

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## DIRE NEED.

A DISCONTED woman has asked Governor Balzar for the loan of the state's lethal chamber, according to a press dispatch. Since no one is using it at present, it seems to us the Governor might gracefully comply.

## CHARLESTON PARK.

OFFICIALS OF the U. S. Forest Service are here investigating the plans of development of the Charleston Park area proposed by those interested in that enterprise.

Nowhere in the west is a more perfectly delightful wooded canyon than that in Charleston Park one hour's drive from Las Vegas. Properly developed it will be a continued delight to the people of this section for generations to come.

The scarcity of water in that region, however, makes the problem of development here different from and more difficult than in most mountain areas where water is more plentiful. To make a development in Charleston Park which will adequately serve the people the investment of a large amount of capital will be necessary to build pipe lines, sewer system, power plant, highways and other utilities.

All those having interests in the Charleston Park area are now united in a plan of development which promises the results desired. The people of Las Vegas generally are very anxious to have the enterprise proceed with promptness. Its consummation will save thousands of dollars of "vacation money" to our local business channels and will add wonderfully to our summer comfort.

Nature seems to have a habit of meeting an emergency. In placing this wooded mountain region in such close proximity to Las Vegas, nature has furnished the means whereby we may offset the discomforts of high summer temperatures.

## PADDLING OUR OWN CANOE.

LAS VEGAS is doing quite well paddling her own canoe. Our people are going on earnestly with the improvements necessary to meet the needs of the greater Las Vegas which is just ahead. Not only is private enterprise providing homes and business blocks, but public improvements are being carried forward which will bring a notable change in character of the city.

Among the public enterprises planned or already under way are the following:

A large addition to our mileage of paved streets, more than doubling the present paved area.

An ornamental street lighting for the principal business streets.

New school building to cost more than \$250,000.

Extension of the sewer system, estimated cost \$250,000.

New fire fighting equipment.

New street cleaning equipment.

The things enumerated above are costly, to be sure, but they are absolutely essential to our future.

Las Vegas is not dependent on fake real estate operations for her present prosperity nor her future growth. The people of this city are showing their faith by their works. We are fully convinced that the future will develop according to the manner in which we do our part.

Las Vegas is paddling her own canoe and doing nicely, thank you.

## GOOD CROP OF CHILDREN.

LIKE UTAH, the best crop of Las Vegas is our children. The overcrowded condition of our schools is evidence that we have a great crop, and as to quality, they stack up with the very best in Utah or any other state.

## ADVERTISING THE SHOW.

IT HAS been remarked that advertising is the life of the show business. Such being the case, Pantages must be doing a great business.

## BIG THINGS.

BY THE absorption of the Corn Exchange Bank, the National City Bank of New York becomes the biggest bank in the world in point of capitalization, having now resources of 2,500 millions of dollars—in other words, two and one-half billions.

We are living in the days of great inventions and great developments, but there is nothing more astounding than the gigantic size of some of our financial and industrial institutions, which have grown to a magnitude which was beyond the belief of people of a generation ago.

## APPRECIATED SERVICES.

FOR NEARLY 25 years, one corp of young fellows after another have manned the machines of the Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department. Some of the present members have struck through many years.

A hundred times they have saved Las Vegas from serious loss and perhaps entire destruction.

Last Thursday night they again distinguished themselves by their services in facing the dangerous conditions in the power house of the Union Pacific and extinguishing the fire which raged. Except for their promptness, efficiency and courage, the Union Pacific might have suffered serious loss and the people of Las Vegas have been left without electric current for some days.

The boys say they need a new fire engine. If they say so that pretty much proves that it is so. For our own safety we should provide it as soon as it can be properly be done.



## A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRK SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON — The investigation of "big navy" activities of William B. Shearer ordered by the senate-back fair to prove a very interesting chapter of Hoover administration history.  
Whatever else it might disclose, the admission of various shipbuilding concerns in connection with Shearer's employment as an "observer" of naval limitation conferences served to bring to the surface an aspect of Washington life not much talked of as a rule.  
There have been heated and dramatic "lobby" investigations before now, notably that during the Wilson administration. President Wilson had his own troubles with "big navy" or "big army" advocates prior to the time he embarked upon the national defense program of 1916.  
He like President Hoover, boiled over in resentment against lobbyists generally and arraigned them caustically. That was what brought on the congressional investigation.  
The Bystander does not recall that any very drastic anti-lobby legislation resulted. If it had, the history of the relations of the United States to the League of Nations might have been a wholly different story.

## Attacked in General

President Coolidge always seemed to have a feeling that military propagandists seeking larger appropriations might impair his economy program.

