

Stecher Chosen to Wrestle Sonnenberg
 LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 6 (UP)—Although Joe Stecher lost his match Wednesday night to Ed "Strangler" Lewis, he has been chosen to meet Gus Sonnenberg, heavyweight wrestling champion, here September 23, Lou Daro, promoter of the match stated last night.
 Lewis, according to Daro, was so badly injured by toe-holds in the last few minutes of the match that he will be unable to meet the champion.

WASHINGTON LETTER

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WASHINGTON—General opinion around here is that the Hoover-Wilbur suggestion of turning the public lands over to the states will not get very far.
 Some kind of scandal has arisen on virtually every occasion when Congress has tinkered with public land and there will be plenty of instinctive opposition to the idea on that basis alone. The government now has nearly 60,000,000 acres of unreserved or "free" land, and the value of it was once estimated as high as \$26,000,000,000.
 Thus far no one seems to be very enthusiastic over the idea, either Secretary of the Interior or Mr. Hoover's apparent thought of giving away the national forests and everything else or over the president's revised proposal to give the public lands, states control of surface rights, but not the mineral rights.

States May Not Want It
 Undoubtedly there will be western politicians, both here and at home, who will whoop for the proposition. But there is also opposition on the ground that unless the federal government concedes mineral rights along with the surface rights, it will be unloading a white elephant on the states affected. In fact, opposition has been voiced on all kinds of grounds, some of them diametrically opposite in theory.
 The old-school conservationists declare that the plan is "half-baked" and that it undoes the Roosevelt conservation policies which were designed to save the last remnants of national resources from selfish exploitation.

They deny Mr. Hoover's contention that the states are more competent to handle such lands. They recall that various states have in the past blithely turned over to large corporations millions of acres of the most valuable land in the world. State legislatures have been notoriously weak when corporation lobbyists came around with grasping hands.
 That sort of thing went on for a century. States obtained school land and other land grants from Congress and then vied with the federal government to see which could unload the most valuable land to railroads, mining and other corporations in the fastest time. The Montana legislature enriched the Anaconda Copper Company with school lands. The Mesabe range, where the U. S. Steel Corporation has the world's largest iron mines, was once part of a grant given to the state of Minnesota for school purposes.
 The existing public lands are said to be fit for nothing but grazing, but the conservationists say that tens of millions of acres have never even been surveyed and that no one knows just how good they are. Most of the 193,000,000 acres is grazing land, but the public domain includes all types of acreage.
 Conservationists of the Roosevelt school though their fight was all over when the repeated attempts to legislate the public lands to the states, between 1905 and 1910, finally came to an end as the result of vigorous opposition from both Roosevelt and Taft. They are not now content to see such a program effected, regardless of what strings the government might put on mineral resources.

Cheese Brings State Fame



The United States produces about 500,000,000 pounds of cheese annually and of this amount the state of Wisconsin manufactures three-fourths. Wisconsin's cheese industry started back in 1845 when a little band of 108 Swiss immigrants settled down in Green county. Since then the industry has grown to the extent that there are now 150 cheese factories and a number of creameries in the 24 square miles of Green county. Ex-President Coolidge is shown here eating a slice of the famed Swiss cheese presented him by a delegation when he vacationed on the Brule river a year ago.

Sailor, Women, Shots Furnish Police Mystery

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 6 (UP)—Police here today were trying to solve the martial tangle of a U. S. sailor, his wife, who fired five shots at a rival for her husband's affections, and the "other woman," who ducked the shots, only to be hurt in a scuffle that followed.
 According to information held by police, Mrs. Frances Roberts, 30, learned James Roberts, her husband and a navy man for 16 years, was paying attention to Miss Marian Felmeie, 23, Seattle.
 The trio, it was said, negotiated during yesterday and Mrs. Roberts thought it was agreed that Miss Felmeie was to go away for ever.
 When the wife was informed later by Roberts that he planned to re-enlist in the navy if he had to lose Miss Felmeie, she hunted up the latter and fired five bullets in her direction, it was said.
 Failing to score a direct hit, Mrs. Roberts closed in on Miss Felmeie, whose head was cut by the revolver.
 Mrs. Roberts was held for investigation and Miss Felmeie was booked as a material witness.

