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SLOCUM'S EXCUSES

THE REPLY of A. P. Slocum, engineer for the city, to the report made by J. P. King, city street superintendent showing grave defects in the paving job, constitutes a pitiful excuse for the services he should have given to the city and for which he was paid an exorbitant price.

The job which he reported to be "all right," he now admits needs much fixing. And, after Mr. King has apparently given Mr. Slocum and the contractor all the best of it in his report, Mr. Slocum has the bad grace to say that Mr. King's "inspection" of the pavement "was unfairly and carelessly made and errors made in recording the data."

Both the City Board and the public have faith in Mr. King and believe that what he said in his report is true. It is quite apparent that neither the board, the contractor nor the public are satisfied with Mr. Slocum's services, nor take stock in his statement.

SOME LITTLE DEFECTS

WHILE we are speaking briefly of a subject which already has become irksome to the public and ourselves, (probably also to Mr. Slocum) we cannot refrain from calling attention to some of the little things which could easily have been done to improve at least the superficial appearance of the paving job.

Why should not the connections between the new paving and that on Fremont street have been smooth and even; and why should dabs of the paving material be left in the gutters and sticking up at some street intersections as at Fourth and Fremont and Second and Fremont for example? And why should not the cuts made across streets for the placing of the unnecessary storm drain, as on Fifth street and Fremont at Fifth, have been properly repaired and made as smooth as when the contractor dug them up?

And also, it should be noticed, Mr. King did not touch on the obvious defects in the curbs. Why should the contractor be permitted to hide behind the negligence of Mr. Slocum in these matters?

The Age acknowledges that the people and the city have been defrauded and injured to some extent, but believes that now while the opportunity still exists, such restitution as is possible should be made.

And we wonder if Mr. Slocum's bill for \$400 extra services for 16 days after he reported the job "all right," is going to be paid and also if Mr. Slocum is still charging up services to the city at the rate of \$25 per day to cover his wear and tear and worry while Mr. King is trying to remedy some of the defects for which Mr. Slocum's actions as engineer and inspector for the city are responsible?

BITTER TASTE PERSISTS

WHAT A BITTER TASTE still is left in Arizona's mouth because of her wrong position and final defeat on the Boulder Dam project, is evidenced by the dispatch from Phoenix printed in another column of this issue, which mentions the appointment of another attorney as special assistant to the attorney general on Colorado River matters.

The bitterness is of Arizona's own making. Not all the people of that great state were wrong. But the powerful little political group which surrounded Governor Hunt so persistently and successfully implanted the doctrine of opposition and hatred that it will take a long time for the entire state to come to a sane and sensible attitude.

The appointment of attorneys and threats of litigation by Arizona rouse not the slightest apprehension. In the first place, it is extremely doubtful that Arizona will long persist in her false attitude. Information is rapidly taking the place of falsehood.

In the second place if Arizona should mistakenly persist in her former attitude, she will be fighting, not Nevada nor California, but the United States government. And no one in their senses believes that the efforts of Arizona to defeat or delay the project will have the slightest effect.

WHICH REMINDS US

ARIZONA'S Boulder Dam problem reminds us of the colored man's dog. The owner, arrested because his dog bit another colored man, testified at the trial somewhat as follows:

"In the first place, my dog don't bite.
"In the second place, my dog haint got no teeth.
"In the third place, I aint got no dog in the first place."
It may be that in the third and last place Arizona has no Boulder Dam problem in the first place. It has been solved wisely and well and for the benefit of Arizona as of the other states. And her people are fast finding it out.

Brothers Under the Skin



WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, July 17. — The government has decided not to go into the business of broadcasting prohibition posters and spreading propaganda in the schools, but that will be not great loss. There will still be plenty of propaganda available and it will continue to be handled by experts.

The dry organizations are pushing it out today with all the volume and fervor of the pre-Volstead era, although they are now directing their efforts for law enforcement and against the bootleggers rather than on behalf of a proposed new law. Most of the present day propaganda comes from the Anti-Saloon League and the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

The doses are large and potent and may be ordered either in portrait or pamphlet form. Just of late your correspondent has been studying a collection of cartoons from the Methodist Board, some of which have tigers and dragons on them. They are available for school teachers, Sunday or secular, and editors may obtain mats of them, free, ready for publication.