He frequently referred more or less bitterly in press conferences to the activities of "admirals and generals" in that regard.  
Even the budget act assumes there will be propaganda for larger appropriations within the various government departments unless checked. It provides that departmental officers may not reveal in any way the figures dealt with in formulation of the budget each year.

And under President Coolidge that clause of the act was held rigidly over the heads of army and navy personnel particularly.

Officers of the two services feared officials reprisals if they did any talking out of school. The Bystander can recall many times, however, when budgetary information as to other branches of the government leaked without any particular fuss being made about it.

The Shearer case, with its implication, at least, that American shipbuilding firms interested in prospective contracts for warship construction might have undertaken a publicity campaign to arouse public opinion against naval reduction moves, presents an entirely new angle, however.

If that should prove to be the fact—and the statements of the shipbuilders prior to the opening of the senate committee quiz indicated it would be difficult to establish definitely that they had any propaganda purpose—what of it?

## Full of Them

One thing that did stand out sharply in the Shearer case was that the White House is probably the most far-reaching publicity mechanism in the world, a fact which the Bystander has before pointed out.

The mere fact that President Hoover elected to say what he did about this presumably wholly domestic matter, made it an affair of international interest.  
And then there's this about the Shearer matter: Senator Borah by all reports, was the original discoverer of the issue. He was formulating his plans for a senate investigation days before President Hoover opened the ball at a press conference.

## Man May Serve Life Sentence For Fight Over 85 Cents

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 20, (UP)—Sentence on "Long Jim" Dixon, found guilty yesterday by a jury of first degree murder charges, will be filed tomorrow morning.  
Dixon was found guilty of the slaying of Robert McGardie, 22, according to testimony the two men quarreled over 85 cents. The jury which deliberated for 24 hours, recommended life imprisonment.

## Eighth Graders Beat Frosh Ball Team

The eighth grade indoor baseball team accepted a challenge this week from the freshmen and licked them.  
That was merely a side issue which came in conjunction with the big grammar school indoor baseball tourney which is being staged evenings under the direction of Leslie Edwards, of the faculty.  
The sixth, seventh and eighth grades are participating in the tourney, and it is still problematical who is going to come out on top, several games having been played thus far.

## Balzar Names Turner Lieutenant-Colonel

RENO, Sept. 20, (UP)—Capt. Roscoe Turner, aviator, today was presented by Governor Fred Balzar of Nevada with the commission of Lieutenant Colonel in recognition of his recent feat of flying from Los Angeles to New York and return. The presentation was made at the Nevada State Fair at Fallon.

## Lawrence Gets Only Tract Tax Reduction

A one-third reduction in the tax on the Artestan Park estate, real estate subdivision here, was granted, it was learned here yesterday. T. J. Lawrence is owner of the project.  
The state tax commission, which granted this reduction, refused to allow reductions on the Mills and Tankel tracts.

## HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By GEORGE H. BEALE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 20, (UP)—One of the strangest of the many Cinderella stories that abound in Hollywood is that of Armida.

Armida Vendrell is her complete name but her sponsors are striving desperately and apparently successfully to have her known only as Armida.

Four years ago, Armida, then 15 and just about her present size—she is four feet ten and weighs 99 pounds—was one of the members of a large and poor Los Angeles Mexican family.  
Her home was near the Plaza, the oldest section of the city. Her people and her neighbors were laborers.

Now Armida has a fat screen contract. She lives with her family in a beautiful home here. She plans to send her younger sisters to college. She expects and probably will reach stardom.  
Armida was "discovered" in the old Hidalgo theater, one of those showplaces which featured outside posters of the hero jumping from the airplane to the train, the villain's automobile plunging over the cliff and the opium smuggler about to stab John Law.

With her sister, Dolores, Armida appeared in a small and obviously home-manufactured vaudeville skit. Dolores was "atmosphere" while Armida danced a bit, sang a few numbers and did character sketches.  
When her act was finished the theater shook with the applause of the Mexican audience. She was called back again and again for encores.  
A spotter for a coast vaudeville circuit was in the audience and offered her a chance at the four-a-day. She accepted and was placed under the tutelage of Gus Edwards, stage and screen actor, song writer, and dance instructor.  
She was a distinct success and passed soon into short subjects in the films. Most recently she was featured in an important role opposite John Barrymore. She is under long term contract.  
Personality seems to be Armida's greatest attribute. Her dancing has been described as mediocre, yet it always brings down the house; critics say her voice can not be considered good, yet her songs always seem to thrill.  
Armida is the first Los Angeles born Mexican to make good in films.

