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HEALTH NURSE

THERE is a very strong public sentiment in favor of retaining Miss Withers as health nurse. It is immaterial in the opinion of the Age whether she is in the employ of the schools or of the county. In either case the money comes out of the same pockets and the work she will do is for the benefit of the same people.

Miss Withers has performed valuable work and if the work is to be continued, it is obvious that she, with the knowledge and experience gained in previous years, would do it more efficiently than a stranger.

With our constant increase in population of all classes from all parts of the country the need for the services of a competent health nurse becomes still greater. It will prove a false economy to drop the work which has already proved its benefits. The prevention of even one case of virulent disease like scarlet fever would be ample compensation for a year's salary to the health nurse.

The Age believes that some means should be found to provide for a continuation of this work and that the way can be found to do so without any ill effects to other useful branches of the public service.

METROPOLITANISM

THE AGE has called attention from time to time to the increasing metropolitanism of Las Vegas.

Just now, it seems, we have arrived. Even Los Angeles could not boast a meaner rut in the pavement than that across Fremont at Fifth left after the excavation for the storm drain.

Ultimately, we have assumed, the thing will be fixed. But we wonder just what advantage there is in leaving it month after month a menace to the safety of motorists and a constant damage to cars.

FOURTH STREET CANAL

IT IS A MATTER OF REGRET that the unsightly cut on Fourth street could not have been eliminated from the specifications for paving grades. In our engineering ignorance it has seemed to the Age that a simple and inexpensive way could be found to provide the small drainage needed for a couple of blocks of street without tearing the whole community up by the roots.

It seems to the Age that the cut presents various disadvantages which are in no wise compensated for by the enforcement of such rigid engineering specifications as have been applied in this case.

SHADE TREES

LAS VEGAS was transformed from a desolate looking community to a place of real beauty and attraction by its shade trees. But the preservation of our trees is by no means entirely a matter of sentiment.

Trees have a substantial financial value which may be appreciated if you have houses to rent. Homes of equal cost vary in rental value \$15 or \$20 per month according to whether they are surrounded by shade trees or not. Property owners who have bought, planted and tended trees made a profitable investment.

The placing of curbs along the streets being paved of necessity damages or destroys some trees which are not properly located. That is to be regretted.

Nevertheless, every effort should be made by the contractor and the city engineer to save the trees wherever possible even at the expense of slight deviation from engineering specifications.

MOVIE PUBLICITY

THAT "All the world loves a lover," was demonstrated again Thursday when John Gilbert and Ina Claire were married here. The scurrying of newspaper reporters and cameramen and the craning of spectators gave Vegas another touch of highlife and incidentally put us in the glare of publicity to such an extent that we almost forgot Boulder Dam.

Between those who come for marriage and those who come for divorce Las Vegas gets quite a flare of publicity, but we must admit that divorce is still in the lead as a sensation breeder.

PROSPEROUS SUMMER

LAS VEGAS is doing more building just now than at any previous time in her history and new activities are constantly being planned.

It is a healthy condition assuring a prosperous and healthy summer business.

But let it be known widely that we are not inviting the impecunious world to come here and board at our expense. Las Vegas wants no boom for some time to come. It is our business to be prepared for the big activity when it comes, but we do not want the world to get the idea that Las Vegas is a place to come to and get rich quick and easy without capital or labor.

The Eighth "Wonder" of the World



Out Our Way

By Williams



WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—One of the jobs Harry Sinclair might qualify for during his 90 days of incarceration is that of interior decorator.

There is little question that Sinclair will find room for certain aesthetic improvements in his new surroundings and his jailer will probably find the oil man glad to make any suggestions and to supervise their execution.

When he is a free man in Washington Sinclair stays at the Carlton Hotel, which is a very swell place, and it was there that he demonstrated his eye for color and his aversion to drabness.

The walls and rooms of the hotel were once all of a putty color, their surging being fashionably scrambled and resembling so much chewing gum. But Sinclair told the management he must have the walls of his suite splashed with a little bright blue over all. When this was done the effect was so rich that the management carried the scheme out through the hotel.

If the Senate lags far behind the House in dealing with this year's legislation, one is justified in predicting that the fault will be that of the Hon. J. Thomas Hefflin, senior senator from Alabama.

No one who fails to read the Congressional Record can realize just how much time Hefflin has taken up in the first three weeks of the session. He has been at it just about every day, roaring and sweating to save this fair land of our from machinations of the Pope. Tom's proposed method of salvation was the passage of his resolution condemning in no uncertain terms the unidentified persons in Brockton, Mass., who are alleged to have hurled a milk bottle at him as he was being driven to make a speech to the Ku Klux Klan. This resolution was badly beaten, but the mere beating has given Hefflin something to talk about for the rest of the session.