You can get Anything Here is a brief prospectus of these posters or cartoons which will show how vigorous the dry organizations continue to be in their ceaseless warfare, outlined by titles:

"SHALL WE UNLEASH THE TIGER?": Shows man and woman beneath drooling mouth of huge, vicious tiger, inscribed "Liquor Traffic". The tiger is restrained by a leash labeled "Prohibition," upon which a butcher knife is descending to free it. The man, who bears a marked but unintentional resemblance to Al Smith, is wearing white flannels. Both he and the lady appear agitated. Significant bones lie about on the ground. The tiger's tail curls high in the air.

"CROSS ROADS": Sign post shows that one road leads to "Corruption and Dishonor" and the other to "Prosperity and Honor." Farmer stands beneath sign, holding rein on both a pig and a horse. Pig is labeled "Wrong Appointments" and is headed toward "Corruption and Dishonor." Horse is labeled "Right Appointments" and is headed on the other road. Pig is hitched to farmer by a chain tied to his left hind leg.

"THE MEN IN THE BACKGROUND": In the foreground lies "Constitution of the United States." "Privileged Wealth," a gent in silk topper and spats, is trampling on it. "Foolish Youth," another good looking boy in white flannels, is about to join in the trampling. The dim figures in the background wearing flowing robes, are Lincoln, Washington and Lee. Lee appears to disapprove.

"A CONTRAST IN CRIME": On one side stands a little girl at a department store counter, apparently about to steal some purple silk hosiery, with a man in a frock coat approaching as if about to arrest her. On the other side sits a tough looking gent in a swivel chair, lighting a cigar. He wears a striped collar and double-breasted vest and is surrounded by money bags. A bottle of what appears to be hooch rests on his desk.

"THE FLAG OR THE BOTTLE": With a question mark poised over his head, a young man stands between Old Glory and a bottle of "Special XXX Rye." He is gazing toward the bottle and ignoring the flag.

CREDIT TO KINGMAN

IN LOOKING BACK over the long and bitter controversy in Arizona over the Boulder Dam project, it seems to the Age that not sufficient credit has been given Anson Smith of the Mohave County (Kingman, Ariz.) Miner, and the fine people of Kingman and the northwestern section of Arizona.

They have from the very first been loyal, staunch and true. They have seen the truth and had the nerve and strength to fight the misguided Hunt faction to the finish. And they won out gloriously and to them the Age for one takes off its hat and accords them all the honor and credit they deserve. The victory is theirs as well as ours and the Age believes that they will share in a large measure in the benefits of the Boulder Dam project.

WAR CLOUDS HANG LOW

THE THREAT OF WAR hangs low over the world. China and Russia, if the dispatches are to be believed, are eager to be at each other's throats. Civilization has made but a faint mark on the millions of those nations who will become the food for the war gods.

MORE BUNK FROM ARIZONA NEWSPAPERS

(Mohave Co., Ariz., Miner)
Phoenix and Tucson papers still rant about the building of Boulder Canyon dam and are putting out the same line of bunk that has been furnished newspapers throughout the country by the power trust against anything that is inimical to the trust interest. Does anyone believe for a moment that if the site of this great dam was within sixty miles of the town of Phoenix there would be one peep out of these papers? We rather think not. Phoenix would be out to get everything that was in it, similar to the fight between that town and Globe during the building of the Roosevelt dam. The government had to build the road into the site, the valley people refusing to expend a cent for that purpose. And if Salt river valley had realized the benefits they will receive from the building of the Boulder Canyon dam every effort would be put forth to have the government put that section in the limelight, where they would get everything such a great project would bring them. Selfishness and greed are predominant in the fight being put up by south central part of the state against the building of the Boulder dam, and the pressure of the power interests is also at the back of a large part of the propaganda that is being spewed over the country against the great development.

