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ARIZONA CHALLENGE.

LIKE ONE self hypnotized Arizona launches a challenge against the right of the United States government to develop the resources of the Colorado River for the benefit of the people of the Southwest.

From the very day the Santa Fe conference met to formulate an agreement as to the use of the waters of the Colorado River Arizona has been opposed to all who desired to see the Boulder Dam project built. The opposition at first was based upon political bitterness. As time went on, with the aid of the prejudiced and bitter administration of Governor Hunt, the people of Arizona were constantly and persistently misinformed. They were fed upon falsehood and fallacy until a considerable element of the conscientious people of the state came to believe that Arizona is the sole owner of the river and that the people of the other states have no right to participate in its development or to share in its benefits.

Under the Boulder Dam Bill, Arizona is left absolutely free to appropriate and use all the water of the river if she can. No limit whatever is placed upon her right to appropriate water, California, on the other hand, in order that Arizona may be fully protected from the possible faster development of California lands, has voluntarily limited herself in the amount of water she may take. The Arizona challenge is launched, not against the states of California or Nevada, but against the Federal Government. It is the claim that the state is superior to the Federal Government in the control of the waters of the Colorado.

It is to be hoped that Arizona's threatened court action will be filed promptly. The courts of the United States will as promptly repudiate it and finally put an end to the obstructive and unfair tactics which Arizona has used for the past eight years in her efforts to defeat the Boulder Dam project.

NEVADA POWER ASSURED.

IN THE opinion of the Age, the assurance of Secretary Wilbur and Director of Reclamation Mead that the Secretary's memorandum on power allocation is to be construed that Nevada may reclaim power from time to time on twelve months notice given at any time during the life of the power contracts, will be carried out.

With Senators Oddie and Pittman and Congressman Arentz on the ground, fully informed on the subject and alert to see that Nevada's right to power is fully safeguarded, there is no reason whatever to worry over the outcome.

The memorandum of the Secretary, obviously, is simply an informal and general statement of the Secretary's plan of allocation. It is not a contract in itself, simply the statements by the Secretary of what he believes to be a fair method of disposing of the power controversy.

The crucial point will be the writing of the contracts. Nevada must and will see that in contracts made by the government through the Secretary of the Interior, with power purchasers, a clause is written in clearly defining the rights of Nevada to withdraw power in accordance with the expressed understanding of the Secretary and of Nevada's delegation at Washington.

This clause will be a part of the contract conditions upon which the contracts are based and will be enforceable by the government as against the contractees in case of any controversy.

Nevada is keenly alive to the necessity of securing the right to develop her natural resources in future years, by the use of Boulder Dam power. Secretary Wilbur and Director of Reclamation Dr. Mead are both sympathetic with this position.

It is necessary that our Washington delegation exercise the utmost vigilance during the progress of the contract making. But there is not the slightest reason at this time to fear that our rights will be ignored.

LIGHTING STANDARDS.

THE ORNAMENTAL lighting standards on Main, Fifth and Fremont streets are being placed in position.

They present a fine appearance and will be found to fully justify the judgment of the city planning commission and the city commissioners who approved and adopted them.

NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, (U.P.)—Three newspaper reporters of the Washington Times were sentenced to 45 days in jail today by District of Columbia Supreme Court Justice Peyton Gordon for refusing to give a federal grand jury names of bootleggers alleged to be operating here.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 30, (U.P.)—California's three-cent gasoline tax returned the state \$9,932,237.57 during the past three months, according to a statement today by Dixwell L. Pierce, secretary of the state board of equalization.

The fall fashion experts have decided that women's skirts shall extend three inches below the knees. This certainly is going to change the landscape on Main street.

Where 4,000 Pounds Of Checks Clear Daily



The interior of the New York clearing house, where checks running more than \$1,000,000 are cleared every business day. The fascimile of the receipt (lower left) represents one of the largest amounts ever paid in by any bank for the next day's balance. Clarence E. Bacon (lower right) is manager of the clearing house.

