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CHARLESTON MOUNTAINS

IN ALL THE WEST there is no more perfectly delightful mountain region than our own Charleston Mountains. For years the Age has preached its wonders and elaborated upon the great value it will ultimately have for the community as a place of rest and recreation.

Strangers, many of them, have been taken to Charleston Park and have been wonderfully impressed with its scenic wonders. One of them, Mr. Philip Johnston, has written a splendid article which is published in Touring Topics magazine for April. The Age is pleased to have permission to reprint it and our readers will find it in this issue. It is worth reading and passing on to your friends.

And thanks to you, Mr. Johnston, for your splendid appreciation of what we have long held dear.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

THE STEAM SHOVEL is busy tearing up our streets in preparation for the oil-bound gravel paving. We are in for a spell of inconvenience and our housewives will have an extra allowance of dust to contend with for the time being.

But when the improvement is completed the Age believes that the people will be almost a unit in their approval of the new conditions.

There has been some fear that it would be necessary to destroy some shade trees in doing the work. Such would seem entirely unnecessary and of course very undesirable. It would be entirely proper in most cases to modify the rigor of engineering specifications a trifle if by so doing a fine tree could be saved. It is done in many cities much larger than Las Vegas.

SHADE TREES

HUNDREDS of thousands of dollars of intrinsic value were added to the Las Vegas real property years ago when the "tree planting" campaigns sponsored by the Age were carried out. Some of the old-timers here will remember that the suggestion that trees be planted in the yards and on the streets was greeted with derision. There was not a tree on the Las Vegas townsite at that time and the limitless desert lay open to view whichever way we looked and our houses stood parched and burning with the heat of the summer sun.

The "smart" ones pooh-poohed the idea of trees in Las Vegas declaring that trees "would not grow" here. The first tree on the townsite was an accident. A woman had a post placed in the back yard to which to fasten her clothes line. It happened to be a cottonwood branch and it sent out a tuft of green. And the woman watered it and in the course of time it became a fine tree.

But even with this example people generally would not believe. Nevertheless a few set out cottonwood posts one year, more followed suit the next and so on until one could see quite a few tufts of green over the town. Then we had one grand tree-planting day, brought in Japanese umbrella trees from California and planted them or cottonwood posts along most of the streets. And we had the sorry spectacle of some of those pessimists in front of whose property the committee had planted trees letting them die for lack of a trifling attention. And we remember how a committee of women in their determination to grow trees in Vegas dragged their lengths of garden hose here and there over the town to water the trees in front of other people's property.

Anyhow we got trees and they changed the whole complexion of the town. Instead of a forbidding desolation, Las Vegas became a place of beauty. And strangers in town almost invariably comment on the attractive appearance of the city, due to the many trees.

Just what we are driving at is that the Age is not in sympathy with the idea of destroying any of our shade trees until they are replaced with something better. And when we hear someone complain because the "cotton trees" we have the wish that they might have spent the summer of, say 1905 in Vegas.

SPRING BLOSSOMS

SPRING BLOSSOMS of trees again, it is hard to think of anything more delightful than the Japanese umbrella shade tree, especially at this time of year. Just now they are filled with fronds of purple blossoms as fragrant almost as the lilac and the air is sweet with their perfume. If there is anything better qualified to ultimately replace the cottonwood we would like to know what it is.

And, have you seen our roses? But few people it seems realize that Las Vegas is well adapted to rose gardening and to the cultivation of some other varieties of flowers.

Oriental May Dominate World, If West Continues Birth Losses

PITTSBURGH, May 2. (P)—Eugenic factors for and against domination of the world by oriental races are enumerated by Prof. Roswell H. Johnson of the University of Pittsburgh in a report to the American Eugenics society. "The eugenic aspect of the orient," he says, "must interest us, since the western world has now entered into a rapid decline of the birth rate which is shared only in a minor degree as yet by the orient. This, together with a superior toleration of torrid temperatures by the Chinese and the East Indians, presages an orientalization of the world (especially if we include the semi-oriental, fecund Russian peasant)."