Whenever a power organization publishes something inimical to the building of the dam, the Arizona anti gleefully pounce upon it as a sweet morsel to add to their own propaganda. The other day the Washington Post published a screed against the building of the dam, in which it held that it would be a great boon to the people if the work of construction was started before every legal quibble was settled. And much other bunk of that nature was implied in the article. It was at once taken into the editorial view of the fellows who are opposed to any and all development that does not at once reflect on their particular section, although the article was without merit of any kind. Seven or eight years have been given over to the fight against the building of a dam in the Colorado river, and yet during that time not one just or cogent reason has been given for the position of the politicians and the others against the massive flood control and power dam that the government is to build in the Colorado river at Black Canyon. Commissioners have been appointed, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in the waging of war on the project, but it has had the same effect as a gnawing at a hunk out of an elephant. And after all this time, all of this investigation of the rights and needs of the state, the necessities for power and water, these commissioners know just as much or less than when they started out. Last week, at Yuma, Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, asked the heads of the Arizona commission how much power could be used by the state, and how much land could be brought under irrigation from the dam, and they confessed they had no knowledge. And that is their position regarding the rights of the state in the river. Arizona never had any rights and the bringing in of statehood found the state disclaiming any right that might in any way accrue to it by the admission. Yet the lawyers who are out after the big state fee are putting up the argument that although the state may have lost its rights in the lands and waters of all the rivers of the state the bed of the river is still the property of our commonwealth. How this happened is kept under cover, as the men advancing it know no law, and it may be that they may have looked in upon a court decision that hinged upon the condition of the lands and waters of a state in the same position as that of Texas, which owned all its lands and the waters arising thereon, and therefore the government never obtained control. But Arizona is in a different position, the lands in this area having been purchased by the government and were always



By DEMING SEYMOUR
NEW YORK, July 17.—Poor old Civic Virtue is on the pan again. For seven years the nude young marble giant has stood in City Hall park, trampling a pair of sirens underfoot—a symbol of the virgine metropolis rising above the prostrate figures of urban temptation and vice.

And for seven years he has been the butt of studied jibes and insinuations. Men who wouldn't think of giving up their subway seats to women, and women who wouldn't expect it of them, join in recognizing that no true gentleman would stand on a lady's neck, even if the lady is a mermaid. Now the city's commissioner of public works, outlining plans for expansion and rearrangement of the park, assails Civic Virtue as "a fat boy standing in a mass of worms" and recommends that he be carried away—he doesn't care where.

A Widow's Legacy
Many years ago Mrs. Angelina Crane, widow of a Brooklyn man who was a city fireman, as she was dying, was touring Europe with her daughter, Edith. The latter saw a fountain where dogs and horses drank from one bowl and humans from another, and wished that there might be such a fountain in New York.

Edith later married a Dr. Simmons, and her mother, disapproving of the match, cut the girl off with a dollar and made a new will, which at her death, about 1909, left her fortune of about \$125,000 to the city of New York wherewith to erect "a drinking fountain for man and beast."

Frederick MacMonnies, commissioned to create the sculpture, conceived Civic Virtue. He employed George Lorz, then and now a city fireman, as the model for the nude young giant. A girl named Kitty McGinnis posed as the mermaid upon whose throat the foot of Civic Virtue so resolutely rests, while one Rachael Oppenheim was the model for the other siren.

When the model was made, MacMonnies took it to Normandy and began to carve the statue. Flying before the Germans in 1914, he took the marble to Paris and buried it in a straw. Nine years ago it was shipped to America, and in 1922 it was hoisted to its present place. Immediately citizens began to make fun of it, but Mrs. Crane's daughter, Edith, whose rightful legacy paid for the statue, came clear from Sioux Falls, S. D., to see it, and before her death in 1923 she prophesied that some day the city would come to love it.

Water, But Not To Drink
There is a pool around Civic Virtue, but it is no drinking fountain. Only on hot days do police permit boys, bootblack and tenement urchins to splash in the water.

Perhaps Civic Virtue was foredoomed to ridicule, for it is the third unpopular sculpture to stand upon the site it occupies. The first, put up in 1842, commemorated the opening of the Croton aqueduct. It was razed in 1873 to make way for a finer one, but the new one was as severely condemned for its ugliness and was finally carted out to Crotona Park, in the Bronx. Maybe Brooklyn will get Civic Virtue, "drinking fountain for man and beast."

