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THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1929.

## WIDENING STREETS.

**A** REVIVAL of the movement to widen Fremont street was undertaken Monday evening when the City Planning Commission brought the matter again before the city board.

In pursuance of the idea, a petition was circulated for widening the roadway on Fremont street by setting the curbs on each side back three feet and reducing the width of the sidewalk space to 12 feet. To permit this an arrangement was made whereby the contractor for the ornamental lighting system will place the lighting standards back three feet from the curbs to permit the roadway widening without interfering with the lighting system.

It is gratifying that the movement has at last met with some encouragement. It will be a good thing to widen the roadway from 50 feet, its present width, to 56 feet.

Nevertheless it would have been much better had we widened the street from 80 feet to 100 feet several years ago before the construction of valuable buildings made the improvement difficult and costly.

Fremont street could have been widened two years ago from Second street out without serious damage to buildings. Now Ray's Professional building and El Portal theatre, both expensive improvements, would make the widening costly.

But there is no reason whatever, unless it be a natural inertia of minds, or the inclination to procrastinate in such matters, why Fremont street from Fifth street eastward, should not be widened to 100 feet with a 70 foot roadway clear for traffic.

This street will be a main artery for the vast amount of travel to and from the Boulder Dam work. The Age believes it would be excellent business policy for the property owners on that section of Fremont street to tackle the widening proposition seriously right now.

## ZONING, AGAIN.

**W**HILE WE are talking street widening we naturally think of the other problems of city building kindred to that.

The whole matter of guiding and controlling the future of the city is dependent upon a plan of zoning of some sort.

The Age wonders if the term zoning does not, for some reason, carry a sort of negative or prohibitive meaning misleading to the minds of the average man. Perhaps if we spoke of the subject of "city control" rather than as "city zoning" we might get along faster.

To the Age it seems absolutely essential to the future of Las Vegas that we should adopt an ordinance under which there would be some control and direction of civic growth. Not to do so will with absolute certainty result in the depreciation of property and distress to those engaged in many lines of business.

It will result in a mishapen, ungainly, uncertain, chaotic method of growth in which no man's investment will have any assurance of stability.

Las Vegas as a community seems as yet not to have learned or understood that, although we recall, the city planning commission has spent much time and considerable of their own personal money in studying the subject. And they long ago made a report to the city board recommending action. The Chamber of Commerce also approved the report, with the added thought that a competent and experienced man might be employed to recommend a general plan on which to work.

In an indirect way the lack of a city zoning or control plan has already cost Las Vegas a vast amount of money by making it absolutely impossible to interest any considerable amount of outside capital here. Capital, in other cities is used to and receives protection to its investments through the stability which a zoning ordinance gives to property values.

We can rest assured that there will be no substantial amount of capital invested here until they feel secure in so doing. And as it is today the best residential property may be depreciated in value over night by the locating of some obnoxious form of business enterprise. Fine hotels and apartment houses cannot be expected until they are assured protection as to the nature of the occupancies of adjoining properties.

Every line of business and enterprise would be benefited by a sane zoning plan. Yet, it seems, we are destined to go on indefinitely suffering the disadvantages our inaction creates, unless our city board determines to tackle the complicated subject and give us at least an ordinance to start from.

It need not be perfect at the start—not even near perfect. But, once we have the general outline of a zoning plan, it can be perfected and amplified from time to time.

## A LOGICAL POSITION.

**T**HE WHOLE object of the Colorado River Compact, which is the underlying principal on which the Boulder Dam legislation was erected, was to protect the different regions of the Colorado River basin in their right to future development.

New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming have the right to step in at any time and use water to the amount of 7,500,000 acre feet per annum from the river. The fact that those states are at present using but a fraction of that amount of water has nothing to do with the case. They are assured an amount of water sufficient for all possible future development, whenever the need may come.

Arizona receives protection for her future growth as against her faster developing neighbor, California, by the restriction whereby the latter state cannot appropriate more than 4,400,000 acre feet.

With regard to power, Nevada is in a position similar to that of the upper basin states. We are using but little power at present. That little is so expensive that development is practically prohibited. We need and must have the right to step in and take for ourselves whenever in the future the development of our natural resources require it, power from the Boulder Dam project. That is our whole

# Pasadena Branch Of Church Votes Against Aimee

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 16. (UP)—Pasadena branch of Aimee Semple McPherson's famous four square sect organization today stood technically "at odds" with the noted Los Angeles evangelist.

By a vote of 200 to 10 the members voted not to sustain Mrs. McPherson's action in removing Rev. A. E. Alford and his wife, Roxie, from the local pastorate.

