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THE AGE HAS MOVED

TO MOVE A NEWSPAPER is no small undertaking, but the Age is moved. The issue of last Saturday evening was printed successfully on the Duplex web perfecting press just installed in the new plant. The rest of the multitudinous accumulation of the past 24 years was moved Saturday night and the time since has been devoted to strenuous attempts to find something.

In due time, we hope, everything will be found and the whole business will be running more efficiently than ever before.

The present editor of the Age bought it in May 1908 when Las Vegas seemed to be lagging. We had one hope—to make the paper a stimulus to Las Vegas; to aid in its future; to encourage its enterprise; in short, to tell the world the truth about Las Vegas and its latent resources.

In making the important changes we have now undertaken we are actuated by the same motives, intensified, as before. We have seen many of our hopes realized. Step by step we have encouraged the infant city to step out on uncertain feet. We can recall some of the more decisive steps, some of which at the time were difficult to take. There was raising money to try for artesian water; county division; incorporation; sewer bonds; grammar school bonds; high school bonds; court house; sidewalks; street lighting; street lights. Most of these movements were started; all of them it supported month after month, sometimes in the face of much discouragement, until they were realized.

All of them were worth while. With each of them the city advanced with new vigor. None of them we regret. To the Age, it has seemed worth while: If not much else we have a pleasant sense of accomplishment every time we look out over Las Vegas.

But our task has just begun. The great development is ahead. The most important problems of the lusty young city are yet to be solved before young Las Vegas is full grown.

It is the hope and ambition of the Age to be of assistance in the great days to come. To that end we are building.

So we are getting settled in our new plant ready for the fray. More than 20 years ago the Age called Las Vegas "The City of Destiny." Of that great destiny we are now more certain than ever before and we intend to stick to the old job and help to prove it.

SEVEN TO ONE

THE RESULT of the school bond election which gave a vote of more than seven to one in favor of the bonds is reassuring to every forward looking citizen of Las Vegas. It proves that they have courage to meet the requirements of the new era which is upon us.

Which reminds us to say as we have said sometimes before—a people can make of their city what they will. It is the spirit that makes a city after all.

STREET LIGHTS

NOW, while we are in the business of looking forward, how can we hope that Las Vegas will become great and brilliant with only the long since outgrown system of street lights.

Not long ago we made travel across the continent and back. The home coming was just before Christmas and the nights were long, so as the train moved through the evenings we looked out at many little cities like Las Vegas, some of them half lighted and dismal, most of them brilliant with well lighted streets, some of them glorious in colored lights and signs with a great lighted out of door Christmas tree in the principal street.

It does not take any guess work to tell which ones are the up-and-doing, progressive, prosperous, growing cities. One could safely bet seven hundred dollars that, by daylight, these cities with poor street lighting are shabby and backward, business at a standstill and nothing ahead. Those with brilliantly lighted streets of course are surging ahead, with high hopes and good business.

But one could gamble his last dollar that those cities which are great or small, with lighted Christmas trees and arches of colored lights over the streets are the best of all. They are good places to live in and do business. They are prosperous and growing and their people have the spirit to accomplish what they will.

The high spirit of a people is indomitable. It has built our great cities sometimes in spite of great natural obstacles. The spirit, high and ambitious, of Las Vegas will create here a city which will fulfill our dream of destiny.

THE AGE READS the decision of Judge Edwards in the recall proceedings, a recall petition is a peculiar thing. Once it is filed with your name attached it is an irrevocable act so far as you are concerned. No matter if you were induced to sign by misrepresentation or otherwise and see fit to change your mind your name must stay on.

Furthermore, the clerk seems to have no duty to ascertain if those whose names are signed are entitled to vote or not. More peculiar still, it seems that any old list is sufficient provided it has the required number of names and there is no provision for ascertaining whether they are genuine signatures or not.

It would seem natural, in a proceeding of so important a nature, that the clerk, or somebody in authority, should exercise the most painstaking care to check the petition with the list of those entitled to vote; and to remove the names of those who have seen fit to change their minds; also to see that the signatures are genuine. The same precautions against fraud should be taken if it would seem as those so wisely thrown about the exercise of the ballot in an election and the petition when effective should represent the will of the voters even if some of them have seen fit to change their minds during the recall campaign.

GENTLE SPRING

ONCE OR TWICE during the past month or two the Age ventured to remark that "spring has come." But our pretensions to prophecy were rudely shattered. Timid-



About New York

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
NEW YORK, April 2.—They are reading fortunes in beauty shops these days; well, in one of them at least.

Peggy Price told me about it. The women, she said, take tea with their manicures and while the hands are being prettied a synthetic gypsy reads the leaves in the bottom of the cup.

Peggy, who prefers Paris and Montmartre, where she used to live, to New York and Forty-second street, where she has a tea room, is in the prognosticating racket herself. A year ago, when another tea room started telling its patrons about their future, Peggy, as the Mysterious Maxine, served as hostess and scanned the portentous dregs. Then she decided to go into business for herself.