If the House is truly supposed to be a representative body the Smiths, Jones' and Browns of the nation would seem to have a legitimate squawk.

There are two Smiths in the House of the Seventy-first Congress, Addison T. Smith of Idaho, the only one last session, having been joined by Joe T. Smith of West Virginia. But Marvin Jones of Amarillo, Texas, is the only congressman from his tribe and there are no Browns, unless you count a fellow named Browne.

On the other hand, the Hulls and the Halls are here all out of proportion. There are Cordell Hull of Tennessee, Merlin Hall of Wisconsin and Morten D. Hull of Illinois. And Albert R. Hall of Indiana, Homer Hall of Mississippi and Thomas Hall of North Dakota.

Hollywood Film Shop

BY DUANE HENNESSY United Press Staff Correspondent HOLLYWOOD, May 11, (UP)—Wallace Beery, who has forsaken the Paramount lot, where his notable characterizations placed him in the front rank of the films.

He has signed to appear in future Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures. Paramount explained the change was the result of failure to reach an agreement with the actor for renewal of his contract. Beery was one of Paramount's old guard. He made comedies with Raymond Hatton when the team films were the rage. When the two-comedian idea began to backslide Beery was retained but Hatton was not.

In addition to his comedy roles, and before them, is one of a strong character parts in many of Paramount's specials. More recently he was featured in such productions as "Beggars of Life," "Chinatown Nights," and "The Big Killings."

While the studio announcement did not say so, Paramount plans to push its young players. They are certainly there. Buddy Rogers, Richard Arlen, Mary Brian, Clara Bow, Nancy Carroll, Gertrude Cooper, Doris Hill and Jean Arthur. Never has it been said of a Hollywood player: "She is too young."

Not long ago, when asked "Is youth a drug on the market?" Jesse L. Lasky, Paramount executive, replied: "Youth without talent, or potential ability, is not a commodity here. It is beauty without personality behind it is worthless in the cinematic sense. But when we are given a combination of youth and artist we have a valuable thing."

"When all-talking pictures first sprang into popularity, I, as a producer did not care to risk Paramount's reputation for leadership by hastening our young players into the new, and at that time experimental, medium. Our first all-talking picture was 'Interference.' We cast players of long experience, Evelyn Brent, Clive Brook, William Powell. For successive pictures we brought from the stage Jeanne Eagles, Ruth Chatterton and G. F. Heggie.

"But now talking pictures are far away from the experimental period. Our technicians are trained. Youth again is in the front. 'Close Harmony,' feature two youngsters, Nancy Carroll and Charles Rogers. Richard Arlen and Mary Brian give exceptional performances in 'The Man I Love.' Clara Bow's first all-talking picture, 'The Wild Party,' is a box office record breaker; it is a picture of and by young people all the way through. "It is youth which makes the screen so utterly different from the

Mexican Pupils Learn by Radio

NEA Mexico City Bureau



Above is Mexico's president, Plutarco C. Calles, addressing school children by radio when receiving sets were installed in thousands of schools for a recent address which inaugurated a regular educational service by radio. Ezequiel Padilla, secretary of education, is shown at C's left. Note the unique Mexican microphone. Below Senora Carmen Garcia de Portes C's, Mexico's first lady, is seen, accompanied by Secretary of Education Padilla, entertaining a few of the 6000 school children who visited her at the Chapultepec garden.

END OF WALDORF BRINGS REGRETS

Few persons mourned the passing of the famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel as did Mrs. Bertha Smith who has sent messages all over the world for many of its famous guests. Since the hotel was opened thirty-six years ago Mrs. Smith has worked at the Western Union branch office, of which she was manager at the time the famous hostelry was closed. The Waldorf has become as much a part of Mrs. Smith's life as her own home in these thirty-six years and its passing is a bitter pill for her to swallow.

"There will never be another hotel like it," she said the day after the final dinner which formally closed the hotel. Waldorf men were busy removing furniture to the street floor, idlers were drifting in and out having a last fond look at Peacock Alley and old friends were standing at the Western Union counter to bid goodbye to Mrs. Smith. "I have been here since 1893 and I hate to think of leaving. This has been such a home-like hotel and its guests have been just like home-folks. I'll not only miss the Waldorf itself but I'll miss my old friends here. In my work I've made many friends and it is hard to take leave of them. Some of them are moving to the new Governor Clinton where I'll be stationed and that's some consolation."