State Highway Job Nearly Done

Oiling on the state highway north of Las Vegas will be completed this week, according to present plans, says C. C. Boyer, State Highway Division Engineer.

With the completion of this job the road crew will be shifted to the state highway job north of Goldfield, where the road is being widened from 21 to 24 feet by the Isbell Construction Company of Reno. This road, for about 16 miles out of Goldfield, will be oiled after the grading is completed, said Boyer last night.

Next will come a ten-mile stretch of road from Tonopah west, which also will be oiled.

Utah Frowns On Married 'Marms'

SALT LAKE CITY, July 17. (U.P.)—School teaching by married women is looked upon with disfavor in Utah, the results of a questionnaire circulated by the Utah Education association revealed.

Next year no newly married school "marms" will be permitted to teach school while a number of counties will not permit those who taught this year to receive contracts for the next semester. The married teacher found a champion in the city of Ogden which boasted that its married women are some of the city's best teachers.

the property of the whole people, not any state, and at all times the government exercises jurisdiction over these lands and water without asking by the leave of the state. And this will be the position of the case if it ever reaches the higher court for a clarification of the matter.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

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Wednesday, July 17

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| "L A Invest | 205 | 215 |
| Pac Fin Com | 119 | 122 1/2 |
| Bolsa Chicla "A" | 40 | 40 1/2 |
| "Buck Un "pf" | 47 | 48 |
| McMill'n Pet Co | 38 | 38 1/2 |
| "Oceanic | 90 | 105 |
| Credit Pt Com | 305 | 310 |
| Gilmore | 134 | 14 |
| Richfield | 40 1/2 | 41 1/2 |
| Rio Grande | 28 1/2 | 29 |
| Std Oil Cal | 72 | 74 |
| Union Oil | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 |
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| Emaco Dr Com | 32 1/2 | 33 |
| So Cal Ed Com | 68 1/2 | 70 |
| Av Corp Del | 15 1/2 | 16 1/2 |
| "Bach Air | 200 | 210 |
| BK Am Cal | 144 1/2 | 148 |
| Bandini | 8 1/2 | 9 1/2 |
| Continental | 19 | 20 |
| "Exter | 155 | 165 |
| "Ital Pet Com | 300 | 325 |
| Fokker | 47 1/2 | 50 |
| Lockheed | 15 | 16 |
| Maddux | 12 | 12 1/2 |
| Trans Am Corp | 135 1/2 | 136 1/2 |
| Trs Con Air | 25 1/2 | 27 1/2 |
| "Kaiser Rdo | 34 1/2 | 35 1/2 |
| "Bdy Come Con | 1 | 1 |
| "Gold Ace | 48 | 55 |
| Republic Pet | 380 | 400 |

Impressed by Golden Ace
He was particularly impressed with the showing on the Golden Ace and was most enthusiastic over the possibilities of it being the big mine of the district. He was impressed by the fact that everything about the Golden Ace camp was being built for permanency and with the idea of a big production and the further fact that anybody interested in mining was welcome to investigate all the various workings and permitted to draw his own conclusions.

Wingfield Investigates
From a party who just returned from Carrara we learn that the Wingfield interest has had its engineers examining the Golden Ace property at Carrara for the past several days. It is generally understood that if Wingfield should take over the Golden Ace, it will be in the interest of the Booth Reorganized Mining company.

It was impossible to learn what price was to be paid for the controlling stock interest, and the results of the examination will probably not be made public until the deal is either consummated or abandoned.

New York Curb Seat Sells for \$200,000

NEW YORK, July 17. (U.P.)—Another new high record price for membership on the New York curb exchange was established yesterday with completion of arrangements for transfer of a membership at a price of \$200,000.

This makes an increase of \$5,000 over the previous record high price, established yesterday. It is now only about 30 hours by airplane from New York to Paris, if you hold your course. If you fail, the distance to the bottom of the Atlantic is uncertain.—Asheville Times.

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