acute in all departments.

Nothing but loss and additional trouble can be expected from a policy of delay. The emergency can best be met right now, by voting the bond issue next Saturday. The school board has, we believe, handled the funds entrusted to them through the bond issue of three years ago wisely and well. They are doing their best to meet the troublesome situation in a way to conserve the best interests of the community. We have elected them to carry out a constructive policy in our schools and we are under obligations to vote the necessary bonds so that our school system can be made as near adequate as is possible in "these changing times."

And we should remember that what now seems to be considerable of a burden will be borne by the much larger and richer community into which the fates are changing us.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

THE ORATORICAL CONTESTS with the Constitution of the United States as the moving subject, which are participated in each year by pupils from practically every high school in the United States, are doing more to insure the stability and endurance of our government

than any form of education ever undertaken.

The thousands who enter these contests must of necessity study the subject. The principles of government upon which the Constitution is based are becoming known to hundreds of thousands. The spirit of loyalty and patriotism is increasing to a marked degree. Real Americanism is being promoted.

In Las Vegas High School we have a group of young people preparing to compete with the other high schools in this district contest. Parents should give their encouragement to the young folks engaged in this work in every possible way.

## SUNRISE SERVICE

EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICES have become the custom of nearly every community in America. Las Vegas, as usual, will hold its Sunrise Services on the hill near the old ranch near north Fifth street. A real inspiration comes from these novel services and all who will take the small trouble of attending will find themselves amply rewarded in more ways than one.

## FULL ASSURANCE

THOSE CONTEMPLATING any enterprise in Las Vegas may proceed with their plans with full assurance that the Boulder Canyon project is proceeding with all the speed possible. With all the powers of the government behind it the project cannot be defeated or delayed.

It will prove much cheaper and better for all concerned if those contemplating building or investment do so now while things are comparatively quiet.

The "boom" has not yet started. We have had some premonitory symptoms, to be sure, but the real movement to Las Vegas is yet to begin.

In the meantime, those who are on the ground have a great advantage if they will grasp it.

## ROCK GAS VS. NEW GAS MAINS

The readers of the Age will doubtless be interested, as we were, in reading the advertisement of the Clark County Gas Company in this issue.

We have wondered, vaguely, why it is not feasible to manufacture gas and distribute it to customers through mains here, as in most cities.

The answer, judging by the figures given by the Clark County Gas Company, is that the volume of business in Las Vegas is too small to carry the interest charges and overhead on the investment in gas mains. That, when the city reaches a size to have the requisite number of consumers, conditions are changed so that distribution by mains is cheaper.

Whether the people would be any better off by the premature building of a gas plant and mains is a question worth consideration. At least it forms an interesting problem.

## PERSONAL

Miss Maude Frazier expects to move into one of her new houses Saturday. She has recently completed two bungalows on Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheerin have sold their bungalows on Fifth street to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Johnson of the Nevada Bakery. The Sheerins still occupy one of the houses.

Mrs. Marve Heinnecke of Los Angeles has been the guest of Mrs. Earl Davison the past week. She plans to return home Saturday.

Mrs. Sana Blodel White of Los Angeles was in Las Vegas Tuesday looking after her property interests.

Mrs. R. M. Wilson expects to leave for Los Angeles Saturday where she will spend a few days.

## About New York

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., gave a half dozen newspaper folk a sample of a Reno party at his Park avenue apartment the other night.

Vanderbilt, who is almost a stranger to New York since he took up residence on a ranch near the mouth of the Colorado more than two years ago, has written a novel about divorce colony revelry. This intruder on the scene of the Reno Alumni association's first meeting therefore feels duty bound to report that the reunion of Nevada's three-month citizens was hardly a revel.

"Our Motto: Be Discreet," read a placard which probably explained the absence of undue exuberance among those whom several bonds paradoxically had brought together. Some 60 society divorcees and divorcés (explained by another sign as meaning "gentleman") did get together with some degree of well-bred celebration, but there was no hilarity. Even, at least, in the presence of the young boys and girls, who could not entirely disguise themselves in dinner jackets and party gowns.

There was some ping-pong playing, and a little dancing. Most of the time, however, was devoted to renewal of acquaintances made at the courthouse stone in Reno, which is said to be pink-smudged by the ritualistic kisses of the newly free.

Vanderbilt sat on the floor and told all about it—how everybody in the colony becomes acquainted through the propinquity, how the impecunious pay their way through the divorce court by working during the three months of required residence, and how some, like himself, become so fond of the place that they stay there. Then the host read the palms of the women reporters, displaying, one of them said, exceptional knowledge of heart-lines and such.

Vanderbilt's new wife, the former Mrs. Mary Davidson of Chicago, was not at the party, but was in Reno recuperating from a case of influenza. They were married there after Vanderbilt divorced his first wife, who was Rachael Littleton.

Like the hero of his book, Vanderbilt is greatly interested in aviation. After one more party in New York he was bound for Washington to talk over with government officials some project having to do with flying. After that he intended to return to his ranch.

Dream City Leaving steam-heated luxury in an early morning snowstorm, this reporter had a view of Manhattan that was worth staying up till dawn to see. Everything was white-covered, and the streets twinkled prettily under their lights, like a Christmas card's tinselled snowscape. It was, as the taxi driver remarked, unreal. But when he woke up some hours later the hastily recruited army of emergency shovelers already had destroyed the illusion.

## GOODWILL CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

The Union Pacific Good Will Club will meet at 7:15 Friday evening at the Majestic theater for a program of music and lectures.

George C. Brophy, of Omaha, special representative of President Carl Gray will address the meeting.

The music, which will precede the lecture, will consist of solos by J. F. Corey and W. F. Stone, and music by the Union Pacific orchestra.



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# To The Public

THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY RUMORS ABOUT ESTABLISHING A GAS PLANT AND LAYING THE MAINS IN LAS VEGAS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE GIVEN AN INTELLIGENT ANSWER. TO PUT IN A GAS PLANT AND LAYING THE MAINS SO AS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC EFFICIENTLY WOULD COST \$150,000 DOLLARS, THE INTEREST ON WHICH AT 7 PER CENT WOULD BE \$10,500 PER ANNUM IN ADDITION TO THE OVERHEAD OF RUNNING THE PLANT, MAKING THE COST OF GAS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITIVE. UNTIL THE TOWN IS SETTLED AND HAS AT LEAST 10,000 POPULATION. IT IS FOLLY TO TALK ABOUT A GAS PLANT. THE PRICE OF ROCK GAS WHICH WE ARE NOW DISTRIBUTING IS WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL AND A CAREFUL STUDY WILL CONVINC ANYONE TO THAT EFFECT.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A BEAUTIFUL NEW LINE OF WEDGEWOOD STOVES BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR ROCK GAS AND SOLD AT MODERATE PRICES. DO NOT LISTEN TO SILLY RUMORS ON THE STREET ABOUT THE COST OF ROCK GAS. COME TO OUR OFFICE AND WE WILL SATISFY YOU THAT ROCK GAS IS THE CHEAPEST AND BEST FUEL FOR YOU TO USE. WE PROVE THIS STATEMENT BY OVER 250 CLIENTS WHO ARE NOW USING ROCK GAS.

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