It also voted 122 to 54 to pass a new set of by-laws for the Pasadena branch.

The action of the local congregation was regarded as allied with the fight Dr. James Gobden, deposed aide of the evangelist, is making to contest Mrs. McPherson's control in the Angeles Temple group of churches.

During an address here last night Dr. Gobden denounced the asserted "autocratic rule" of Mrs. McPherson.

The meeting reached a high pitch when two private detectives presented affidavits which were supposed to show the "worldliness" of the evangelist.

"It's all a pack of lies," some one screamed.

There was much confusion until some other person suddenly started singing a hymn in which the congregation joined.

## San Gabriel Dam Excavation Stopped

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16. (UP)—After hearing the report of engineers and geologists recommending complete abandonment of plans and preliminary work for the San Gabriel dam, the board of supervisors today ordered contractors to stop excavation work.

A report called the present site "unsafe" for the construction of a high dam.

## Washington Bystander

WASHINGTON — It is not very often that a government bureau or commission seeks to limit and restrict its legal powers.

That would be contrary to the whole history of bureaucracy. On the contrary, members of congress are forever picturing these administrative agencies of government as rapacious self-seekers primarily intent on perpetrating and enlarging their hold on the treasury.

This being true, it is something of a novelty to have a great government agency like the interstate commerce commission pushing to the highest limit a liberal interpretation of law to be relieved of powers conferred by decisions of lower courts.

## Indecent Play Trial Coming

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 16. (UP)—Jovina Ralston, screen actress and Arthur Rankin, singer, actor, today prepared to face trial October 24, on a charge of participating in an indecent play.

The opus in question is "Bad Babies," which was raided by police. The play deals with the asserted "wildness" of the younger generation.

## Station Involved

The matter involves the dream of the thriving California city to set up a union station at a cost of about \$10,000,000. All three of the railroads serving the southern California center would be compelled to share in the cost and use the terminal thus provided for in an order from the state railroad commission obtained by municipal authorities.

But the carriers went to the state courts, which held that only the interstate commerce commission had legal power to issue such orders.

Various petitions followed with the result that the federal appellate court here ultimately upheld the view of the California state supreme court. It is against this ruling that the commission is seeking relief in the federal supreme court.

The federal commission admits that the Los Angeles union station, or any other involving interstate business, could not be established without approval by the commission of the trackage changes and other matters that clearly come under federal supervision.

But this, the commission argues, is a far cry from saying that the commission is charged by law solely with the affirmative power to order carriers in any community to combine their terminal operations for the greater ease of patrons.

To put such a construction on the act, the commission's brief holds, would be in violation of state rights and an infringement of the police powers of the states.

## No Wonder

Which is a rather novel position for a federal agency to take.

Yet it is easily explainable, for if the Los Angeles case should work out to endow the federal commission with the authority it seeks to push from its shoulders, obviously, it will have to take up the desires of every town to make carriers erect a suitable union station.

## A NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By DEMING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK — Every few weeks the city Macom puffs importantly down the bay to Queens to take a distinguished passenger from an arriving ocean liner, and chugs back to the Battery with Grover Whalen and the current man or woman of the hour beaming from its bridge, cut flowers and photographers clattering its decks, and firemen spraying jets of water in its lathery wake.

But the Macom has another function than that of bringing noted municipal guests to the foot of Broadway for those ticker tape orgies known as New York welcomes.

"Twice a year the tug goes on another errand down the bay, with no sails but glimmering at its prow nor any fireboats tagging at its stern. On such occasions its passengers are a few policemen, and its cargo is a heap of confiscated weapons.

The property custodians of the police department seize and fasten into crates at the John street station all the guns and blunderbusses found on arrested men. When the crates are full—and that is about once every six months—they are loaded down to the Macom, dumped on its deck, and carried down to the Narrows to be emptied overboard into salt water a quarter of a mile deep.

## Dear O'Neil

Acquaintances of Eugene O'Neil, who encountered the playwright during summer visits in Europe being back word that O'Neil, who hasn't been in the United States for almost two years now, is a different and much bither than New York knew.

They say his recent marriage to Charlotte Monterey has apparently wrought the change. At any rate, he is wearing silk shirts and gay cravats for the first time in his life, and is letting himself be seen occasionally in public.

# American Girl's Marriage to China Poet Is Approved

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 16. (UP)—The marriage of their American daughter to a Chinese poet was approved heartily here today by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Law of Lincoln.

