

BODIES OF AVIATORS FOUND

First Night Airplane on New Schedule Carries Record Mail Cargo

WESTERN AIR EXPRESS OPENS NIGHT SERVICE

Added Transcontinental Mail Service Means Much To Las Vegas.—Larger Field Needed.

More than 500 air mail covers destined to be saved and sold and hoarded by stamp collectors in years to come as missives among the first to leave Las Vegas by regularly-scheduled night air mail service went out in a special pouch last night.

Post office clerks were kept busy yesterday for hours preparing the historic pouch, which contained letters sent from all parts of the country to be mailed on the initial trip.

Zooming out of a dark sky, the big Boeing ship, piloted by "Jimmy" James, veteran pilot of the Western Air Express, landed at the Vegas Airport last night on scheduled time, and a few minutes later was off again for the next stop, Salt Lake City.

This new mail service will bring the Pacific Coast within one business day of New York. The regular passenger service will be continued as in the past.

Recently the Western Air Express reduced its fares one third which resulted in a great increase in the mode of travel.

With this increase in air transportation for Las Vegas, we are impressed all the more by the urgent need of a more modern air-field and hope that the time will not be far off when we can boast of a field second to none.

The east bound mail arrives here at 9 p. m. and the west-bound at 2:15 a. m.

YELLOW KITTEN HELPS SMASH RECORD FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES

With a tiny yellow kitten as "best man," a couple from Utah, being re-married after three years of separation, Saturday brought the month of April 1929 up neck and neck with the month holding the record for number of marriage licenses secured in this county.

And the other applicants filed into the office of the county clerk bent on placing their confessions to Cupid into immortal print, one after another, Saturday and yesterday, smashing the previous record all to smithereens!

Thus it is proved that no matter how good a record or a man may be, another will come along and prove itself or himself better.

"I'm immeasurably happy that we succeeded in breaking the record," said Deputy Clerk Dorothy Keeler happily, when interviewed yesterday.

"But I was mortified to think we had to depend on folks from other states to put us over the top. The three other couples were all from California.

'COME ON, RED,' FIREMEN REPLY TO CHALLENGE

Fire Chief Accepts "Eagles Challenge Team's" Defy to Unnamed Contest to Benefit Injured Athletes.

"Come on, Red!" That's the red-hot answer hurled at the "Eagles Challenge Team" in reply to the challenge broadcast by Red Jackson in the last issue of The Age.

"We're rarin' to go and we've got more nerve accidentally than the Eagles team have on purpose," Fire Chief Harold Case asserted vehemently and positively, but good-naturedly, yesterday.

The challenge was issued by the "Challenge Team" for some sort of "fun frolic" or contest, the nature of which is "unknown to both sides" on Sunday next in the baseball park for the benefit of Loyd E. Ireland, wrestler who was recently injured in a match here, and C. R. Miller, rodeo rider whose ankle was broken during the rodeo held here recently.

According to the challenge, five Eagles headed by Jackson, who is pitcher of the Eagles' ball team, would meet five firemen in this unnamed contest, a small gate receipt to go to the benefit of these men.

Some of the firemen, at a meeting held Tuesday night, despite the fact that they were Eagles, said, "Bring on the Eagles, we're firemen!" according to Case. The whole gang of 16 volunteer firemen were at the meeting, he said and rarin' to go.

"We've heard rumors it is something concerned with horses. Well, if it is, we've got a bronc rider 'em up on anything," said Case.

The ball game with the Needles town team, set for Saturday, may have some effect on the holding of this stunt, some of the Eagles have stated.

OIL DRILLERS FIND GAS SIGNS

Having reached a depth of 350 feet, the operations in drilling for oil near Arden, being pushed by the Chas. R. Henderson company of Los Angeles, are being continued with a zest, according to Dr. Hatfield, local representative of the company.

The finding of a second indication of gas yesterday at the 315 foot level renewed the hope that there might be gas deposits of some import in the vicinity, according to Dr. Hatfield.

The first indications of gas came several days ago, and this time came still stronger.

BELL TELEPHONE ADVANCE CREW NOW AT VEGAS

Model Camp for Convenience of Workmen is Established at the Vegas Ranch.