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Before long there will doubtless spring up a "Husband and Defense Association" composed of men whose wives loom considerably larger on the horizon of publicity than they do themselves.

The president of such a club might as well be Mr. Edward Everett Gann, but he can console himself with the fact that he is far from the first to become an item of public curiosity merely because of his wife's exploits.

Up in Jersey there is a man who is often called "Mr. Mary Norton," but not to his face. He is the husband of Congresswoman Norton. His real name is Robert Francis Norton and he is a Jersey City coal dealer. Mr. Norton has no desire to bask in reflected glory. He came down here when Congresswoman Norton was sworn in. Later he attended a White House reception and someone introduced him as "Mrs. Norton's husband." He took the next train, one hears, and hasn't been back since.

All over the country there are men in similarly helpless positions, now that emancipated women are stepping out. Everyone remembers how Mr. Norton was named?—wanted to beat up the editor of a paper which referred to him as "Mr. Ruth Elder." And how Charles G. Norris, husband of Kathleen Norris, was forced to learn how to write good novels like his wife, in self-defense. Mabel Walker Willebrandt's former husband is a grass widower now, but he might be allowed to join the club and probably would be glad to do so. No doubt his neighbors call him "the former Mr. Mabel Willebrandt."

Whatever is the matter with Congress it isn't the fact that the number of newspapermen and ex-newspapermen in its ranks isn't increasing.

A nose count reveals about 10, most of whom have been editors or publishers. Louis Ludlow, Washington correspondent of several newspapers, stepped out of the press gallery to get himself elected to the present House. The two Kansas senators have also served time in the press gallery. Arthur Capeer owns the Topeka Capital and other publications and Henry J. Allen is still identified with the Wichita Beacon. Senator Bronson Cutting is publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan was for many years editor and publisher of the Grand Rapids Herald. Senator George Higgins Moses of New Hampshire was editor of the Concord Evening Monitor for 16 years. Senator Gerald P. Nye edited a North Dakota newspaper, after previous experience in Wisconsin and Iowa. Congressman Edgar Howard of Nebraska published the Columbus Telegram and still writes daily pieces for it. Hugh Ike Shott, a new congressman from West Virginia, has been editor of the Bluefield Telegraph.

If anything ever happens to the congressional chaplains, Senator Frazier of North Dakota will be able to supply the deficiency. Preaching is the hobby of Frazier's secretary, Nelson A. Mason, who is also secretary of the Senate committee on Indian Affairs. Mason is not an ordained minister, but on several occasions he has filled the pulpit in Methodist, Baptist and Nazarene churches in Washington when the pastor was ill or away.

MRS. CLAYTON'S FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Blanch Clayton will be held at the L.D.S. church at 4 p.m. today with Bishop Bunker officiating.

Mrs. Clayton died April 28 at Maywood, California. She was born at Deseret, Utah in 1884. She leaves seven children besides her husband, Mr. Willard Clayton. The four sons are Lucien Western, Laurence Western, Melburn Clayton and Gene Clayton; the three daughters are Madge Western and Mrs. Ray Shaw of Las Vegas, and Mrs. Chas. Baker of Maywood, California. Her mother and father are living in Deseret, Utah, and her three brothers and six sisters all live in Utah.

Mrs. Clayton had lived in Las Vegas for eight years, having moved to Los Angeles two months ago. Members of the Eagles lodge will act as pallbearers at the funeral. Music will be by Al Stone and the L.D.S. choir. The body is at the Las Vegas Funeral Home.