Now she has with her a principal mystic, Flossie MacKinnon of Aberdeen. Flossie a year ago was Janet, but a reporter wrote a story about her in which he called her "Flossie." The other girls in the tea room took it up, and the customers, so that now she is Flossie MacKinnon.

Bad News

It was Flossie, in gypsy garb, who read this skeptic's tea leaves. And what fate holds in store for me? She wouldn't tell me, but there certainly was trouble lurking in the Oolong.

Two cups of tea I drank in the hope of getting a break. But there it was in the second cup, too—that ominous cross. When it first appeared, Flossie said:

"You know, my people in Scotland were miners. They never failed to read their tea cups, and they drank a lot of tea.

"Well, if one of them saw a cross in his breakfast cup he just wouldn't go into the mines that day!"

(Not a bad idea, I thought. I'll tell the editor about that. "Say, Bill, I was doubled-crossed today, so I won't be down.")

There were, of course, other omens, carefully pointed out by Flossie, who, I must say, had a good imagination when it came to seeing airplanes and hearts and cats. There were ships, meaning voyages (how I love to travel); women sitting with their backs toward me, which meant no good; a cat, representing an "open enemy" (come outside, you big bum!) and a vacant chair. Not very promising.

Perhaps it was due to the vibrations. The drinker's vibrations determine the arrangement of leaves, Peggy explained. Mine, after a week-end of parties, must have been strong enough to register on a seismograph somewhere.

Due, however, to careless stirring of the sugar, there were a few gleaming particles that meant money. Not much, I was told, but money, at any rate.

Women Like It

While I was learning of dire things to come, two stenographers from a nearby office came in. They had just 15 minutes to spare and wanted their fortunes read in a hurry. It sounded as though they were having better luck, especially in matters of the heart.

A good many women have their fortunes read in the tea rooms, Peggy said. There is no charge and the girls must refuse the fees if they offered them. If they accepted, they would violate a law which the police enforce with great vigilance.

MOTHER-IN-LAW SITS AS LAWMAKER'S COLLEAGUE

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 2.—A member of the Massachusetts legislature now has a fellow legislator as his mother-in-law.

John Kendall Joy, Jr., is a representative in the state legislature. He was married recently to Miss Lydia Brigham. Mrs. Fred Brigham, mother of the bride, is likewise a member of the state house of representatives, chosen from district adjoining that of Representative Joy.

It is believed that Joy and Mrs. Brigham are the only legislators in the country related to one another as son-in-law and mother-in-law.

ly and with reservations we again remark that, judging by the past day or two, there are indications of spring. We do not wish to mislead, however, and we hereby disclaim any ambitions as a soothsayer or a prophet. Just go out and test the weather for yourselves and lay the old overcoat and the red flannels away or otherwise as you think best. We disclaim any responsibility for the weather from now on.

STREET PAVING

THE WORK OF IMPROVING the streets of Las Vegas is really under way, the first actual construction by the contractor being the installation of the storm drain on Fifth street.

It has been said "All things come to him who waits." We have waited patiently for more than two years and still retain our high hope that Las Vegas will ultimately have improved streets.

MUCH BUILDING

NEVER in the history of Las Vegas, not even during the hectic days following the auction sale of lots in May 1905, has there ever been so much building activity as now.

It is a gratifying thing to see Las Vegas so vigorously preparing for the future. And it is obvious that the future will be satisfying in proportion to our preparations. We are setting the stage for the great play upon which the curtain will rise when actual construction on the Boulder Dam begins.

MOTOR CAR BUILDERS IN WORLD STRUGGLE

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP)—An international struggle for supremacy in the world motor car market is developing between the principal manufacturers of the United States and those of England, France, Italy and Germany.

The Ford company's energetic efforts to plant subsidiaries at strategic points throughout Europe has spurred the General Motors corporation to contemplate counter-measures. Well informed Wall street sources understand that an additional flotation of shares in the Ford company of Germany, amounting to \$800,000, will soon be made.

It is reported that an alliance is being formed between the General Motors corporation and the largest French motor car concern, the Citroen company. It is accepted as fact by Wall street that President Sloan of the General Motors corporation is undertaking by the purchase of European companies or by agreements with them to prepare for Ford's invasion of Europe.

'LEAGUE OF NATIONS' FIGHT PLAN OFFERED

BERLIN, April 2. (AP)—No pugilist should be acclaimed world champion unless he has first become champion in his own country. In the opinion of Heinz Michaelis, veteran German sports writer.

He believes the best interests of the boxing sport are not served if financially powerful American managers can determine what fighters shall be matched against each other to determine world championships.

"There should be a system similar to that by which European championships are determined," Michaelis writes. "Nobody can today become European champion unless he is champion in his own country. Why should the world title be awarded on a different basis?"