"The sting of a hard day's work on the desert is all forgotten when the workmen return at night to all the comforts of home, with a meal furnished by Chef O. W. Woodson," said Mr. C. P. Francisco, of the engineering department of the Bell Telephone Company.

The engineering crew comprises twenty-one men headed by Walter G. Frazee. Their camp has been established at the Vegas ranch where the work will be conducted for the next month or so.

A trip through this camp, with model kitchen, dining room, store house and sleeping quarters, will give one some idea of what great institutions are doing for the comfort of their men who are required to move place to place in constructing new telephone lines.

Electricity is furnished by a small plant carried on one of the trucks. In the store room will be found most anything that could be bought at one of our city stores, and of the best quality.

Mr. E. C. Johnson, who has charge of the transportation of the engineering crew, stated that the construction train is now about ten miles this side of Yermo and is making good progress.

WOODARD GETS FINE NEW WELL

A fine flow of water was brought in yesterday by J. Warren Woodard at his property at the junction of Main and Fifth streets.

This flow was encountered at a depth of only 150 feet and is sufficient to take care of the entire needs of the development of this property. Mr. Woodard plans quite extensive improvements to this property in the near future.

CHURCH NOT BLAMED BY GIL

MEXICO CITY, May 1 (AP)—President Portes Gil, in a public statement, said today that he did not consider that the Roman Catholic church, as an institution, was responsible for the military revolution that has just collapsed.

He added that some "servants of the church" in Jalisco, Michoacan and Guanajuato, forgetting their Christian morals, had committed acts of banditry under the pretext of defending doctrines of their church.

He declared that the government attitude on the remote questions was unchanged. Priests may return to their churches and resume public service whenever they desire "if they obey Mexico's laws."

MAYDAY MOBS CAUSE HAVOC

By Associated Press

Eight dead and seventy injured—six hundred arrests in Berlin. Several dead, many injured at parades, outdoor oratory in rural France and from South and Central America of exceptional quiet.

Construction of a final 700-mile stretch would extend the Pacific coast highway from Mexico to the Arctic Circle.

Storms and Floods Hit Midwest



Missouri and Kansas have been hard hit by tornadoes and heavy rains which caused rivers to rise out of their banks, causing thousands of dollars in damages. The picture above illustrates the severity of the storm at Bolivar, Mo. The owner of the home suffered a broken back. Below, floods in the Kaw Valley near Menoken, Kas. are shown. The two boys on horseback have just carried feed to the cows on the elevation in the background.

Choice Entertainment Is Critic's Judgement of Play

Editor's Note: This review of the recent dramatic presentation, "It Pays to Advertise," was written for The Age by a man whose experience with things theatrical renders him a capable critic, Dr. Wm. S. Park.

The names of the business firms sponsoring the play were revealed in a series of pertinent and pointed remarks made between acts by Dr. O. D. Thomas. They are:

Boulder Realty Corporation, John P. Mills Organization, First State Bank, H. Blanding, B. B. Tankel Organization, Troy Steam Laundry, Will Beckley, Las Vegas Stock Exchange, Las Vegas Hospital, Gold Ace Mining Company, Las Vegas Journal, A. C. Grant, Las Vegas Pharmacy, R. W. Thomas, T. M. Carroll, James Cashman, W. E. Houck, A. W. Ham, J. Warren Woodard, C. E. Pembroke.

OUR COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Dr. William S. Park

If you were present last Tuesday evening at the presentation of that delightful comedy "It Pays to Advertise" you witnessed not only one of the choicest entertainments our town has enjoyed for a long time, and so splendidly presented, too; but also the enthusiasm and inspiration of a packed house that cheered—and clapped—and laughed—and laughed in a way that would have done your heart good.

Perhaps Mr. Street is to be congratulated that our people gave him such encouragement, but I contend that we are the ones to be most congratulated that we may have this opportunity in the future to enjoy such evenings again and again. We bid you Godspeed, Mr. Street, and will not disappoint you if it is hard to over-estimate the debt our community owes to the men and women who have given us such entertainment and recreation.