Their daughter, Marie, 23, an instructor of mythology at Peiping National University, China, and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, is revealed as the wife of Kwei Chen, Chinese poet and now a professor of philosophy in the same Chinese school. They were wed April 26.

# Passenger Fare Probe Promised

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (UP)—The interstate commerce commission announced yesterday its intention to investigate, upon its own motion, extra fare charges by passenger trains throughout the country in addition to the regular passenger and Pullman fares and surcharges.

All railroads subject to the commission's jurisdiction will be covered by the inquiry which is to determine the fairness of extra fare charge.

# Freight Rate Cut For Brick Promised

Freight rates on common brick from Los Angeles to Las Vegas will be reduced at some date in the near future, according to B. M. Prescott, traveling agent of the traffic department of the Union Pacific railway, who was in Las Vegas yesterday on business.

Officials are now looking into the problem, and will decide what sort of reduction will be made. Cuts in lumber rates have been made recently.

# ON THE SIDELINES

by BRIAN BELL



Advice to golfers. Don't tie for the medal in major championship competitions. Bobby Jones tied for the honor of leading the field in the qualifying play for the amateur title. He was beaten in the first round of match play. Helen Hicks tied for the medal in the qualifying round of the women's championships. She was beaten in the first round.

The women golfers are a consistent lot. In the 1929 championship 24 of the 32 who entered the match play, qualified in the 1928 test. This field at Oakland Hills, however, set a dizzy pace than that shown at Hot Springs. A score of 91 was good enough to get into the select circle in Virginia. It required 88 when the scene shifted to Michigan.

Few of the ranking women fail to qualify. Only at widely separated intervals does one of the elite have to join the gallery after the round of play against par. Not so with the men. Some star is found off his game at every championship and falls to bring a club when the real firing begins.

The retirement of Whichone, smart Whitney cut, probably means that Blue Larkspur, the best of Bradley B's, will be the high money winner of the year on all tracks. Blue Larkspur has won a total of \$153,450 this year. Whichone has contributed \$135,655 to his owner. At that Whichone fell short of the mark set by High Strung among the two year olds last year, \$152,590. The retirement of Whichone to get

ready for his campaign, as a three year old will be an interesting experiment. Similar strategy has not been so successful with other two year olds.

Baseball nestling in the lap of football has been a source of irritation to many lovers of both sports who could be happy with either. "twere other dear charmer away, but the poor old schedule makers can not be entirely blamed for the unfortunate condition in 1929.

With less than 1,000 cash customers watching some of the games in the waning major league seasons, the makers of the "terrible schedule" have been restless, right and left. The critics, however, are second guessing the men who distributed the dates last winter. The joint committee could not be expected to know that the races in both leagues would be decided soon after Labor Day. If the Yankees and Athletics had fought it out to a finish, the closing Saturday and Sunday would have attracted a great crowd in New York even if the calendars did show the first week in October.

The same application can be made in the National. If one game had decided the pennant between the Cubs and Pirates, the visit of Pittsburgh to Chicago on the last day of the season would have been greeted with cheers by the boxticket. However, it seems almost a sure thing that next year the major league baseball season will cry "enough" in September.

# HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP



By GEORGE H. BEALE

United Press Staff Correspondent.

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 16. (UP)—In the screen colony where many of the famed change mates with the seasons here seldom is any mention of a wedding anniversary.

It was worth a real investigation then when James Gleason recently announced that he and Lucille Webster Gleason were celebrating their 23rd anniversary.

The Gleasons were married in Oakland, California, when they both were under age and following a short courtship.

Gleason returned from a trip to the Philippines to find her working in a stock company with his parents. It was one of the proverbial love at first sight affairs. The marriage carried parental blessings.

The Gleasons, Jimmy said, found the going a little rough for a good while and the finances frequently ran low until the time when stage producers realized the value of "I Zat Sa."

The income from the play in its first four years put the Gleasons in the easy street class.

"We've had a few quarrels in those 23 years," Gleason says. "But nothing that couldn't be ironed out with just a little bit of consideration by both sides.

"We've had some hard struggles—some periods when we needed money—but in general life has been very smooth and agreeable.

"We never dictate to each other and we never take our work too seriously."

The Gleasons came here from Broadway more than a year ago. They have built a home here and they intend to remain here.

Gleason has written considerable successful dialogue, his wife has a new play which will go to New York in the fall, and both have played in pictures. They are co-starred in "Snannons of Broadway."

Their son, Russell, has been signed to a long term contract with Pathe.

We are fully justified in demanding that Nevada be made secure in the right to recapture from those who develop it 25 percent of the available power of Boulder Dam. If we never use it nobody but ourselves suffer. But if we do develop need for it, Nevada certainly has an economic right superior to that of any other more remote section.