By WILLIAM E. KURNS
Financial Editor (U.P.) Feature Service
NEW YORK, (U.P.)—The New York clearing house was 76 years old the other day.
There was no birthday party when the anniversary came around, instead, the quiet, gray-plained institution handled its usual daily business—some two tons of checks representing from \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.
At the time the organization began operations in October, 1853, the first day's exchange were \$2,000,000. Edward L. Beck, assistant manager, says that more than \$5,629,000,000,000 in checks have been cleared since then.
The New York Clearing House is one of the few financial institutions which does not stop its machinery turn out the lights and lock up at night when the Wall street area becomes a deserted village.
Clarence E. Bacon, clearing head of the organization, has had to shift gears several times as the volume of commerce increased. He increased the number of times each day at which clearings are effected and made other changes enabling the clearing house to handle billions as easily as millions.
Until 1917 the only check exchange took place at 10 o'clock each business morning. The rising tide of American finance in the later war years required a second exchange hour and this was inaugurated at 9 o'clock. In 1922 a third at 3 o'clock became necessary to clear early morning accumulation of checks.
In 1926 a bond coupon exchange at 9:30 each morning was started. This met the problem of routing coupons to the proper banks for payment. The coupon exchange now is handling payments on approximately 18,000 bond issues.
The return time exchange occurs each day at 3 in the afternoon. The purpose is to distribute checks which, for one reason or another, were not paid during the morning exchanges.
The midnight exchange opens at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and operates continuously until 3 in the morning. This enables the banks at the close of the day to deliver checks without delay.

State 4-H Club Story Contest Won By Miss Merle Jones of Overton

Not satisfied with winning first place in the canning contest at the state club meet this fall, Miss Merle Jones of Overton went after further laurels and won. She took first prize in the 4-H club story contest for Nevada, with the story reproduced below. Miss Jones is now in Portland at the Pacific International Livestock show, this trip being the prize for winning first place in the canning contest.

By MERLE JONES, Overton, Clark County, Nevada

My club work began about six years ago, when Miss Ellen Le Noir, County Extension Agent, came into our community and organized a 4-H club. But first let me tell you where our little community is. I live in Overton, Clark Co. Nevada. We are located about sixty-five miles east of Las Vegas, our county seat. We are just thirty miles north of the Boulder Canyon Dam Site. Our valley is called "The Moapa Valley". This valley is noted for its asparagus, melons, cantaloupes, winter vegetables and for the tomato plants which we export. Our valley depends on irrigation. We will all be very glad when this new dam goes in so that we will have a better market for our produce. We also need reservoirs to supply more water, then we can increase our truck gardening and someday have a canery in our own community.
We girls organized into a sewing club when we were ten years old. Like all other girls we were anxious to learn to cook and sew. For four years we centered our efforts on sewing and completed the first two years outline for clothing project. Two years ago we girls were organized into a canning club and have now completed two years of work in canning.
All through our club work it had been our desire to attend the 4-H Club Camp at the University Farm at Reno, Nevada. When we had been in Club work for five years our dreams were realized. We left the little valley Sunday morning, our folks taking us to the station at Moapa. There we bade them good-by and boarded the train for Caliente, where we were joined by County Agent, J. H. Witwer, and one of our Lincoln County club workers, Mr. James Hollinger. From Caliente we traveled by auto over the Lincoln Highway to Reno. We arrived at Reno Monday night, tired but glad to be there. Those days at Club Camp will never be forgotten by us. We saw for the first time Club leaders of our state and we became acquainted with many boys and girls from all over the state. I entered the canning contest and won first prize. Our group won a number of prizes. We returned home happy, but determined to return to Club Camp the following year.
We earned the money for our next trip by selling ice cream at the show and on the Fourth of July and by giving dances. We also gave a play, "The Winning of Joy," in which we five girls took part. Six boys of the community taking the male parts. Our parents and friends contributed the rest.
In one year I have canned 103 quarts of fruit, 12 quarts of vegetables, 11 quarts of pickle and one quart of meat. This year I have assisted much with the home canning. I was very happy to do so as I have spent one hundred-eight hours in canning fruit and vegetables this last summer.
About two months before leaving for Club Camp I heard about the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company contest. Miss Orpha Miller, about the rules for the contest and bought some Kerr bottles. During the summer I have canned as much of my fruit as possible in the Kerr bottles and I have found them to be very good grade of glass. They were airtight without trouble. I entered the contest by sending my fruit to Reno by express. I entered one jar each of carrots, string beans, squash, peaches, plums, cherries, pickles, peppers and chicken. When I arrived in Reno, I found my fruit was there but two of the bottles were broken, due to careless handling of the box of fruit. I immediately went into Reno bought more bottles and vegetables. I canned them early that morning and entered the contest at Reno. I was very happy when told that I had won the prize trip to Camp Plummer, Oregon.
As a club girl on a farm, I feel that this trip is a trip that I would have never been to take had it not been for the 4-H clubs. All during the trip I am going to learn things about the cities and states through which I pass. I am going to learn as much as I possibly can at Camp Plummer from the demonstrations and classes which I will be privileged to attend. I wish to express to the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company my appreciation for this wonderful trip which they have offered for the first prize in club canning. I am proud that I could win this trip. I am sure it will be quite an education to me. Something I shall remember all my life.
To me, one of the most wonderful things about Club Work is that there are similar canning clubs in almost every farming community in Nevada and in the whole United States, for the organization to which I belong is a national organization. Every girl in our country can have this training if she will accept it. Club work has not only helped me, but it has helped my mother, by my being better able to take care of my own clothing and by my taking part of the responsibility of the family canning of her hands. Home canning increases the variety of our family diet, which will give us better health, save our farm products from going to waste and cut down the cost of feeding the family.
I hope that in the future I may be able to keep up with my club work, for I know every boy and girl will be a better citizen after having been a 4-H club member.