The play itself opened fresh as the dew gates of a beautiful day and was presented in a masterly and most beautiful way by each of the actors. It is difficult to individualize in this instance. It seemed as if each one was born

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CITY TAX CUT, EVALUATION IS 40 PCT. MORE

Budget for 1929 Shows Huge Increase in Values; Realty 76 Per Cent Higher; Tax Is .035 Less.

A forty per cent increase in evaluation of Las Vegas property and a .035 reduction in tax rate per \$100 are the two outstanding features of the 1929 city budget, released yesterday by City Clerk William Scott.

The street assessment is raised from 263 to 552 withal. The totals on assessed valuation are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Actual 1928, Est. 1929. Rows include Realty, Improvements, Personal, Totals, Less Exemptions, Net Totals, Tax Rates Per \$100 1.20.

The complete budget will be published in the legal notice column of the Age at an early date.

The 40 per cent increase in evaluation is an unusual phenomenon. It is pointed out, such an enormous increase in one year cannot be an index showing the tremendous growth and prosperity of Las Vegas in the past year, it was stated.

AVIATORS PHONE FROM AIRPLANE

NEW YORK, May 1 (UP)—A two-way conversation with a New York news room was carried on today from an airplane which circled over New Jersey at a height of 2500 feet.

The experiment, which was carried out with the cooperation of the Western Electric company and the Bell Telephone laboratories, was pronounced a success.

EDISON LOOKING FOR UNDERSTUDY

ORANGE, N. J., May 2, (UP)—Thomas A. Edison is looking for some rising young genius to develop through the offering of a college scholarship, providing tuition for a four year course.

The youth who submits the best answers to a questionnaire will be given this boon. It was announced recently by Charles Edison, son of the electrical wizard.

TWO BUILDINGS ARE ENLARGED

Eight new apartments and nine new offices have been added to this city's housing facilities by the completion of the reconstruction of the office-and-apartment building of J. T. Watters on North Second street.

The lower floor of the building has been transformed from a single store to nine offices, and the upstairs has been changed from eight rooms to eight apartments, stated Contractor J. C. Jesse yesterday.

The new addition to Mayor J. Fred Hesse's office across the street from Watters' building, also is completed, by the same contractor, enlarging the office space from 20 by 40 to 25 by 60 feet. Finishing will be completed about May 4, Jesse stated.

JUDGMENT ON RECALL PUT OFF UNTIL MAY EIGHTH

The judgment in the matter of the attempt being made to recall Mayor J. Fred Hesse has been postponed again to May 8, because of the inability of Judge Edwards of Ely to be here on the date set for the judgment.

TODAY'S WORST YARN BY A DAM SITE

Perfume or a horse—take your choice. A most unusual bit of horse-trading took place in Las Vegas this week end.

It seems the trader wanted to trade off a horse—wanted to trade him off badly—not that it was a bad horse, but that he wanted to keep business moving!

He was so intent upon selling or trading one of his herd of steeds to Harry Sherwin, proprietor of a local cosmetics shoppe that he "called Sherwin's bluff" when the latter offered to trade him perfume for the quadruped.

Only hitch was that after Sherwin had tied the horse out in his back yard and spent a night in slumber he went out to find the end of the rope dangling with no horse on the end.

"The poor beast got lonely and went back to the gang for the night," said Sherwin. "I'll get him in a day or so."

HAWKINS MAY NOT ACCEPT STATE TAX JOB

Local Business Man Given Appointment to Nevada Commission to Succeed Phil Gillson.

W. E. Hawkins, Las Vegas business man appointed to the state tax commission yesterday by Governor Balzar, stated at 9:30 last night that he had not as yet made up his mind whether he would accept the appointment.

Declining to state what the considerations were, Hawkins would not say whether he was leaning toward accepting or toward refusing, stating simply that he would know in the morning.

Too Many Republicans

Hawkins was appointed to this post to succeed Phil Gillson, and the reason for the change is supposed to be an even balance politically on the commission, while there were too many Republicans on at this time.

Hawkins is president and a large stockholder in the Hawkins Land and Water company, besides being a director of the First State Bank. He was county assessor for several years up to two years ago.

