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**New Fire Truck Bought By City**

**Commissioners Consider A Change in Electrical Ordinance.—Cost of Providing Airport Brought Up.**

The board of city commissioners met Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to consider various matters of public interest which are pressing.

The most important action taken was the purchase of a new fire truck from the American-LaFrance Engine company. The new machine will cost \$14,710, of which the city will pay \$3,500 cash, the remainder to be spread over five yearly payments. Commissioners Hansell, Smith, Thomas and Mayor Hesse, who were at the meeting, all approved the proposition to buy the truck.

The action of the board assures Las Vegas of a modern and efficient piece of fire fighting equipment, much more powerful than anything the city has previously possessed.

At the request of R. E. Lake, Jr. representing the American Legion, a contribution toward the purchase of instruments for the Legion Drum corps was made.

The electricians of the city desired some changes made in the electrical ordinance recently passed by the board. The matter was held in abeyance until such time as the board can secure the opinions of City Electrical Inspector Payne.

The matter of the cost of maintaining an airport for the Western

**Aviation Corporation Buys Alaska Concern**

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—Two of the aviation companies whose planes have cut travel time from weeks to hours in remote Alaska have been merged as the Alaska Airways, Inc., and become a part of the \$200,000,000 Aviation corporation.

Lieut. Carl Ben Eielson, noted Arctic flier, has been employed as executive vice-president in charge of the Alaskan company.

"Through Alaska Airways, Inc.," said Graham B. Grosvenor, president of Aviation corporation, "the activities of our new Alaska air companies will be extended forthwith."

Their development no doubt eventually will include connections with the United States, bringing the most remote points within hours instead of weeks of our principal cities.

The two companies involved in the purchase were the Weir Alaska Airways and the Rodebaugh Airplane company.

Air Express until such time as they are able to complete their own field was brought to the attention of the board by the Chamber of Commerce. That body has carried the matter of rental of the field for a time and has asked the board to also contribute to the expense on the ground that the enterprise is for the benefit of the community in general.

Four hundred dollars is now due to the Mesquite Club for the rental of the field for the past eight months.

**Miss Doran Note Thot Authentic**

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Sept. 25 (AP)—In from the gray mist hidden waters of the Pacific floated a rusty can bearing a message from out of the past—telling perhaps of the last moments of the plane, "Miss Doran," which left Oakland two years ago in the Dole race to Honolulu and never turned up at the crossroads of the Pacific.

The belief was expressed by federal hydrographers last night that the canned note picked up off the beach here yesterday could have been carried by the ocean currents from the craft.

The missing plane carried Miss Doran, school teacher, Augie Pedlar and Vilas Knope. Before the trio left on the ocean hop from Oakland the engine of their plane had spark plug trouble.

Assuming that the plane took its death plunge 1,000 miles west of San Francisco the note would have been carried north to Japan and then south again, hydrographic officers said in explaining why it would take two years for the message to float ashore here.

"By, by World, Miss Doran," were the last words that Miss Doran wrote.

"Am floating on the water. Have been for three days. Forced down by engine trouble. Had no time to locate it," the note said.

There comes a time in the life of every man when he would give \$10 if he could read a strange woman's mind when she's sizing him up.—Milan News.

**Cubs Got Stars At Fire Sale Rates; Winning Club Cost Around \$400,000**

By WALTER T. BROWN (AP Feature Service Writer)

CHICAGO, (AP)—Taking the rubber band off the wallet has been one of the things the Cub management has done with alacrity, but this year's National league champions do not represent more than \$400,000 in hard cash.

Rogers Hornsby was a fancy addition at \$240,000, considering the cash value of players involved. The Cubs bought him from Boston.

On the other hand, Guy Bush, the hurling ace, was a bargain—\$12,000, and Hack Wilson, the pug-nacious one, was almost a gift, \$5,000. Pat Malone, who moved his suit case from Minneapolis, cost \$30,000, and Bill Veck laid down \$30,000 to the American association for Woody English, collegiate-looking short-stop.

Norman McMillan, the hot corner inhabitant, came from the association for \$5,000, and Los Angeles and Portland received \$10,000 for Charlie Root and Sheriff Blake. Art Nehf was a bargain buy, but Hal Carison cost \$30,000, including the players that went to Philadelphia in the deal.

Veck gave Indianapolis \$12,000 for Eligs Stephenson and Kiki Cuyler set the bank balance back \$20,000.

Cliff Heathcote cost nothing as he was traded for Max Flack, and Flack was the property of the Federal league club, which the Cub management bought. Heathcote came from St. Louis. Gonzales and Taylor the catchers, were Christmas presents from St. Louis and Boston.

Charlie Grimm has been worth many times the \$35,000 that the Cubs gave Pittsburgh for him.

The Wilson trade was a David Harum deal, and can be credited to Joe McCarthy, the manager. Hack had been tried by McGraw and shipped to Toledo, with an option in the New York office. Through a clerical error the Giants failed to exercise their option within the time limit.

McCarthy, managing Louisville, but under contract to the Cubs for the next year, notified Veck, and Wilson was picked up for the draft price, \$5,000.