"Only he who fulfills all his duties towards his own country should be entitled to earn world purses."

Michaelis regrets that Max Schmeling won't fight Ludwig Haymann, the Munich pugilist, for the all-German title.

BRAZIL TESTS ALCOHOL FOR AUTOMOBILE FUEL

WASHINGTON, April 2. (AP)—Experiments to find a cheaper substitute for gasoline are being carried on in Pernambuco, Brazil, according to advices received by the department of commerce from its commercial attaché at Rio de Janeiro.

Analysis of tests made with straight gasoline, alcohol and a mixture of alcohol, ether and gasoline on an American car showed that the specially prepared Alagoas mixture, composed of the three constituents, was cheapest. The car could be run a mile with the specially prepared fuel at about two-thirds the cost of gasoline.

Alcohol was considerably cheaper than gasoline, but was not as efficient as the special mixture. The principal objections to the use of alcohol were found to be gumming of valves and cylinders, knocking, production of smoke and its high ignition point.

MISSOURI LAWMAKERS PROTECT BULLFROGS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 2. (AP)—The state legislature intends that Missouri's bullfrogs shall be protected, even at the expense of higher prices for frog legs.

The lower house has passed a bill to limit the open season on bullfrogs from May 1 to July 1. Except between those dates, catching, taking or selling bullfrogs is prohibited.

STUDIO CHANGES OVER TO TALKIES EXCLUSIVELY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 2. (Special)—Within 48 hours after the announcement made last week that Fox Films is soon to terminate the making of silent pictures and devote its efforts exclusively to Fox Movietone production studio workmen began transforming five of the eight stages on the Western avenue lots from silent to sound proof structures.

This work is to be speeded as much as possible so that these stages in which have been made the Fox plays in the past may be utilized as an adjunct to the \$10,000,000 Fox Movietone plant.

Physical Task Pleasant Under Washington Plan



Physical culture at the University of Washington is a pleasant task under the plan instituted by Miss Mary E. Gross, director, who is shown above demonstrating a "corrective" exercise.

SEATTLE, April 2. (AP)—Modern science is sweeping the dumb-bells out of women's athletics.

So says Miss Mary E. Gross, director of the department of physical education at the University of Washington.

And as a result, Miss Gross declares, the young woman who goes to college comes out healthier and with greater love for athletics than ever before.

"Dumb bells, Indian clubs and similar paraphernalia have been swept out of our gymnasiums and to the rubbish heap where all obsolete things belong," she says. "The day of the old style, orthodox calisthenics, when a large group of girls were herded on a floor and guided through a series of dilly-dozen exercises is gone.

"Today we have athletics activities scientifically designed to do a girl more good physically; and they have the added advantage of arousing the girl's enthusiasm in wholesome exercise, in training for individual and team play, in leadership, in artistic expression with the body and in things aesthetic, such as can be derived from natural and interpretive dancing."

The department of women's physical education was established at the University in 1885. A recent investigation revealed that four years later the department instituted the first teacher-training course in physical education in any state university.

Since that time 125 girls have been graduated as teachers. More than 1600 girls are receiving physical education, of which 110 are taking four year teaching courses. A new \$300,000 building has been erected for the department.

Physical examinations are given all entering girls, including a "posture" photograph to disclose any need for corrective gymnastics. From time to time other "posture" photographs are taken to show the progress of the exercises.

"Competitive athletics is not encouraged among the women," says Miss Gross. "In the first place that gives the more skillful the greatest amount of play, and second, it places the girls under a high tension which they cannot endure as well as the men.

"The play day plan is followed. It is designed to teach the girls to play with each other instead of against each other, thereby giving everyone equal attention and the same amount of recreation."

Many Towns Have Radio Laws To Keep Neighborhood Peace

WASHINGTON, April 2. (AP)—To preserve the peace of the neighborhood and to protect both the listener and non-listener, several states and cities have invoked the police power in the regulation of radio.

A survey of these laws and ordinances taken by the legal department of the federal radio commission discloses a wide variety of legislation designed to curb interference, protect the public from the din of loud speakers, prevent fires, restrict the location of broadcasting stations and govern the installation of transmitting and receiving sets.

Detroit has one of the most drastic ordinances. The operation of a noise making or noise amplifying instrument by which the peace of the neighborhood is disturbed is made a nuisance and the operation of any radio in any public or private place which disturbs or annoys persons owning or occupying property in the neighborhood is a misdemeanor.

Oakland, Cal., has a similar ordinance and Memphis has drafted an ordinance to regulate the use of receivers in business establishments. The proposed law exempts musical instruments in the home.

Spokane has a typical ordinance. It makes unlawful the operation of any instrument which causes electrical interference with radio reception between 5 p.m. and midnight. X-ray pictures or examinations are allowed in cases of emergency.

A Minneapolis ordinance provides that no broadcasting station may be operated within the city

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