# Evidence Against L. A. Police Chief Heard Today

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16. (UP) The police commission was scheduled to meet secretly today for the purpose of investigating evidence that may be submitted by the Developers' association of Los Angeles to substantiate a charge that Police Chief James Davis should resign because of inefficiency.

At a heated meeting today John Quinn, representing the association, demanded a secret session.

# Skull Discovered, Believed Result of Highway Robbery

DOWNEY, Calif., Oct. 16. (UP)—Ditch diggers working in a street here, this morning uncovered the skull of a man believed to have been either the victim of an old Indian tribal war or a forgotten Indian robber band or a forgotten Indian tribal war.

The find was reported to the sheriff's office by members of the fire department.

# To Open Drug Store

Jack O'Brien, manager of the Lion chain of drug stores in the bay cities, is expected here in about a week to pick out a location for a company store. Joseph Penovica, president of the corporation, was here some time ago and returned to the bay region enthusiastic over the great future in store for this city.

Plans have so far developed that when Mr. O'Brien arrives he will make necessary arrangements for the early opening of another up-to-date drug store, he stated.

# MINE CREW LEAVES

Marvin Ish, superintendent of the Golden Ace mine, left Tuesday for the mine at Carrara, having secured a crew of ten men with which to resume operations at the company's workings.

Part of the crew had left previously and several of the men accompanied Ish.

What effect his abandonment of a reclus's life may have on his play writing is not likely to be apparent for another year. For the first time in many seasons he will not be represented on Broadway by a new play this winter. He is working now on a drama which will take him a year, he thinks, to complete.

O'Neil's sojourn abroad, incidentally, is occasioned by no dislike for the United States. He says he's going to settle down some day in southern California.

# A Finish Fight

A pair of Potash and Perlmutter dress manufacturers on Seventh avenue are inseparable partners, but always quarreling. They swear at least three times a week that they are going to dissolve the partnership, but they never do.

The other day one of the partners was particularly snarped by his colleague's obstinacy. He is working now on a drama which will take him a year, he thinks, to complete. O'Neil's sojourn abroad, incidentally, is occasioned by no dislike for the United States. He says he's going to settle down some day in southern California.

# FINALEBERG VS. STEINWITZ Ladies' Dresses



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# Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS

	Bid	Ask
Friday, October 11, 1929.		
Wednesday, October 16, 1929		
Calif. Bank	144	145
Nat. Bank of Com.	40	45
Sec. Fat. Natl.	135	136
L. A. Invest	20	21
Pacific Finance	150	150 1/2
Barnsdall A	33	34
Bolsa Chic	13	14
Buckeye Union	35	38
McMillan Pete	31 1/2	33
Oceanic	55	75
Crednatl Pet. Co.	235	245
Gilmore	10	12 1/2
Richfield	38 1/2	39
Rio Grande	27 1/2	29
Standard Oil of Cal.	74 1/2	75
Unika Oil	82 1/2	83
S. Cal. Edm. Com.	80	80 1/2
Douglas Air	25	26
Emso Dr.	30	30 1/2
Aviation of Del	11 1/2	12
Bach Air	95	100
Bank of Am. Cal.	130	135
Bank of Am. N. A.	233	240
Continental	34	35
Bardini	5 1/2	6 1/2
Exeter	190	195
Tall Pete	205	215
Mexican Seabrd	29 1/2	31
Sindler	35 1/2	35 1/2
Folkier Air	37 1/2	38
Lockheed	300	300
Maddux Line	4 1/2	10
Trans. Am. (new)	64	65
Trans. Con Air	13 1/2	14 1/2
Kolster Radio	20 1/2	21 1/2
Gold Ace	12	16
Republic Pete	425	450
Las Vegas Exchange—Open Board		
*Associated Metals	50	50
*Golden Ace	50	50
Italo-American	57	61
Virginia Con.	01	02
*Gold Reef	01	02
Rhyolite Con.	10	10 1/2
Mohawk Ace	45	50 1/2
Monarch Gold	45	50
Gohman Pete	85	100
*Yellow Pine	12	14
*—Price in Cents.		

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# Federation Urges 44 Hour Week

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 16. (UP)—A shorter Saturday, with a 44-hour week in United States government departments, including the postoffice, has been unanimously endorsed by a report of the legislation committee at the 49th convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The executive committee was urged to do all in its power to bring about this 44 hour week as a step toward a 40-hour week.

# FABRICS for WINTER

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