New Market To Be Opened In Two Weeks

A new meat market, grocery store and delicatessen will be opened within the next two weeks or so in the new Sullivan building on Carson street, under the management of Harry Vail, formerly of Denver, Colorado.
 Specially built de Luxe meat display cases and other equipment are being installed, and a three-ton York automatic refrigeration plant is being installed.
 Meats, vegetables and fancy groceries will be sold, and in addition there will be a delicatessen. Everything will be maintained on the most sanitary basis possible, according to Vail.
 The market may be ready to do business before two weeks. It will occupy the westernmost of the five store spaces in the new building.
 This is the time of the year when the suspicious wife at the seashore wonders how her husband is managing to survive without her. But the neighbors don't wonder. They know.

'Witchcraft', 'Slimy Lies' Phrases Hurlled In Westlake Case

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 6 (UP)—Acquittal of Dr. Frank P. Westlake on the contention that the state followed the "old witchcraft trail" in his trial for the "torso" murder of Mrs. Laura B. Sutton, was asked by defense counsel today.
 Deputy District Attorney George Stahlman asked the gawwors for Dr. Westlake. He said the defendant's testimony had been a "conglomeration of slimy, slippery, steaming lies."

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Frame-Tent Home Goes Up in Smoke
 Owner Has Co-Habitor Jailed for Arson
 Hearing Today for Alleged Debtor

When a man who has been staying in your home for several weeks and from whom you've been trying unsuccessfully to collect a \$14 debt burns your house, which has been his shelter, because you've refused him access thereto—then it's high time to get help from the authorities.
 That, at least, is the opinion of M. Whiting, whose frame-tent home on the outskirts of town at the east end of Fremont street was burned to the ground Thursday afternoon.
 Whiting is expected to testify at 10 a. m. today before Judge Roger Foley in preliminary hearing that Claude K. Groff and "John Doe," now housed in the county jail, burned the house in which Groff lived for a time with him.
 Groff, while staying at Whiting's domicile, came to owe Whiting some fourteen dollars, according to the complaining witness.
 This Whiting tried to collect. Failing, he took Groff's key away from him, it is reported, and tried to secure a warrant from District Attorney H. A. Harmon against Groff. This, however, was impossible, even when he reported he had caught Groff breaking into the place.
 Harmon could not issue the warrant because it had been Groff's home, according to law, and a warrant cannot be issued against a man for breaking into his own home.
 But when Groff allegedly set fire to the structure, that was a different story, and the warrant was issued promptly. Groff and the other man were taken into custody and this morning the first round of the legal battle will be staged in Judge Foley's new offices in the same fourteen dollars, according to the complaining witness.

Pajama Party of 200 Enlivens Depot as Young and Old Frolic

Las Vegas might have seemed a college town the evening before a football game, had a stranger stood at the depot last night and watched two hundred individuals, three-fourths of them clad in pajamas, dance and sing and cavort there for fifteen minutes shortly after 9 p. m.
 The discordant note would have been the fact that there were many middle-aged gentlemen—AND LADIES!—in the crowd!
 When the six-car special train carrying several hundred members of the California Traffic club from Yellowstone park to Los Angeles pulled up to the station they started hopping to the depot platform.
 Some wore clothes; some wore pajamas. Big, little, young and old, they disembarked! Some of the more timid of the women remained modestly on the train. But not for long!
 Some of the male element went aboard and carried them out to make merry with the gang! There was no escaping!

Janet Gaynor to Wed S. F. Attorney
 HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 6 (UP)—Janet Gaynor, film actress, and Lydell Peck, San Francisco attorney, will file notice of intent to wed in Oakland some time today, it was announced by the Fox studios today.

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