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TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1929.

SUCCESSFUL SERETIVENESS

THE POLICY adopted by Sheriff Sam Gay of keeping the public in ignorance of the business of his office by refusing information to the newspapers has been successful so far if we may judge by the entire lack of information as to the arrest of any of the recent murderers.

GREAT DRAINAGE ENGINEERING.

THE RECENT rains demonstrated that Las Vegas has spent several thousands of dollars for a storm drain system which does not drain.

Not satisfied with making disfiguring, expensive and unnecessary cuts in our streets, Engineer Slocum devised another scheme to interfere with the natural drainage by means of a so-called storm drain on Fifth Street extending from the alley south of Fremont Street to Stewart street.

The storm water which naturally flows easterly on Fremont street is delivered into this storm drain, the lower or northerly outlet of which comes to a dead end at Stewart street, where it is buried several feet under ground.

There being no outlet, the water which goes into the drain at Fremont street just naturally comes up through the grated openings at Ogden and Stewart streets. As a result Ogden street and Stewart street east of Fifth street were converted into temporary lakes and considerable damage was suffered by property owners in those districts.

Fortunately the rain amounted to only about one-third of an inch. Had the storm been as violent as many we have had the so-called storm drain would have been entirely inadequate to carry the water, serving only to divert some of the water which naturally drains out Fremont street onto Ogden and Stewart streets where it does not properly belong.

In this storm drain matter as well as in the paving, the city seems to have been the victim of misplaced confidence.

A GOOD IMPROVEMENT.

THE OIL-BOUND gravel type of street improvement the Age believes to be well adapted to the improvement of streets in places like Las Vegas if it is properly done.

It furnishes a good driving surface, is as nearly dust proof as any pavement, and under such traffic conditions as will prevail here will last for years with but small cost for maintenance.

The Age believes that the portion of Clark's Las Vegas Townsite south of Lewis street should be improved with oil-bound gravel as soon as possible, but with the following understanding:

That no more "engineering" of the Slocum type shall be permitted.

That rigid and efficient inspection be provided and the contractor be required to do the work according to specifications.

Las Vegas citizens will not stand for any more of the slip-shod, inefficient work which characterizes the last job.

AN EPOCHAL EVENT

THE SUCCESSFUL flight of the Graf Zeppelin from Friedrichshafen to Tokio in 190 hours, 6,000 miles across the arctic desolation of Siberia, was an epochal event. As a successful achievement it ranks with the Lindburgh New York-Paris airplane flight—perhaps surpasses it in its influence on the future of air navigation.

Jules Verne, with his imaginative "Around the World in Eighty Days," was a poor piker in comparison with modern achievements. The Graf Zeppelin bids fair to make it in its influence on the future of air navigation.

The flight has done more to reestablish Germany in the brotherhood of nations than a generation of diplomacy could do. More than any other one thing it is serving to make us forget hatreds of the World War.

TWO NOTABLE BUILDINGS.

JUST BEING completed are two notable Las Vegas buildings, the three story Beckley building at First and Fremont and Carl Ray's Professional Building on Fremont between Fourth and Fifth.

Entirely different in appearance, each represents a fine type of architecture and presents a handsome appearance.

Both the new structures are high class business buildings which will serve to establish good precedent for those to follow.

ELKS' SPECIAL EDITION.

THE 40-PAGE Elks' special edition of the Age met with an astonishingly enthusiastic reception. It is, without doubt, the best publicity feature Las Vegas has ever enjoyed. Many copies of the edition have been sent over the country and many commendatory and complimentary letters about it have been received by the Age.

Of the edition of 10,000 copies, the Elks and the Age each have a supply on hand which may be had at 10 cents per copy. There is no better method of informing your friends about Las Vegas than by sending them a copy of the Elks' Special. Realty dealers especially could profit greatly by illustrating that every last copy of this great 40-page, profusely illustrated edition is sent out.

"There Was An Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe!"



HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By DUANE HENNESSY
United Press Staff Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 19.—(U.P.)—The talkies have given these song writing fellows an enviable position in pictures and among the invaders is the little Whiting boy from Peoria, Ill., who was held up as a model to the neighbor's children because he practiced his music lessons.

A lot of film has run through the camera since Richard Whiting was "the little Whiting boy." Since his twenty-first birthday he has kept the nations singing his songs.

He did the music for "Tulip Time in Holland," "Mammy's Coal Black Rose," "She's Funny That Way," "Japanese Sandman," "Sleepy Time Gal," and a whole raft of others. But those names identify him.

Whiting got his start through a letter of introduction to Jerome Remick of the music publishing house. Remick liked his efforts and offered him the then top price for a pianist, \$25 a week.

Whiting wanted to take the job, but he wanted to do his composing in his home town of Peoria, so he refused. When he reached Peoria he found a wire from Remick telling him to name his own price. He said \$50 and Remick said okeh.

In his first year with the company, Whiting wrote his first big hit. That was "Tulip Time in Holland."

