

LAS VEGAS AGE

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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1929

A NOBLE IMPULSE

COMSTOCK MACKEY, a son of one of the great figures of Comstock days, is a man of noble impulses.

It has been announced that his latest gift to the University of Nevada to which he already has made notable contributions, will approximate half a million dollars.

This sum will be devoted to the enlargement of the Mackey School of Mines into a great college of mining and engineering, the most complete of its kind in the world.

Mr. Mackey obviously has two thoughts in mind. First, that it is fitting that a part of the great fortune, the foundation of which his father laid in the Comstock mines, should return to Nevada as a memorial to his father and a recognition of the part played by Nevada in giving this great wealth to the world.

Second, that mining is a great industry, the perpetuation and improvement of which will add immeasurably through the ages to the welfare of mankind.

President Clark of the University of Nevada, upon whose advice and assistance Mr. Mackey has largely relied in making his gifts to the University, is entitled to the congratulations of all Nevadans for having brought the institution in his charge to such high standards as to justify Mr. Mackey's confidence.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

THERE HAVE been some developments in connection with the Boulder Dam project the past few days which are significant and most encouraging to those who expect to see the work pushed every minute.

The announcement that about 100 persons have been added to the engineering force of the U. S. Reclamation office in Denver for the purpose of hastening the preparation of plans is one item.

The announcement from Washington of plans for the Boulder Dam City near the site of the work is another.

The most important of all, is the announcement of Dr. Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, that the bureau expects within the next two or three days to submit a tentative allocation of the power rights to the interested states and the various applicants for power.

The fact that application was made to the department for approximately twice the power that will be available is a clear indication that the financing of the great project as provided for in the Boulder Dam bill will be done expeditiously and that there will be no delay on that account.

Knowing the difficulties and complications attending the preliminary stages of any great project, it is astonishing to see the Boulder Dam matter so definitely taking shape.

However, we should bear in mind that Boulder Dam has been the subject of engineering and scientific research for a number of years, and we can expect now more rapid progress than if it were entirely new. It has been studied by the best talent of this world and the engineers have full information on which to act. And, as we see, action is in the air.

A CITY OF HOMES.

THAT LAS VEGAS is a city of fine homes and a substantial, home-loving people is far from the consciousness of such careless, reckless and ignorant writers as have sought to exploit themselves at our expense.

Had Dorothy Calhoun ever visited Las Vegas, and it is safe to bet she never did, she might have been entertained in homes just as attractive, although not so palatial as those in Hollywood. In which case she would not, perhaps, have had so much to say about "a motley crowd of greasers, laborers from Boulder Dam, and loafers." That "laborers from Boulder Dam"—did you get it? Poor Dorothy is not shy when it comes to exposing her ignorance.

But what we started out to say is that Wadsworth's "Model Home," so delightfully fitted and furnished by the Las Vegas Mercantile Company, is a little gem of attractiveness, as fine, fitting and complete as one can find in any city.

COOLING OFF.