Second Mayor

He was second mayor of Las Vegas having come here from California in 1905. He was in the dry goods business for some time, having sold his business to Adecock and Rinnow.

There are eight members on the tax commission, two of whom are ex-officio, the governor and the chairman of the public service commission.

STUCCO COURT TO BE BUILT

Karl Gantner, contractor, formerly of Hollywood, plans to start the construction of a court of a dozen modern stucco cottages on his property at Tenth and Bridger some time next week, it was learned yesterday.

George Clark, formerly of Los Angeles, partner of Gantner, is doing the designing for the buildings.

Gantner will bring the water and electricity connections to the court on his own initiative, he stated, and, after the completion of this court, which will occupy 6 1/2 front feet of his 125 footage, he plans later to build another similar court for the other 6 1/2 section.

The cottages will have bath and modern conveniences, stated the contractor, who has been in this city about five months, and whose temporary location is at Woodard's camp. Gantner built the first apartment house near the Warner Brothers' studio in Hollywood, thus pioneering in that locality, he stated yesterday.

DIARY TELLS OF TRAGEDY TO 2 AIRMEN

Mystery of Southern Cross Rescue Plane is Revealed When Missing Ship is Found.

SYDNEY, Australia, May 1 (AP)—A rough diary, scribbled on the rudder of their rescue plane revealed today the tragedy of Robert Hitchcock and Keith Anderson, aviators, who attempted to locate the plane Southern Cross.

The rescue plane, found by a land party, was discovered with Hitchcock's body lying under one of the wings and the body of Anderson some forty yards away. The diary told of being forced down on account of engine trouble and of the days spent in an attempt to construct a runway, but that the lack of water made work impossible. Efforts were made to dig for water but without success.

Anderson left, looking for water after Hitchcock died, but apparently walked in circles until he perished.

LAS VEGAS TO BENEFIT FROM U. P. BUDGET

\$15,000,000.00 To Be Spent By Railway Between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City in Year.

Large payrolls and other large expenditures in the Los Angeles territory are included in the \$96,000,000 improvement and maintenance program of the Union Pacific System for 1929 just announced by Carl R. Gray, president.

Of the total amounts of the budget more than \$70,000,000 is applicable to the line operating from Los Angeles to the east and of this sum over \$15,000,000 is to be applied to that portion of the system between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. The total \$96,000,000 budget represents an increase of more than \$6,000,000 over last year and the ratio of increase for the lines between Salt Lake and Los Angeles is still greater.

Widening for future double tracking and lining with concrete of three tunnels in the vicinity of Caliente, Nevada, on the main line to Salt Lake City at a cost of \$500,000 is included in the program. Thirty bridges and culverts on this section are to be replaced with the most substantial sort of construction. Grade crossing elimination at several points is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000.

To Install Tracks

To permit of the more expeditious handling of the heavy freight trains operating to the east over the Union Pacific from Los Angeles, sixteen passing tracks between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City are to be installed. This work will involve the widening of cuts and embankments, new ballasting, rail replacements, additional yard and industry tracks, new improved water stations and other structures.

For the maintenance of equipment of the line between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, the sum of \$1,650,000 is provided and \$35,000,000 for the entire line between Los Angeles and the east.

Additional growth for the East Los Angeles shops of the system, now one of the largest of the transcontinental line, is also planned. One of these improvements to be a \$900,000 office building for the division superintendent and his assistants. The company payroll at the Los Angeles shops now totals \$375,000 monthly.

Purchase of 25 additional Union Pacific type locomotives will cost \$2,140,000 and new chair, dining observation and other cars for passenger equipment a further \$2,200,000.

Provision for Nevada increases are also seen in the shop payrolls at Caliente and Las Vegas which now aggregate \$150,000 monthly. At the latter point there is to be installed a 24-inch water main from the reservoir to the shops with larger connection to the present city distributing system to provide for the increasing population of the municipality.

BISHOP OF NEVADA HERE

The Rt. Rev. Thos. Jenkins, Bishop of Nevada, arrived in Las Vegas last evening and will visit this parish until Saturday.

He will hold confirmation services at Christ church Thursday evening.