

LAS VEGAS AGE

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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1929.

REVIEWING THE YEAR.

LOOKING OVER the past year in review gives us of Las Vegas a most comfortable feeling. We can better see the great progress made by the city by comparing the city of today with that of a year ago.

In public improvements we can count our first major paving job which has added so much to the comfort of living and the appearance of the streets included in the district. That paving job really changed the character of the city.

Then another civic improvement of note was the ornamental street lighting system. Here again we see the whole appearance of a portion of the city changed for the better.

Of new business buildings there are too many to note separately, some of them fine structures of handsome appearance. Other classes of buildings including residences have been many. We observe that the residential section of the city has spread far beyond what it was one year ago.

The year has been one of busy activity for us all. We who have long been identified with Las Vegas can, perhaps better appreciate the advance than can some of the newer residents and we should be well content to see this husky infant of ours doing so well. Perhaps it is just as well that the growth of the youngster should proceed in an orderly way. The darn kid has already outgrown her clothes and it keeps us hustling to keep her properly clothed as it is.

FORWARD A YEAR.

IF WE might look forward a year we should see changes even more startling than those of the past year.

Many new projects are either started or in contemplation.

The contract has been let for the new high school building to cost more than a quarter of a million.

The contract has been let for another large area of paving, to cost approximately \$135,000.

A new Elks' Club and hotel to cost approximately \$300,000 is assured so far as financial arrangements are concerned.

The new federal building is to be under way during the year.

The paved highway to Boulder Dam site as well as the branch railroad, both to be built by the government, will be under construction.

Many private buildings and improvements are being planned for the immediate future.

So, looking forward, we see plenty of constructive activity to make the coming year one of even greater changes in Las Vegas than the last.

WHAT OF BOULDER DAM?

WHAT BOULDER DAM will be begun as quickly and constructed as rapidly as all the power of the government can bring about is assured. That should be the least of our worries. Just as soon as the indispensable preliminaries are arranged several thousand workmen will be employed blasting out the gigantic tunnels; excavating for the massive foundations; building the immense power houses and on all the hundred features of the great work. This employment will pour millions of dollars each year for perhaps eight or ten years through the business channels of Las Vegas. It will mean activity and prosperity unparalleled in the whole west.

None can divert it from us. In the very nature of things Las Vegas must be the chief recipient of the benefits the constructive period will create.

AFTER TEN YEARS?

WE HEAR IT ASKED, "What of Las Vegas after Boulder Dam is built?"

It is not hard to reason out. At the gates of Las Vegas will be available a vast amount of the cheapest electrical power in the world. We have at hand vast stores of raw material to be made valuable by the use of that power.

It is unnecessary to go into details. It is perfectly obvious that cheap power will do the same to this section it has done other places close to its source.

The period beginning at the completion of Boulder Dam will, unless all precedents prove false, be the period of Las Vegas' greatest growth and prosperity. Las Vegas will become a city of many thousands of people—a great industrial and business city.

It requires no gift of prophecy to picture it. The sober facts confronting us, if studied with diligence, are sufficient proof.

Some 20 years ago the Editor of the Age foresaw in a small measure a prosperous future of Las Vegas and applied the slogan, "The City of Destiny."

Today we can see in the immutable march of events Las Vegas the "City of Destiny"—a destiny far greater than we could imagine 20 years ago.

VICTORY IN DEFEAT.

NOT ALWAYS does all the glory go to the victor.

In the Saturday's football game, the Vegas High boys put up a noble fight against overwhelming odds of superior weight, longer experience and a multitude of substitutes.

From Age Files Of Years Agone

Twenty Years Ago

December 4, 1909
Gold Dredging Attempts Fail: Attempts to secure gold from the Colorado river, made by the Colorado River Dredging Company, of cost of about \$150,000, have failed to get results, and activities were suspended November 25, 1909.

Mineral Output Doubled: J. F. Hilby, state bullion tax collector, has turned over to the state this year an amount of bullion tax nearly double that collected for 1908. The total estimated income of the state from bullion tax for 1909 was a quarter of a million dollars, representing a bullion production of \$30,000,000.