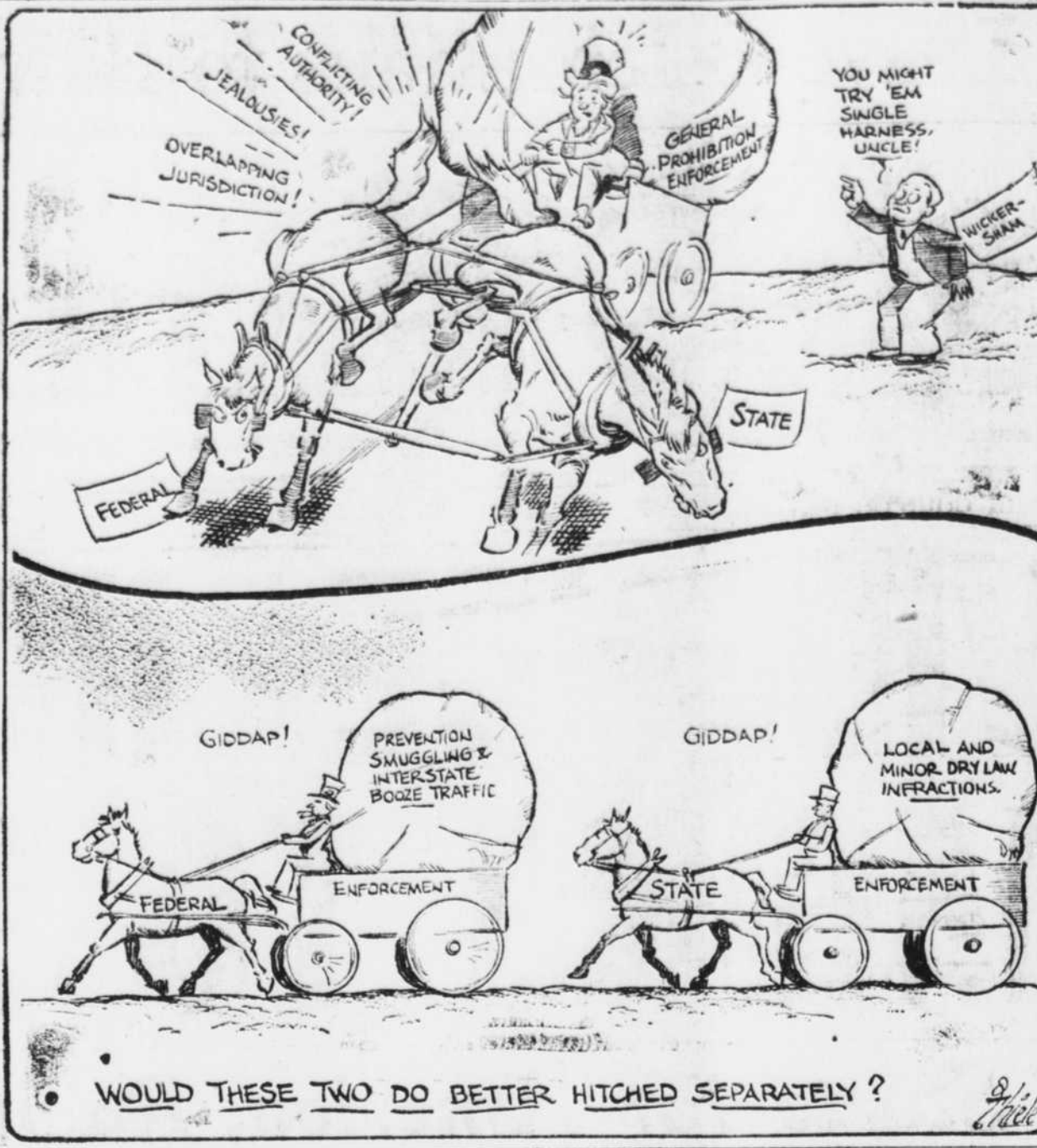
IT SEEMS to be all the style nowadays to complain about the heat and Vegas people, many of them, are strictly in style.

But we are apt to forget that Vegas is not the only hot place in the country. On the contrary, we are no worse off than most places and much better off than the steaming cities of the east.

Even the Pacific Coast climate has been blistering hot and some of our people in California on vacations are glad to get back to Vegas and comparative comfort.

It is just as well to remember that the discomforts of life is pretty well distributed and there is no place immune.

We do not claim that Las Vegas is perfect in its summer climate, but we see no good reason for jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.



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Would Increase Alfalfa Yield

J. H. Wittwer, District Extension Agent, Reports Experiments With Phosphate Fertilizer.

J. H. Wittwer, district extension agent for Clark county, has for more than three years been carrying on experiments for increasing the yields of alfalfa.