Panaca Lad Wins First in Western Judging Contest

Keith Lee Takes Prize In Portland Show in Competition with Teams From 11 States; Nevada Takes 4th Place.

First place in a livestock judging contest from among forty-six teams from the eleven Western and Pacific coast states met at the Portland Livestock show has been accorded Keith Lee of Panaca.

In addition to this, Nevada, represented by a team comprising Clark and Lincoln county 4-H club members, placed fourth among the states in livestock judging, it was learned here late yesterday.
The distinctive honor carried by Keith Lee fits well the youth's ranking. It was stated yesterday by County Agent John H. Witwer, as it will be remembered, it was he to whom was awarded the \$2,000 scholarship recently by President Clark of the University of Nevada.
Sharing another creditable distinction, Keith, with two other Panaca club boys, Derrell Rinnow, 13, and Paul Edwards, 16, also won fourth place as all-around livestock judging team, meeting the stiff competition of forty-five other teams from the entire western area.
The boys were accompanied by James N. Hollinger, county 4-H club leader, and Leo Burns, who has been assisting County Agent Witwer, of the District Extension office.
The party went to Portland under the charge of Professors Fred Wilson and V. E. Scott, of the state university. This trip came to these 4-H boys as the result of their having taken first place in the livestock judging contest at the State Club camp in August.
They are expected back home from the trip tomorrow.

