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SPEAKING OF CLIMATE

WE HAVE SO persistently carried in our minds the Boulder Dam project as the great developer of the future Las Vegas that we lose sight of other great assets, less spectacular perhaps, but none the less important in the building of a city.

There is the matter of climate, for example. Whatever our occasional disadvantages (in common with every other locality) we have advantages not shared by most of the United States. An unusual percentage of sunshine, small degree of humidity and pleasant temperatures mark the greater part of our year. We who are used to these conditions do not appreciate how much they appeal to the vast population of the middle west or the east.

In due time Las Vegas will capitalize her climate and cash in on it. Great and beautiful resort hotels will be built and the wealthy of the country will flock to us. People are coming more and more to appreciate the benefits of this "desert" climate. It will some day be recognized as one of our greatest assets.

TO AMELIORATE SUMMERS.

TRUE ENOUGH, we have been in the habit of complaining about our summers. In New York, Washington and Chicago (and sometimes even in Los Angeles) it is the customary thing to complain of the heat which, in its extremes, is less easy to endure than the brilliant desert sun.

But here we have in Charleston Park a sure means of ameliorating the heat of summer. Only one hour from Las Vegas we can find the coolness of mountain forests and if we seek them the everlasting snows.

Plans are under way which will provide such improvements as will make Charleston Park known far and wide as one of the most delightful summer resorts of the west.

And when we can spend our evenings, nights, mornings and Sundays in the shivery temperatures of Charleston Park while attending our daily business in Las Vegas, we will find that the Las Vegas summers are pretty fine after all.

NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT.

THE BOYS of the Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department, to whose keeping we have entrusted the safety of the city for many years, realize that more fire fighting equipment is needed.

These boys have not betrayed the trust we have reposed in them. Many times during the years, at considerable sacrifice to themselves in the way of ruined shoes and clothing, burled hands and faces and strenuous efforts, they have saved our city from disaster. Better than anyone else they realize our dangers and know our needs.

The Reo fire truck which is still practically our sole protection against fire, was bought in June 1922 and for more than seven years has done service. It has never been properly overhauled, because to do so would leave the city without protection. It has gone about the limit of its usefulness in its present conditions.

Las Vegas needs more than one fire pump. The great amount of building done recently and the spread of the city to some distance in all directions emphasizes that need.

The City Commissioners, as usual is the case, must provide for the greater needs of the growing city without a corresponding increase of the available funds. Nevertheless, adequate fire protection is a duty which cannot be ignored. Other things may be made to wait, but in a matter in which the safety of the entire city may be endangered, there should be prompt action.

If the fire boys are right, as the Age believes them to be, a new and more powerful truck and pump should be secured without delay.

MORE STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

LAST NIGHT the City Commissioners gave their attention to the proposal to improve the streets of the south half of the townsite with oil-bound gravel.

The Age believes that the property owners are correct in demanding improvements for their portion of the city. It believes also that the oil-bound gravel job recently completed is no fair example of that type of improvement.

With the experience gained on the previous job, the City Board should now be able to foresee and forestall the defects from which the former work suffered. For example, there is no reason why the old established street grades should be changed. There is no reason at all why proper supervision and inspection should not be given to assure a job in accordance with the specifications. And there is no reason at all why some \$6,000 should be paid (as on the former job) for fancy, amateur, inefficient "engineering."

It seems reasonable to believe that we can now get down to business and put over a piece of work in a business-like and workmanlike manner.

If such is the case, there should be no protests against proceeding with the proposed improvement. The property owners should be a unit for it.

FINE HIGHWAY RESULTS.

THE USE OF oil-bound gravel surface on the Arrowhead Highway has been more than justified by the manner in which it has withstood the many floods that have rushed down the gullies all over the county.

There has been but slight damage to the highway at any point although in some cases the surface has been undercut along the sides, but in no cases sufficiently to interrupt travel.