## Street Engineer to Face Fraud Charge And \$55,930 Suit

PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 20, (UP)—Charging fraud, carelessness and neglect of duty, the City of Pasadena has brought suit against its former city engineer, Warren C. Earle, and his bondsmen, the Fidelity and Deposit Company, asking \$55,930. The suit charges that Earle approved overpayments for street work here.

## U. S. C.-Notre Dame Schedule Two Games

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20, (UP)—University of Southern California and Notre Dame have entered into another two-year football agreement, Gwynn Wilson, athletic manager of U. S. C. has announced.  
Wilson said the Notre Dame eleven was to play the Trojans in the Coliseum on December 5, 1930, and that U. S. C. will appear in Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind., on November 31, 1931.  
It was pointed out that this year's game between the two rivals at Chicago may be the last played between the two teams on foreign fields, as Notre Dame is completing a new stadium to hold a large crowd.

## Jacomini Sues For Plumbing Payment

Dan Jacomini, of the Fixit Shop, filed suit yesterday against Marion Wilson, Thelma O. Kelberry and others for \$93.03, alleged balance left unpaid for installation of plumbing in a dance pavilion on lots one and two of block 32, Clark's Las Vegas townsite.  
Contract for the plumbing was entered into in June, 1929, the complaint alleges, the work was completed, and the balance remains unpaid.  
C. D. Breeze is attorney for Jacomini.

## Enough Gypsum Was Manufactured to Cover Walls of All the Homes in a City the Size of Boston.

Enough gypsum was manufactured to plaster board and lath during 1928 to cover the walls of all the homes in a city the size of Boston.

## Cononuts and Phosphates

Another of Harlem's vendors hawks coconuts in season, pushing his big cart through the streets with his wares divided neatly into two piles.  
One pile contains the coconuts in their customary shell covering, at 20 cents apiece. The coconuts in the other pile are shelled, all ready to cut open and devour, and these command a nickel more.  
Still another vendor in the negro community trudges along the sidewalks with his soft drink cart, pushing bottles of orange, lemon, sarsaparilla and other flavorings. He also totes a big bottle of carbonated water. In the evening, when negro neighbors are gathered on the stone steps of their tenements, he sells phosphates from door to door and never lacks for customers. They need never bow to the corner drug store to quench their thirst, for they know the phosphate man will be along in a minute.  
And his business is even better since he began carrying in his cart a bottle of gin.

## The Racketeer Type

George M. Cohan cherished a keen longing to play the leading part in his new play "Gambling," which he has been readying for Broadway.  
The role is that of a gambler, and Cohan may be suspected of having had himself in mind when he was shaping the part.  
But his friends advised him not to attempt it. A gambler, they said, should be a big, dark, hard-looking fellow, not a slight and dapper chap like Cohan. Still Cohan chafed.  
The other day he was still chafing when an acquaintance remarked, "Well, I know one gambler who was very much like you, an appearance and demeanor, and he came from your home town of Providence, R. I."  
"Who was he?" Cohan asked eagerly.  
"Dick Canfield," said ohan.  
"He'll play the part."

## Twenty Four Hour Telegraph Service Soon

Office Will Remain Open All Night Beginning About Middle of Next Month; Repeaters Being Installed.

Twenty-four hour telegraph service will be started by the Las Vegas station of the Western Union telegraph about the middle of October, as soon as the repeater equipment now in process of installation is in place, according to A. M. Hardie, manager of the plant.  
This service will include delivery and sending service, he stated.  
Actual installation of the instruments of the relay system will be started about October 1, according to Hardie, and this work will take about two weeks. The racks and holders have been put in place and wiring is now being pushed forward.

The repeater equipment, including direct current and six or seven six motor generators to transduce the alternating current into thousand dollars worth of instruments, has been on hand for several days.  
Two automatic printers and an automatic time stamp are included in the equipment.

## Talkies Will Make Lady of American Girl—Fannie Hurst

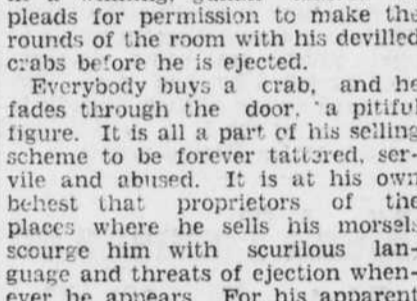
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 20, (UP)—The talkies will make "a lady" of the American girl, Fannie Hurst, novelist, predicted in an interview here, enroute from Hollywood to New York.  
Moreover, the "Queen's English," according to Miss Hurst is going to be heard in the Kentucky Hills, the Bowery and the Loops, as a result of the speaking pictures.



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