"You'd never guess what my inspiration for that song was," Whiting said. "It was a vividly colored advertisement for a tour to Holland. The picture showed the bright tulip, windmills and other typical features of a Dutch landscape. I began to think of tulip time in Holland and this led to the song."

The melody started Whiting on his successful career and he was teamed with Raymond B. Eason, a lyricist. They wrote many hits.

Their first united effort to win acclaim was "Till We Meet Again," which was published during the war when everyone was thinking of the soldiers.

Then came "Mammy's Little Coal Black Rose," and the others.

In building up a music department to answer the demands of sound pictures, Whiting was engaged. His first song for the screen was "Louise," made popular by Maurice Chevalier in "Innocents of Paris."

The recipe for writing song hits as described by Whiting, is to feature some popular idea, give it dance possibilities, make it easy to sing or whistle and remember to give it romantic flavor.

Gary Cooper, Richard Arlen and Neil Hamilton all have signed new contracts with Paramount.

Dorothy Mackall is starred in

"Woman on the Jury" now being filmed at First National.
William Haines is doing "Navy Blues" for M-G-M.
Madge Bellamy, who hasn't been in picture performance since Fox released her, is starring in "Tonight at Twelve," for Universal.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations
LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS
Monday, August 19, 1929

	Bid	Ask
Calif. Bank	136	138 1/2
Mer. Nat'l. Bank	205	220
Nat'l. Bank Com.	40	42
Sec. First Nat'l.	131	133 1/2
L. A. Investment	225	235
Pac. Fin. Com.	143 1/2	148 1/2
Barnsdall 'A'	38	40
Bolsa Chica A	180	200
'Buckeye Un pf	50	65
McMillan Pet	35 1/2	36 1/2
Oceanic	90	98
Oceatl. Pt. Com.	295	300
Gilmore	11 1/2	12 1/2
Richfield	42 1/2	45
Rio Grande	30 1/2	33
Etd. Oil Cal.	75 1/2	77 1/2
Union Oil	50 1/2	53 1/2
Douglas Air.	36	38
Emco Dr. Cm.	31 1/2	33
Av. Co. Del.	75	78 1/2
'Bach Air.	180	200
Bk. Am. Cal.	136	142
Bank Am N A	200	215
Bandini Pet.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Continental	21 1/2	23
'Exeter	140	160
'Ialio Pet. Com.	305	315
Mex. Seabrd.	40 1/2	41 1/2
Sinclair	45 1/2	48 1/2
Fokker Air	4 1/2	4 1/2
Lockheed	9 1/2	10 1/2
Maddux Line	10	12
Trns. Am. Corp.	146	148
Trns. Con Air	23	25 1/2
Kolster Rdo.	29 1/2	31 1/2
'Gold Ace	26	30
Continental of Del	37	38
Republic Pete	380	450
Las Vegas Exchange—Open Board		
'Associated Metals	50	50
'Golden Ace	55	60
'Ialio-Amer.	01	02
'Virginia Con	01	02
'Gold Reef	01	02
'Rhyolite Con.	01	10
'Mohawk Ace	61	02
'Monarch Gold.	45	50
'Price in cents.		

Coincidence Brings Mother and Son Together in L. A.

When Perry Sherman went to Los Angeles for a few days last week he thought his mother was in Corpus Christie, Texas. He called up a physician friend of the family, and was told his mother and some other relatives were there, stopping off en route for the northwest. Sherman rushed right over and had a visit with his mother. Who says it's a big world?

L. A. Exchange Trading Slow

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19 (U.P.)—Trading on the Los Angeles stock and curb exchanges was slow and off today, with the early session marked only by sharp advances of miscellaneous issues.

Pacific finance common hit a new high at 142 1/2 to sell 1250 for a gain of five points. Trans-America sold 300 at a new high of 147 1/2, gaining 2 points.

Industrials were inactive. In public utilities a slow market saw Edison common sell 200 for a gain of 1/2. Among the banks Security First National sold 100 at 131 for no change.

Oils were slow and off. Rio Grande lost 1 1/2 on a turnover of 220. Standard Oil was down 1 1/2 on sales of 400. Union Associates was off 1 1/2 on 700 shares while Union Oil dropped 3/4 on 600.

EQUALIZATION BOARD TO MEET AGAIN HERE

The Clark County commissioners will sit again as a board of equalization next Monday.

Tom Ashke found a kettle containing 16,000 silver dollars in an old stump on his farm at Beach Ridge, Ky. How's that for "pot luck"?

Preparations Are Made For School Start September 3

Miss Hanson On Job Whipping Affairs Into Shape; Teachers' Meeting and District Institute Planned.

Las Vegas schools will team with activity beginning Tuesday, September 3, when all the boys and girls of school age will report for work.

Miss Amy Hanson, deputy state superintendent, returned to Las Vegas late last week after a month's vacation in Nebraska and a week spent in Carson City on business, and is busy organizing the school affairs for Clark, Lincoln, Esmeralda and Nye counties for the year.