Pantages Faces Slander Suit For \$250,000

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30 (U.P.)—As an aftermath of his trial on charges of assaulting 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, Alexander Pantages, millionaire theatrical manager, today was made defendant in a \$250,000 civil suit for slander.
The action was filed by Fred T. Wise, state witness against Pantages. Wise claimed he was "maliciously slandered" when Pantages accused him of entering into "blackmail" conspiracy with Miss Pringle.
Wise testified at the trial that he saw Miss Pringle run screaming from Pantages' conference room. He said he could see her struggle to get out of the room.
Pantages said that he forced Miss Pringle out of the room and attacked the credibility of Wise' testimony.
The theatre man claimed Miss Pringle, her manager, Nick Dunaeve and Wise and others attempted to "frame" him.
Attorney Hann said he intended to file two similar suits against Pantages within a few days.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30 (U.P.)—Any hope Alexander Pantages might have had of being granted a new trial on charges that he assaulted 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, seemed to have been lost today.
The convicted theatre magnate, due to appear before Judge Charles Fricke Friday to be sentenced from one to fifty years, had planned to base his motion for a retrial on a statement credited to Mrs. Christina Ulrich, one of the jurors which found him guilty.
According to a statement Mrs. Ulrich said that Hazel Brown, bailiff, and one of the jurors had reneged part of the action which assertedly took place at the time Miss Pringle claimed she was assaulted by Pantages.
Mrs. Ulrich, however, in a formal affidavit on record today denied that she had ever said such an incident occurred or that she had witnessed such an incident.
The statement credited earlier to Mrs. Ulrich said Miss Brown and the juror went through part of the action before the jury just to determine how nearly true the testimony of Miss Pringle was.
On the theory that Mrs. Ulrich was quoted correctly defense attorneys intended to base their motion for a new trial on the ground that evidence had been received by the jury outside of the courtroom.
This avenue was closed when Mrs. Ulrich swore to the affidavit.
Pantages was permitted to leave his cell at county jail for three hours yesterday to visit at the bedside of his wife, Mrs. Lois Pantages, who is reported seriously ill.
She suffered a complete nervous collapse after a jury found her guilty of manslaughter in the automobile collision death of Juro Rokamoto, Japanese.
Her condition became more serious when she was informed of her husband's conviction.
Mrs. Pantages has asked for protection, a matter which will be settled when she appears before Superior Judge Carlos Hardy for sentence.

DELANO, Calif., Oct. 30, (U.P.) Dr. Annette O. Ives, 30, head of the French department of the University of Southern California, died yesterday, the fifth traffic victim of the U. S. C.-Stanford football game at Sanford last Saturday.

Sidelights On Trial Of "Horsefly"

The trial of the case of the State of Nevada versus T. C. (Horsefly) Williams got off to a start Tuesday morning after having been postponed for 24 hours.
The appearance of the courtroom did not seem quite natural without Judge William E. Orr occupying the bench. It has long been the conviction of your scribe that Judge Orr lends to the courtroom an air of sincerity and dignity hard to equal. It will have to be admitted however that Judge Frank T. Dunn of Tonopah, who is hearing this case, is a close second. Which may be regarded as considerable of a compliment for the judge from Nye county.

Tuesday's procedure was devoted to the monotonous task of selecting a trial jury from the venire of fifty men and women who had been summoned by the court.

The defendant is a small, scared looking individual not at all the person one would pick to kill a chicken, let alone a human being. For at least once in his life he occupies the center of interest and apparently gained some small satisfaction from that fact, despite his most unenviable position as the defendant in a murder trial.

Attorneys Wells and Cohen occupied places at the counsel table to the right of their client. Both these gentlemen are comparatively new comers in Las Vegas, and some of the old timers were keenly interested in noting whether their procedure differed greatly from that of the better known attorney. Mr. Cohen conducted the questioning of the prospective jurors while Mr. Wells looked after questions of law, and interposed objections to the questions propounded by the District Attorney.

That official occupied his customary position at the left of the counsel table, accompanied by his assistant, T. J. Salter. This team might be termed the long and the short of it, for while neither is of slender build, Mr. Harmon is inclined to a shyness in stature, while Mr. Salter is nearer six feet than five.

The questioning of the first six jurors proceeded without a hitch. Answers of "yes" and "no" were forthcoming without delay and it began to look as though a jury would be chosen in record time.
With the questioning of the 7th juror, Rex C. Ewing, affairs hit a snag, for Mr. Ewing confessed to a prejudice against persons who carried guns without a permit. Skillful maneuvering by the District Attorney prevented the defense from having Ewing challenged for bias, but defendant's attorneys got rid of him on their second peremptory challenge.

O. K. Atcock stated he would be unwilling to convict upon circumstantial evidence and was promptly challenged by the District Attorney. Defense counsel made an effort to save this juror, but the challenge was finally allowed.
Ed Von Tobel, another old timer, admitted having known the deceased during his life time, and

also claimed he had an unqualified opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and was speedily disposed of.
Tom Carroll claimed a fixed opinion and after being questioned at length as to whether he would be willing to have one near and dear to him tried by a juror in the same frame of mind as which he himself was caused some little merriment by answering "He would be taking considerable risk," Mr. Carroll was excused without further ado.
Earl F. Eglinton, Arthur E. Dohy, Mrs. Lora Davis, Fred Gil-



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