Had the Cubs not been near the bottom that year some other club would have had first choice of Wilson.

**Ex-Big Leaguer Is Convicted of Manslaughter**

HARRISBURG, Penn., Sept. 25 (AP)—Samuel "Red" Crane, former major and minor league infielder was convicted of second degree murder for slaying his erstwhile sweetheart, Della Lyter, whom he shot and killed the night of August 2.

The jury, four women and eight men, returned a verdict after two hours of deliberation.

Crane formerly played in the coast league.

Love is something that will make a girl leave a good home just to be near an animal that chews tobacco and eats onions.—Slater News.

**John Coolidge And Bride in Quiet Retreat**

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Sept. 25 (AP)—This tiny hamlet in the hills has become the honeymoon haven of John Coolidge and his bride, the former Florence Trumbull.

The Coolidge homestead, which became a national shrine in 1923 when Calvin Coolidge stood in its lamp-lit living room and took the oath as president of the United States, sheltered the newlyweds during the second night after their marriage at Plainville, Conn.

John and Florence arrived here late yesterday in the latter's sport roadster after briefly visiting former President and Mrs. Coolidge at Northampton, Mass.

En route to Plymouth the newlyweds stopped for a few minutes at the Ludlow home of former Attorney General John G. Sargent and the Proctorville home of Sarah Pollard, John's great aunt.

Shortly before 8 p.m. the roadster stopped in front of the rambling white farmhouse which was the home of the late Colonel John C. Coolidge, John's grandfather.

As he alighted from the car John espied Miss Florence Cilley, for many years Plymouth's postmistress, standing on the little piazza of the potatoe and general store diagonally across the street.

"Hello," he shouted, waving his hand.

Miss Cilley responded with a brief word of welcome and John assisted his wife from the automobile. Carrying suitcases and coats they hurried to the porch of the Coolidge homestead.

Miss Aurora Pierce, for some 20 years housekeeper there, stood waiting to greet them.

The newlyweds had supper and then, for the first time this year, the lamp in the sitting room of the homestead was lighted. Before retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge visited for a while with the housekeeper and received a few friends.

**Shovels Prove To Be Distraction At Lindbergh Museum**

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25 (AP)—At last St. Louis has discovered something to lessen public interest in that huge collection of gifts to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in Jefferson Memorial here.

Keepers of the collection said visitors had fallen off by the hundreds since a fleet of 10-ton steam shovels began an improvement project near the museum. The crowds had shifted to watch the big shovels operate.

More Lindbergh gifts, however, continue to arrive as new attractions for the curious. About 3,000,000 people have viewed the collection.

**Humidity Affects Motor Car's Power**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—The belief of many motorists that an automobile gives smoother performance in wet weather is given some basis by the United States bureau of standards.

Although the impression doubtless is largely due to psychological factors and an absence of squeaks, caused by the lubrication of springs by water, the bureau reported, recent tests indicate that it may result partly from mechanical factors.

The tests showed that increased atmospheric humidity or "wetness" reduces the maximum power obtainable and slows up combustion, the effect of both of which would be to give a smoother flow of power.

"One result of these tests," the bureau concluded, "will be to add to the troubles of automotive engineers, since it is obvious that in accurate comparisons of engine power, humidity of next week is measured an allowance made for its effect on power."

**Postoffice Pharmacy To Open Soon**

The work of installing the fixtures in the new Post Office Drug Store, in the Sullivan block, is under way. The soda fountain is practically completed and the other furnishings should be in place by the end of the week, according to W. E. Ferron of the Las Vegas Pharmacy.

Although no positive statement has been made as to the opening date, it is probable that the opening will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, it was stated by Frank Crookston, manager of the new pharmacy.

**Eastern R. R.'s Show Greatest Earnings**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—More than half the net operating income of railways in the United States is being earned by the eastern roads.

The bureau of railway economies, in a report covering the first seven months of the year, states that all railroads in the country had a total net income of \$685,508,192, of which \$365,547,304 was credited to eastern systems.

The western roads earned \$242,593,998 and those in the south \$77,366,890. During the same period in 1928 the total for all roads was \$557,646,004.

**Personals**

E. J. Swaidner, of San Francisco, was in Vegas yesterday. He is considering opening a barber shop in this city.

Mrs. J. F. Hesse who has been ill for the past week is reported much better.

Jack Hemphill, accountant for the Cashman Garage, is spending several days in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ella Knolls has almost recovered from her recent illness, and plans to leave the Las Vegas hospital in a few days and return to her home in Searchlight.

W. H. Pike will arrive in Las Vegas this evening after spending some time in the east where he was called by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. F. A. Jackson will probably be employed in the new Post Office Drug Store. Mr. Jackson, who is with the Las Vegas Pharmacy is not a newcomer, having lived in Las Vegas some six years ago.

Mosbach, Mary Campbell and Joyce Hammond. "The Deacon's Sweetheart," June Noy, Irene Taylor, Betty Fulton and Evelyn Rhoads.

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