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Auto Camp Plans Pushed: Discussion of proposals for the establishing of a permanent auto camping ground resulted in authorization of President Lillis to communicate with Mr. Comstock with reference to securing half a block of land with the privilege of plumbing water to it. Two locations were considered: railroad property at Stewart and Fifth, and land belonging to the Masons, at Third and Fremont.

Virgin Bridge Planned: Work on the highway is progressing, Mr. Griffith reported to the Chamber of Commerce December 3, 1919, and plans are progressing for the bridge over the Virgin river.

Highway Bond Bids Opened: Bids for purchase of the \$75,000 highway bond issue were opened at a meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Keeler Brothers, of Denver, bid par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$1,250, also to furnish the blank bonds free of charge.

The First State bank of Las Vegas bid par and accrued interest, with a premium of \$1,975; also they to furnish the blank bonds free of charge.

The First State bank bid was the highest and was accepted.

Leavitt's Pay Increased: The pay of Joe Leavitt, hired to assist in crossing the Virgin river, was raised by the county board from that foreign cars were coming \$2.50 a day to \$3.00. Joe reported through at the rate of 49 every three days.

Firemen's Ball Clears \$200; Now They Will Buy New Inhalator

Making possible the purchase of an inhalator for the Las Vegas fire department, the firemen's ball Saturday was a great success, clearing \$200.

The inhalator, which acts in similar fashion to the pulmonary, will be bought in the near future.

The success of the dance was made possible by the generous cooperation of the Rotarians, Kiwanians and Elks, Thomas Quality shop, Penney's store, Cragin & Pike, Morrison's orchestra and the Las Vegas Age and Las Vegas Review-Journal, according to the fire boys.

The Rotarians donated 75 tickets and the Kiwanians 50; the Elks gave the use of the hall; Thomas gave the waltz prize for gentlemen and J. C. Penney's for ladies; Cragin and Pike contributed a free slide ad., Morrison's orchestra gave its music without charge and the two newspapers contributed free advertising.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2. (AP)—A mystery couple in a small coupe has trailed Mrs. Harriet Sunday for the last three days, the wife of George Sunday, son of the famous evangelist, Billy Sunday, reported to the district attorney's office.

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They lost the game, but they lost it fighting every inch of the way even after the cause seemed hopeless.

The Age congratulates our boys. We are more than pleased with the fine showing they have made this, the third season of football in Vegas.

We recall again those expressive lines: "And when the great scorer Comes to write against your name, 'He writes, not that you lost or won, 'But how you played the game.'"



WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

WASHINGTON—It is remarkable how many different names talkative old guard members of the senate have been able to invent and apply to their insurgent colleagues on the Republican side.

Think 'em over. First of Orls coined the "pseudo Republican" expression; Reed of Pennsylvania put in the "All Smith Republican" idea, which McCasters of South Dakota countered with his "Joe Grandy Republican" jibe at the old guard.

But peppery George Moses of New Hampshire who has a gift for grammatical wisecracking, capped the climax with his "sons of wild jackasses" remark.

And while all this potter is being kicked up on the Republican side over a party split, observers are apt to ignore the Democrats' trouble with their own one-man bloc.

You might call it the Blease bloc for Senator Cole Blease stands all by himself, a rebel against party leaders and caucus control so far as his primary pledges will permit.

"I vote as I please," Blease told the senate in outlining his political creed. "I recognize no caucus. I recognize no leader. I recognize no boss, but the people of South Carolina."

"When they do not like the way I vote they can have another senator and I shall make no complaint. I had to beat one to get here, and I can not blame another trying to beat me if he wants to come to the senate. This is for him to determine and the people there to decide."

Yet the Blease bloc is not without its own troubles. The senate saw also fit to explain to the senate an incident following the celebrated row on the senate floor between the late "Pitchfork Ben" Tillman and his colleague from South Carolina.

Tillman saw to it that a provision was put into the party platform in that state requiring any man offering himself for senator or member of the house in the primaries to pledge himself to vote, if elected, with the Democratic majority "on party questions."