Institute In November

The Fifth District Institute will be held in this city in November, probably the 12th to 15th inclusive, Miss Hanson stated yesterday. All teachers from these four counties will be required to attend.

Every other year five district institutes are held, the other alternate years state meetings being held.

Miss Hanson is preparing for the teachers' meeting to be held for educational district number one, including the Mosps and Virgin valleys, at Overton on August 31.

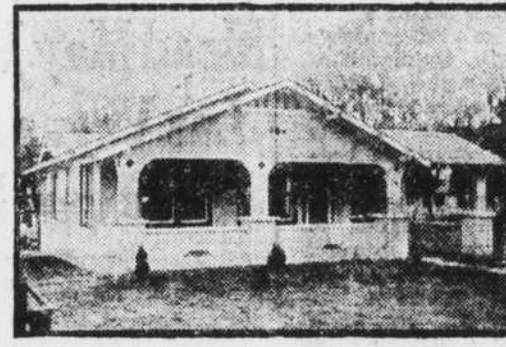
New Course of Study

These copies of the study course, which are mimeographed, are only temporary for this year. Miss Hanson explained. They will all be returned to the State superintendent at the end of the year with criticisms and suggestions from all the teachers, and the permanent course of study will be based on these suggestions.

The new two-room school building at Sloan is now ready for occupancy. Mrs. Belle Hayes will be principal this year and Mrs. Velma Van Eaton the other teacher.

Goodsprings will have two new teachers this year.

Concrete Masonry Construction



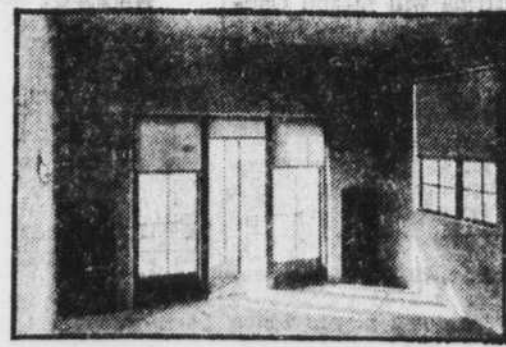
Tremendous increase in the use of Concrete Masonry Building Tile for all classes of building construction makes it desirable for the property owner to acquaint himself with the advantages and methods of building with these units.

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taking off part of the latter. Applied on Lay-More Tile Portland Cement stucco is on to stay.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTHER
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WASHINGTON.—The National Commission on Law Enforcement and Enforcement has assigned a subcommittee to investigate and report on lawlessness by government law enforcing officers.

The commission is in an excellent position to go after that problem. It presents a commonly acknowledged situation which has been untouched perhaps for the reason that there has been no official organization to deal with it. Law enforcement officials seldom investigate and criticize themselves and their lawlessness has had only the courts to restrict them. The courts, of course, are themselves part of the law enforcement system and it is almost certain that the commission will consider the extra-legal acts of judges themselves before it is through.

So the commission especially appointed by President Hoover is the only agency which can go into the new field of inquiry. The fact that it has included law enforcement lawlessness as one of the main points on its official agenda demonstrates that this collection of high-grade lawyers believes or fears that the high-handedness of policemen, prohibition agents, prosecutors and even judges has tended to create hatred or disrespect for law itself.

Many Angles to Probe

Many will suppose that the commission plans to devote this study mostly to killings of innocent citizens and other abuses by prohibition agents and coast guardsmen. But inquiry reveals there are quite a few more angles.

Take, for instance, the violation of rights of prisoners by widespread use of third-degree methods. The New York Bar Association last fall reported flagrant police brutality toward prisoners and recommended cross-examination of prisoners by the police. Perhaps the Hoover Crime Commission will make a similar recommendation.

Prisoners have sometimes died from the effects of third-degree beatings. The commission is aware that the practice has spread to the highest branches of government and doubtless recalls the case of the radical Salsedo, who jumped from a high window to his death allegedly to escape further abuse from Department of Justice agents.

The highest courts are continually undoing the departures from law of lower courts and prosecuting attorneys. The arbitrary actions of a judge often rob a defendant of the protection which he is supposed to be guaranteed in the interests of the innocent. The many exceptions taken by lawyers in trial cases, resulting in successful appeals, tends to show the fallibility of judges.

Civil Liberties Violated

Prosecuting attorneys are almost invariably immersed in politics. They often point to their records of convictions when seeking reelection or higher office, whereas the legal theory is that they are parts of the court and supposed to see only that justice is done. The prosecutor's duty is to protect the innocent as much as it is to convict the guilty. But in these days the one idea of the average prosecutor seems to be to get a conviction.

For one Mooney case, in which the framing of evidence, is eventually exposed, there presumably are hundreds of minor criminal cases where the facts are never disclosed because of the victim's lack of popular support.

Violations of civil liberties by policemen and judges are persistent. Even today the tactics of cops in breaking up political and protest meetings are reminiscent of old Captain Schmittberger of New York, who some years ago answered a citizen's assertion of constitutional rights during the Madison Square Garden with the dictum: "To hell with the Constitution; we'll give 'em the club!"