Mrs. Smith's work has brought her in contact with some of the most famous persons of the times. Statesmen, politicians, diplomats, opera stars, foreign nobles, military generals, captains of industry, sporting celebrities, musicians, crowned heads, all have stopped at the Waldorf and Mrs. Smith has handled their messages. The telegraph registers the chart throbs of a nation and it is doubtful if the variety of messages at the Waldorf could be duplicated.

"I have seen every President since Cleveland," Mrs. Smith said. "McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding and Coolidge made the Waldorf their home when in New York and only the other day Mr. Hoover was here for luncheon. I remember the great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan. He often stopped right here at the counter and wrote out his telegrams while a large crowd surrounded him but he was never too busy to stop and chat for a few minutes. Tom Fairhart, another famous old-time politician was a frequent visitor here and he, too, stopped to chat frequently. He was a fine old gentleman of the old school."

"Some folks nowadays believe there isn't much sentiment in this world," Mrs. Smith said. "Well, I wish they could have been here this last week. I never knew men were so sentimental. Some of the old guests here had real tears in their eyes as they said good-bye and talked of the old days and the old hotel. When you have a grown man with tear dimmed eyes and a husky voice tell you how he regrets the passing of the Waldorf you can be sure there's no lack of genuineness about his grief. It's real. And during the last week or so I have had not one such man but a number of them tell me good-bye."

"Yes," Mrs. Smith concluded, "they may build another hotel and call it the Waldorf but there will never be another Waldorf-Astoria Hotel," and in this she only echoed a phrase which seemed to fill the air of the old hotel. "There will never be another Waldorf," was a remark heard throughout the building—and there never will.

ALL INVITED TO MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM

Elks Plan Annual Affair to Be Held at 3:30 P.M. Tomorrow on Court House Lawn.

The annual Mothers' Day program conducted on the court house lawn by the local Elks lodge is being planned for 3:30 tomorrow afternoon by Herb Krause and John Fagan, who were appointed by the exalted ruler as a program committee. A Mothers' eulogy by Harley Harmon, past exalted ruler of the lodge, prayer conducted by John Fagan, chaplain, songs by F. Corey and Al Stone, and violin solos by Mrs. Roscoe Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Martin will comprise the program. Everyone is invited to attend the program, which is conducted by all Elks' lodges for Mothers' Day.

UTILITIES TAX VALUES RAISED

Increases in the valuation of railroads and public utilities in Nevada for 1929 amounting to millions of dollars were adopted this week by the State Tax Commission when Commissioners Rives, Fulstone, Pitt, Riordan, Shaughnessy and Balzar met to assess for taxation purposes all assets for tax-telegraph, power, sleeping car, private-interspersed railroads, telephones, ately owned carline express and water companies.

Drastic reductions were expected to be made in many of the assessments at future sessions of the commission and of the state board of equalization, but the intent of the board to increase the state's income was manifested by original increases.

A total increase of \$569,000 was made in the valuation of the Sierra Power Company's various departments. Railroad companies operating in interstate and intercounty service alone were raised nearly half a million dollars, the Southern Pacific, with an increase of \$2,097,130, bearing the brunt of the assessment.

DOCTOR STILL ON JOB AT 90, LIKES MODERN STYLES

NEWCASTLE, Ind., May 11, (UP)—This is the world's "grandest age," according to Dr. Edward W. Goodwin, 90, Henry County's oldest physician. He adds: "The costumes today are the most sensible a woman ever wore, from every viewpoint." Dr. Goodwin is still engaged in his profession and drives an automobile in making calls. stage. And it is that thing which has made, and which will keep, the screen more popular than the stage," Lasky concluded.

TWINS TOSS COIN FOR SCHOOL HONOR

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 11, (AP)—Ruth and Eloise Cobb, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb of Polk county, made the same grades during their four years in high school and had to toss a coin to determine who should be valedictorian of the senior class.

Ruth won and became valedictorian, while her sister is to be the salutatorian. The two girls, daughters of the county superintendent of schools, bear a striking resemblance and teachers have experienced difficulty in telling them apart.

Governs Hawaii



Here is President Hoover's first Island gubernatorial appointee—Lawrence M. Judd of Honolulu, who has been named to succeed Wallace R. Farrington as governor of Hawaii. Farrington, completing his second term, desires retirement. Judd is a Honolulu supervisor, a former territorial senate president and head of a large meat distributing firm.