His Ultimatum: "My oath requires me to vote with the majority of my party on party questions, but I do not propose to let a party question be something that is decided by any two men on this side of the chamber or by any group of men on either side of the chamber," Blease declared.

Incidentally, in connection with these Blease bloc declarations, the senator tilted with Caraway of Arkansas over the sub-committee investigating lobbies, which Caraway heads.

Blease asserted that he held himself responsible for what he said in the senate both there "and outside, too."

"All right," said Caraway, but nothing happened, so it was not an invitation to come out in the alley and fight it out.

Crossing the senate aisle again for a moment, it seems a pity Moses was muzzled in the chair when his "jackasses" remark was discussed. He managed to edge in only once, under guise of a parliamentary ruling.

"If the senator (Wheeling of Men) can get a more fitting application for the tyrannical crew that runs the senate, the senator from New Hampshire will be glad to make use of it," he said.

U. S. Opens Suit Against Dohney

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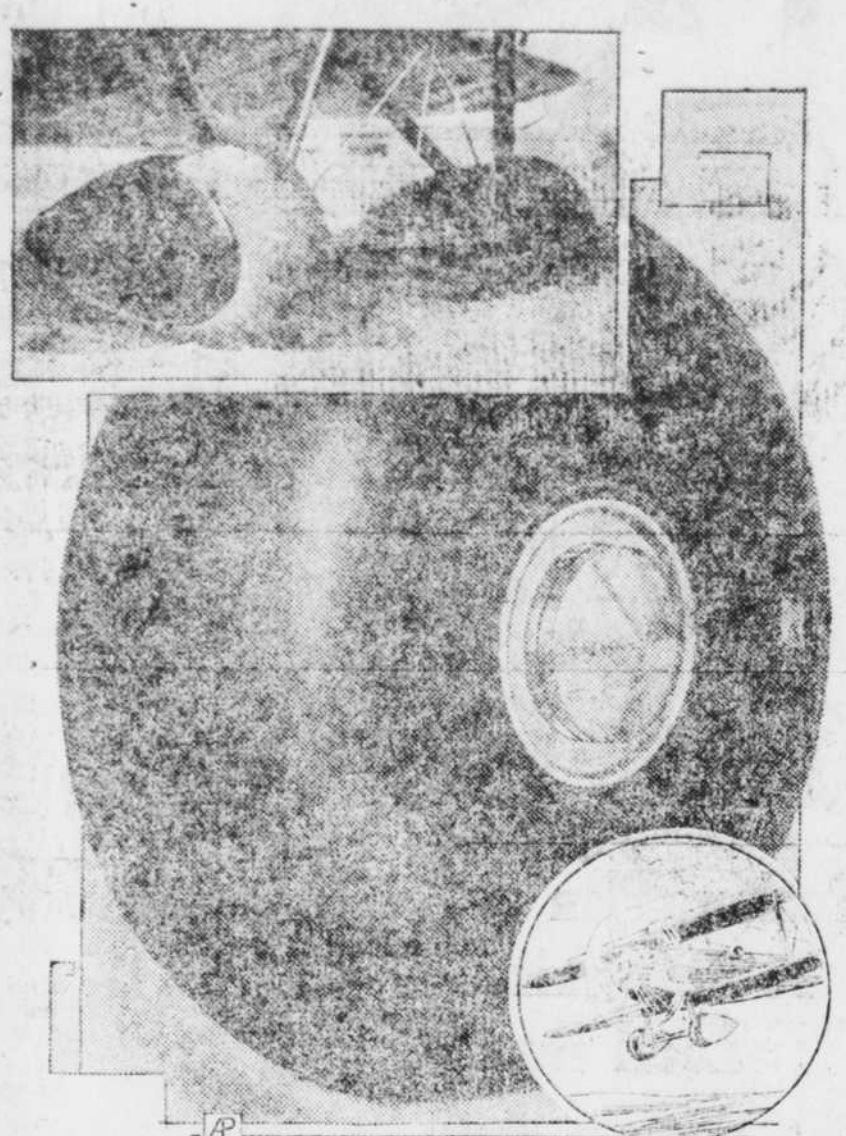
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New Airplane Tire Made To Reduce Landing Jolt



A new airplane tire when almost half as thick as it is high and operating at low pressure, is designed to eliminate the necessity of shock absorber struts.