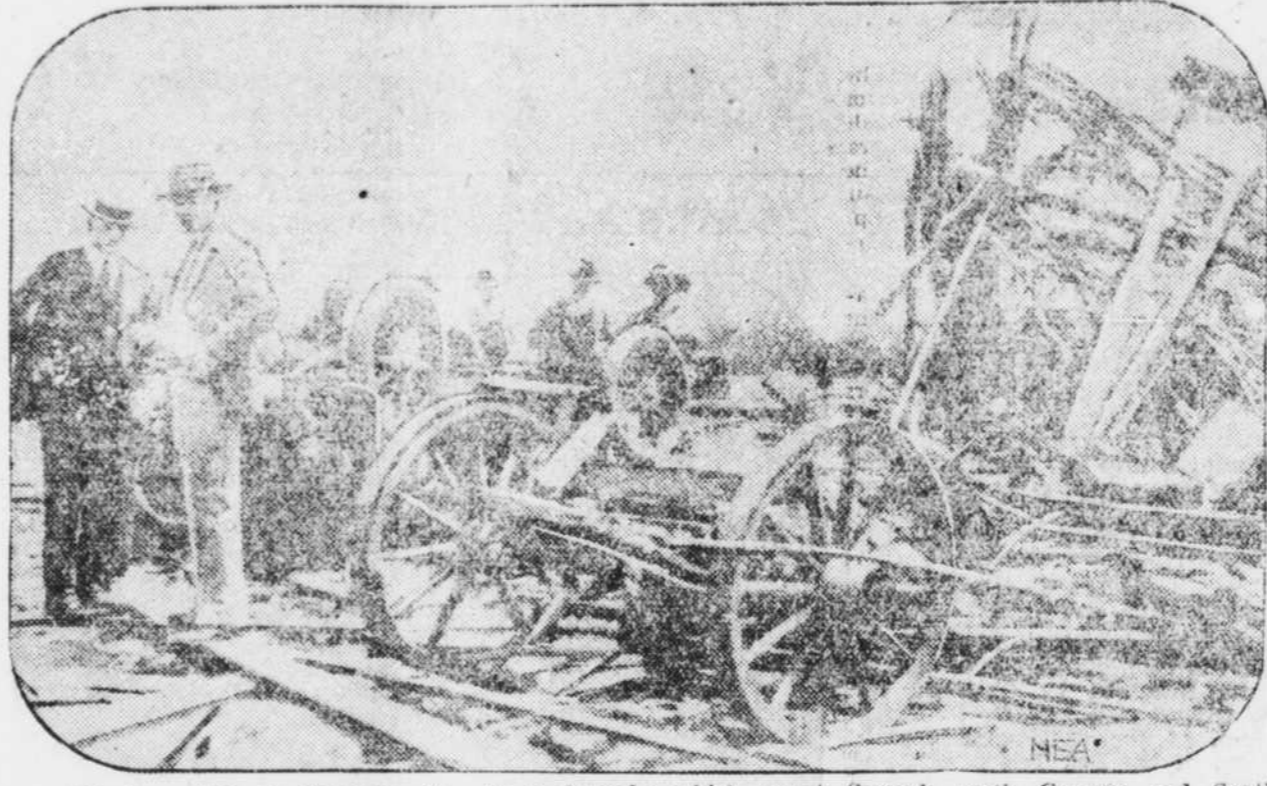
the very strong family unit there a resistance does the Chinese family system offer to the great wave of family limitation that is sweeping the western world so effectively? In China it is now evident that among those educated in the west, this resistance is not great.

Factors tending to limit the size of the race in China Dr. Johnson enumerates as including deaths from over-crowding, widespread brigandage and graft. Another barrier is the arranging of marriages by necromancers.

The Japanese, says Dr. Johnson, with "a strong, centralized, active, ambitious government of a people keenly race-conscious, highly unified and patriotic" has the "greatest opportunity" for an eugenic movement to preserve a high birth rate among the superior portion of the population and teach limitation to the ignorant.

"Consider," he says, "how such a people are bound to embrace a movement that can carry them up to a point where no western nation can look down upon them."

Relief Agencies Face Big Job in Tornado Area



Wreckage left at Cochran, Ga., by a tornado which swept through south Georgia and South Carolina, leaving a toll of more than 50 dead and 400 injured, is pictured above. Property damage in the two states ran into millions.