"Striking results have followed certain treatments," said Mr. Wittwer. "Among these treatments was one applied to H. B. Mills' ranch, Logandale, Moapa Valley, in an old alfalfa field, results of which showed the following:

Plot 1. West check, no treatment. Acre yield per cutting, 2,800 lbs.	
Plot 2. Middle plot, 500 lbs. super-phosphate. Acre yield per cutting, 3,410 lbs.	
Plot 3. East check. No treatment. Acre yield per cutting, 2,020 lbs.	
The results show increased yield of treated plot of 1,000 lbs., or 41 per cent.	
Another treatment in which 500 lbs of super-phosphate was applied on a plot in Thomas Abbott's alfalfa field north of the Virgin River bridge on the east side of the highway, Mesquite, the fertilizer being applied May 22, 1929 and the results measured July 12, 1929, showed the following:	
Upper check, no treatment. Acre yield per cutting, 1,880 lbs.	
Middle check, 500 lbs. super-phosphate acres yield per cutting 4,980 lbs.	
Lower check, no treatment; acre yield per cutting, 2,680 lbs.	
Average yield, untreated plots, 2,700 lbs. Percentage increase, 113 per cent. It is noted that the increase of the lower check over the upper check was due to slight washing of phosphate over into that plot from the treated plot. Plots one and two present a truer comparison.	

Record, Liner, Sets Bremen on Return Voyage to Europe

PLYMOUTH, Eng., July 31. (U.P.)—The North German Lloyd liner Bremen—the fastest commercial ship in the world—arrived here tonight after a record breaking trip from New York.

The Bremen, which broke all records on its maiden voyage to New York, made the return eastward trip in four days, 17 hours and 15 minutes. The previous record, held by the Mauritania was five days and six minutes.

would become effective the fifth and sixth cutting, with an improved pasture crop going into the winter.

For fall seeding of new alfalfa, early shipment would be of advantage. Economically efficient means for applying the fertilizer to the land are available.

"Will it pay to speed up?" inquires Mr. Wittwer. "Can anyone afford not to speed up? See what 'figuring' will do. It can unsatisfactorily be said, 'nothing to lose, everything to gain.'"

And just see how nicely Vegas has cooled off the past couple of days.

BUILDING PROSPECTS

SINCE THE AGE has called attention to the necessity for additional living quarters, a number of people have begun to build cottages. Some of them will be fine homes, others more modest for rental purposes.

It will not be possible to overdo the home building for many months. A swarm of new people are expected here the coming fall and winter, and accommodations will be taxed to the utmost.

In addition to the building of cottages Las Vegas will need hotels and apartments.

It is hoped that Mr. Wingfield will be ready to proceed with his great hotel enterprise this fall. It will fill one of the most urgent needs of the community.

Mojave Indians Mourn Chieftain's Death in Colorful Cremation Rites

Cremated on a pyre of dry cottonwood logs, the body of the late Chief Achachavara of the Mojave desert tribes was the center of one of the most colorful ceremonies held for years by the Indians in the Southwest.

At Needles, California, late last week, the tribes of the Colorado river basin gathered to honor their dead chief, who was connected by blood and marriage ties with 52 of the California tribes, the Mojaves, Chemehuevis, Wallapais, Shemethris, Needles, Naguet of the ceremony.

"The body of Chief Sherman Ross, as he was widely known to the white people lay on a rude cot until Wednesday at the council chamber on North K street, and two ancient muskets which belonged to his father, at his side. Overhead he hung his bows and arrows, his feathered lance, his war bonnet and inconspicuous enough, a modern leather brief case. At that time an American flag on the flagpole outside.

"Grouped around the body, two rows of men and women, bowed to the ground. The close relatives stood motionless over the body for hours. Two rows of men and women on each side of the body, shaking gourds filled with pebbles, chanted and danced until exhausted, new groups constantly taking their places as the tired mourners dropped out, making the funeral ovation continuous.

"Word went out Wednesday that the burning would be held at four o'clock. Sometime during the day had been taken to the 'burning ground' below Kuffer's Dairy. A hole two feet square and three feet deep had been dug, this for the draft, and heavy logs laid crosswise over the hole, which had been filled with powdered greasewood and pine needles. Lighter logs six feet long had then been placed lengthwise.

"A few Indians straggle up the sandy road. A truck drives up and turns toward the pyre. The chief's body is laid face downward on the logs. More logs and dry greasewood are piled over the body, then heavier logs upright, forming a pyramid. Then the worldly possessions of the deceased, lengths of bright hued silks, young women even tearing off their capes in an orgy of grief. Everyone wailing, weeping, chanting all the while. The fire is lighted, a tongue of flame, more flames, a mass of burning logs and in an hour a little heap of ashes.