AKRON, Ohio, (AP)—A tire carrying seven or eight pounds pressure might seem unthinkable to the motorist who knows how low tires squash on turns, but such a one has been developed for the airplane.

The tire, appearing like a huge doughnut, is virtually what its name indicates, an "air wheel." It is designed to eliminate the necessity of airplane shock absorber struts.

The cross section of the tire is almost half as thick as the tire is high. It is mounted directly on a nac, eliminating wheel, spokes and rim.

The tire is designed to dissipate the shocks which ordinarily would be taken by the shock absorbing gear of the airplane with the usual high pressure tires.

In addition, it is claimed the tire has more traction on soft earth, mud or sand and offers less resistance to the wind than the ordinary tire and wheel.

The hub of the wheel may be equipped with internal expanding brakes.

Persons with homes in the new paving district who wish curbing left out for construction of private driveways must note J. P. King, city street supervisor, by Thursday of this week, it has been announced.

Notices must be given in writing, either mailed or left at Mr. King's office in room 12, Beckley building. It is stated.

Mr. King will act as inspector for the new paving work for the city.

responsible, despite the preservation of memory.

When one alienist testifies the defendant suffers from dementia praecox and is insane, while another states the same defendant knows the nature and consequence of his acts and is, therefore, sane—both may be right.

This conception was formed more than 100 years ago, when ideas of mental disorders were vague, to put it mildly. It is now known that three-fourths of the cases of mental disorders in institutions do not fall within the limitations set down.

Neither dementia praecox nor manic depression, the common forms of mental disorders, is marked by any great disturbance of memory. Indeed, the memory is often far above the average, so that patients may complain because they are unable to forget anything. There is no doubt about this fact and it is clearly set forth in every textbook.

The question boils down to the disease: whether the disease in this case under consideration is severe enough for the person to be cleared of responsibility for his conduct.

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NEVADA STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From Upstate Dispatches and Exchanges

HAWTHORNE MUNITIONS PLANT STEEL CONTRACT AWARDED: HAWTHORNE, Dec. 2. (Special)—Contract for construction of all the steel work, ornamental and miscellaneous iron work on the naval ammunition depot, was awarded last week.

PLANE DRIVE DUCKS FROM WASHOE, SAY HUNTERS: Washoe Valley ranchers and sportsmen who make a practice of hunting geese and ducks at and around Washoe lake are highly incensed over the airplane hunting reported the past couple of days.

SON BORN TO REV. AND MRS. C. S. REYNOLDS: The Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Reynolds are proud parents of a new son, who arrived at Las Vegas hospital Saturday. Dr. F. M. Ferguson attended, and both mother and son are doing nicely.

SEEKS \$4,914.48 PLUS COSTS: Charles McLean, Myra E. McLean, and Jas. P. McDonnell were yesterday made defendants in a 17 miles of federal-state highway suit brought by Cherry's, a corporation, to secure a judgment of \$4,914.48, plus interest and costs.

The plaintiff secured a judgment against the defendants in the Superior Court of California, May 15, 1929.

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STATE PRODUCES \$450,000 SPUDS IN 1929: Production of potatoes in Nevada for the year 1929 amounted to 25,500 tons, or \$388,000, according to an estimate made by the bureau of statistics of the U. S. department of agriculture.

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YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH

By DR. LELAND E. ALFORD

One of the great controversial subjects of the present time is the responsibility of those who go wrong.

We often have the opportunity to observe the spectacle of psychiatrists testifying against each other concerning the responsibility of a murderer.

It requires little penetration to reach the conclusion that when such a happening is possible, something is fundamentally wrong.

The ancient usage of the law is that the accused escaped accountability for a crime, first, when he is mentally unable to appreciate the nature of his act, and second, when he cannot know that his act is wrong.

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