The surfacing of the highway has provided a fine driving surface, the principal drawback to which is that it invites too much speed.

What "Cost" Railway Crossing Safety



By DEMING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK—Down on the lower East side, at the foot of Second avenue, the National Winter Garden has flourished for 16 years under the aegis of the four brothers Minsky.

H. K. Minsky holds a master's degree from Columbia and Morton has a bachelor's sheepskin from New York university. M. William is a one time crack reporter of New York newspaper, and A. B. Minsky is a choicy picker of first editions.

But the playhouse they operate on Houston street is not an art theater, but a burlesque show.

It is, moreover, an old-fashioned burlesque show, where comedians thump each other over the toupées with inflated bladders, and chorus girls romp up and down the runways.

Immortal Boxcar Bennie

It is the boast of the proprietors that their customers include many a New Yorker of eminence who longs occasionally for heartier abdominal laughter than is afforded by the siked humor of Broadway's shows. The brothers aver that in the audience they have had Oscar Kahn, Horace Liveright and Norman Bel Geddes.

George Jean Nathan goes down there sometimes. He once spoke of the garden's 300-pound chorus girls, and the Minskys promptly responded that he never could make a living as a weight gasser at Coney Island.

The comedians change at the National Winter Garden, but old names live on. Boxcar Bennie and Goldfarb and Mickey Markwood have been trademarks for slapstick funny men for a decade on Houston street, although several men who have played those comies have come and gone—some of them up-town to good jobs on Broadway.

Nonagenarian Chaperon

Which brings us, by easy stages, to Mother Annie Elm.

Mother Elm is 91, and she is the back-stage pal of all the girls at the National Winter Garden, employed by the Minskys as a chaperon.

Every day she comes down to the theater on an elevated train from her home on the upper west side, and every night about midnight she goes home alone the same way.

She remembers when New York had only two transportation lines, both horse-car routes—the Eighth avenue line and the Belt Line, that ran clear uptown to Fifty-ninth street, where there was always a fresh team of mares waiting to pull the car around the last half of the loop. That was in 1860.

Years ago, when they were building the first elevated trestle, she took all her savings, \$50 and went down on lower Broadway to invest them in elevated railroad stock at \$5 a share. But she wasn't quite convinced that the el was a sound venture, and after pacing the sidewalk all afternoon she went home with her money still tied in her handkerchief.

But she doesn't rue her conservatism too greatly, for life is grand, even for a 91-year-old woman who's been a widow these 35 years.

"I'm 19," she says, "on every May morning. I watch over these girls, and they're grand to me, and I've nothing to kick about, though I can kick—and she throws her heel into the air headhigh.

"And when I'm a hundred the Minskys are going to send me to Ireland, that I haven't seen since I was a girl."

He's Caddying—For Champ



Othello Nervo, 16, of Monterey, Calif., admits he's the luckiest caddy in the world. For he was selected by lot to do the club carrying for Bobby Jones, American champion in several classes, in the national amateur tourney at Pebble Beach links next week.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS Friday, Sept 6, 1929.

Floods Boost River's Volume

Rain and floods have increased the volume of the Colorado river more than twice in the last week, according to reports from Grand Canyon.

As compared to a volume of around 12,000 second feet at El Tovar six days ago, the volume has increased to 29,600 yesterday.

Volumes for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and yesterday were as follows:

Monday, 18,800 second feet. Wednesday, 20,300 second feet. Thursday, 19,700 second feet. Friday, 29,600 second feet.

Boulder Realty Now In Professional Bldg.

The Boulder Realty Corporation, one of the oldest real estate firms in the city, has completed its change of location to Carl Ray's new professional building at 425 Fremont.

The corporation, which formerly was located at 207 Fremont, now occupies the western store space of the building along with C. E. Pembroke's Frigidaire and electrical business.

Dr. Roy W. Martin is president of the corporation and E. A. Ferron is manager.