"Chief Ross was born in 1875, his father being a brave warrior who served General Crooks as a scout.

"When the old chief died at that time, Peter Lambert (Solyhmarah) was too young to be chief, so Sherman Ross was appointed and for 25 years he has had the best interests of his people always before him. At the time of his death he was working to protect the riparian rights of the Indians to the Colorado river.

"Plans for a great memorial powwow in September are being made by the tribes, as the heat and distance made it impossible for all to come to this pow-wow. At that time a new chief will be elected."

Clark's Group to Start Saturday For Club Camp

Mr. Wittwer, Miss Miller Will Go With Overton Farm Bureau Party For Sessions in Reno.

Clark County's representation at the annual boys' and girls' club camp to be held for four days beginning next Tuesday at Reno will leave for the north Saturday morning, accompanied by J. H. Wittwer, extension agent, and Miss Orpha Miller, district extension agent, both of whom will have important parts to play in the conducting of the camp.

Mr. Wittwer and Miss Miller will join the group of seven who will attend from Overton, on Saturday. From there the party will start for Ely, being joined at Panacea by a group of thirteen Lincoln county representatives. The combined party will go by way of the Pah-ranagat valley, and Ely, to Reno.

Mr. Wittwer will be in charge of the home improvement classes. Miss Miller will make up finishing her topic for class instruction, she started yesterday, instructing three groups daily for 45 minutes each. They will mix colors and actually paint sample wall material.

The Overton party will be headed by Mrs. Albert Jones, leader and she will have in her charge Marie Jones, Neva Jones, Margaret Lyon, Louise Anderson, Marjorie Murphy and Wanda Cooper.

The Lincoln county representation will use two state cars, while the Lincoln group will use one state car and a private automobile.

Babe Given Wrong Glass, Drinks, Dies

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 1.—@—Helen Uhlar, 4, asked her mother for a drink of water during the night. The mother handed her a glass, and the child gulped a swallow. She screamed. Investigation proved the glass had contained liniment. Helen died a few hours later in the hospital.

New Dairy Building Used

Harry Anderson's new dairy location is now headquarters from which he distributes his milk and other dairy products.

Work on the building, on the south side of Fremont between Fifth and Sixth, formerly a laundry building, is going ahead, the refrigeration plant having been installed and in use, about 200 gallons of milk a day being brought in from the Moapa Valley for distribution here.

Painting of the building will be done this week, and the remainder of the finishing work, so that the plant will be in full operation soon.

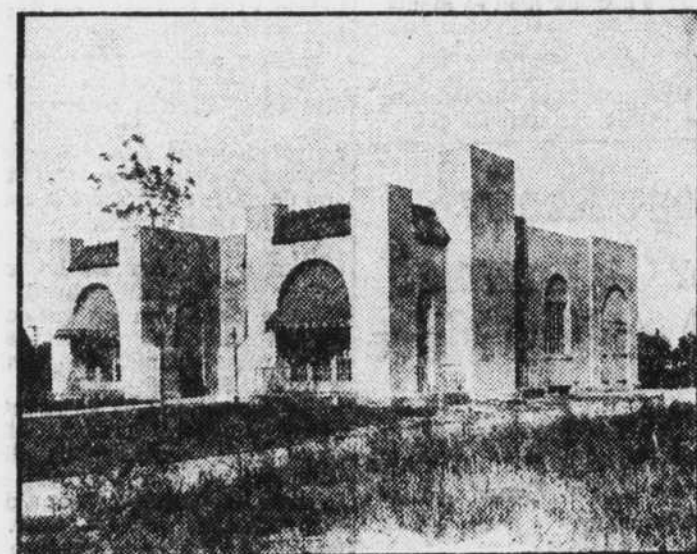
Divorce Suit Filed

Pauline C. Smith filed suit yesterday against Edward P. Smith for divorce. They were married in Smith Center, Kansas, in 1909. The suit is filed by Stevens, Henderson and Noland, on grounds of cruelty.

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