Seven persons were killed and scores injured when a windstorm struck the village of Slocum, Texas. The village, with the homes of its 300 people, was almost razed. Four children were killed when a wooden schoolhouse collapsed. The picture shows some of the wrecked homes.

NEVADA SHOWN IN GOOD SHAPE BY BANK ITEMS

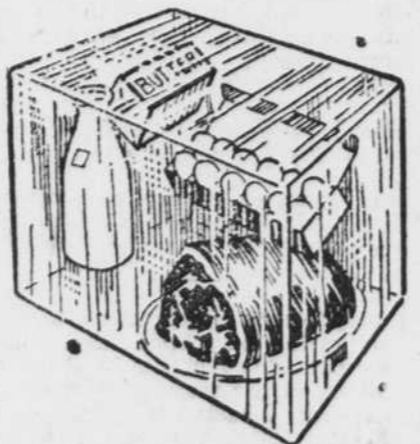
Financial Condition of State Unusually Healthy, Says Vice-President of Wingfield Banks.

Nevada's financial situation is in very healthy condition, in the opinion of Jerry Sheehan, vice president of the Wingfield banks, who bases his opinion on the combined statements of Nevada banks, as of March 27, when the last call for statements was made by both the national and state bank departments.

Deposits in 1927, the compilation shows, were \$39,711,000, while at this time they are \$44,034,975, and this is the season of the year when deposits are usually low. The peak of deposits, Sheehan says, is usually during November and December. Compared with a year ago, the deposits on March 27 of this year are slightly lower, but the statement of a year ago was compiled at a different time of year.

The combined, condensed statement of all Nevada banks, as compiled by Mr. Sheehan, is as follows:

| Resources | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$29,780,110.64 |
| Overdrafts | 141,449.25 |
| Stocks and bonds | 9,471,539.18 |
| Banking houses, furniture and fixtures | 2,895,374.68 |
| Other resources | 467,822.13 |
| Cash & sight exchange | 8,287,760.00 |
| | \$50,954,056.93 |
| Liabilities | |
| Capita l. | \$ 3,436,600.00 |



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NEW PLUMBING CONCERN OPENS

A new plumbing shop is being opened at 128 South Fifth by Taylor Brothers, formerly of Los Angeles and Glendale.

A new shop, which was built by the brothers, will soon be finished and a show-room completed. R. L. Taylor stated yesterday. The shop was built on a lot owned by them, and the duplex house on the lot is under lease, it was stated. The plumbing shop is now "occupied" by the new firm, but finishing work is going ahead. The show-room will be completed about May 12, it was stated.

R. L. Taylor and W. C. Taylor, the proprietors, have been in the business for the last 15 years. They will handle American Radiator products and Washington Enamel

and Vitreous ware. The firm did the work on the new Wilson residence on South Seventh.

EXPRESS DELIVERY STARTED
The American Railway Express started regular delivery in this city yesterday.

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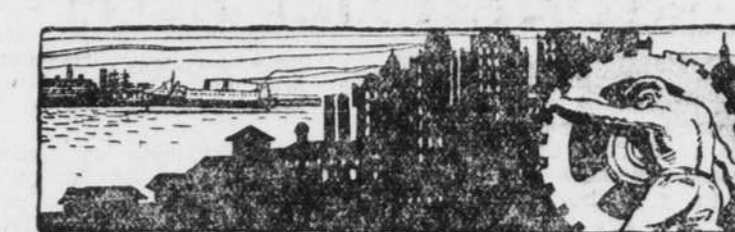
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MEMBERSHIPS are being offered in the Las Vegas Stock Exchange at a pre-opening price. We expect that the first allotment will be oversubscribed before a general offering is made. It is therefore very important that you act immediately if you desire to secure one at the first offering before the advance in price.

THE EYES OF THE NATION are turned upon Las Vegas and it is in answer that the Las Vegas Stock Exchange has been formed. The back country with its wonderful productive soil, abundant water supply and great mining and mineral deposits, will furnish a continued prosperity and development that the building of the Boulder Dam has begun.

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