Newton Goodwin Faces Theft Charge

A warrant was sworn yesterday for the arrest of Newton Goodwin, on charge of theft alleged to have been committed by Goodwin. A hundred dollars worth of water pipe is said to have been stolen from E. W. Griffith, who swore out the warrant.

Goodwin was convicted in 1925 of burglary, according to records here.

	Bid	Ask
Calif. Bank	137	148
Mer. Natl. Bank	190	210
Natl. Bank Com.	40	45
Sec. Est. Natl.	135	137
Fin. Finance Com.	143	145
"Barnsdall "A"	35	37
"Bolsa Chica "A"	197 1/2	205
"Buck Un: "pf"	34 1/2	40
McMillan	34 1/2	36
"Oceanic Oil	85	100
Occidental Pete	310	325
Gilmore Oil	11	14
Richfield	42	42 1/2
Rio Grande	29	30 1/2
Union Oil	52	52 1/2
Std. Oil Cal.	76 1/2	78
Douglas Air	30 1/2	31
Emco Dr. Cm.	32 1/2	34
So. Cal. Ed. Com.	85	86
Aviation Corp. Del.	16 1/2	17 1/2
Bach Air.	165	175
Bk. Am. Cal.	129 1/2	130 1/2
Bk. Am. N. A.	225	230
Bardini Pet.	6 1/2	7
"Exeter	132	140
Italo. Pet. Com.	300	325
Mex. Seabrd.	36	37 1/2
Shelcar	35 1/2	36 1/2
Fokker Air.	47 1/2	48 1/2
Lackheed	5	12
Maddux Line	5	12
Trns. Am. Corp.	153 1/2	157 1/2
Trns. Con. Air	21 1/2	22 1/2
"Gold Ace	23	25
Continental Oil Del.	33 1/2	35
Republic Pete	350	395

LIQUOR FINE PAID

Harry Farris plead guilty to possession of liquor yesterday in Justice Court and paid a fine of \$100. He is connected with the "Sour-dough."

Helping the Homemaker

By LOUISE BENNETT WEAVER

SUNDAY MENUS

BREAKFAST Cantaloupe Waffles and Maple Syrup Broiled Sausages Coffee

DINNER Fried Chicken Pittsburg Potatoes Buttered Cabbage Bread Plum Jam Head Lettuce Russian Dressing Marlborough Pie Cheese Coffee

SUPPER Tomato Rarebit Buttered Toast Chocolate Cookies Pears Tea

Pittsburg Potatoes, Serving Six 3 cups diced cooked potatoes 2 tablespoons chopped parsley 2 tablespoons finely chopped onions 2 tablespoons chopped pimentos 1 teaspoon salt 4 tablespoons butter 6 tablespoons flour 3 cups milk

1-2 cup cheese, cut fine or grated. Mix the potatoes, parsley, onions, pimentos and salt. Melt the butter and add the flour. Blend and add the milk. Cook until thick and creamy. Stir frequently. Add the cheese and blend. Add the potato mixture and when mixed pour into a shallow, buttered baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven for 25 minutes. Serve in dish in which baked.

Marlborough Pie, Serving Six 1 unbaked pie shell 2 cups cooked apples 1-2 cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1-3 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1-2 teaspoon vanilla 2 tablespoons butter, melted 2 egg yolks 2 egg whites 4 tablespoons sugar

Mix the apples, 1-2 cup of sugar, cinnamon, salt, lemon juice, vanilla, butter and egg yolks. Pour into the pie shell and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Add the 4 tablespoons of sugar and beat for 2 minutes. Spread this meringue criss cross fashion on top of the apples and bake in a slow oven for 10 minutes.

A pastry tube is an aid in arranging the meringue.

Several reasons have been given in the newspapers by the social experts for the recent prison riots. It is our humble opinion, formed without sociological research, that the riots occurred because the prisoners were not satisfied with the place.

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