

RAIN COMES AT LAST TO PARCHED PACIFIC COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4. (U.P.)—A draught of more than four months was ended today when rain that is likely to become general over Central California, began falling in the Sacramento valley.

The first precipitation since July started in Chico, Oroville and Willows late this morning. Raintrops were falling at Sacramento this afternoon.

The storm, first noted on the Pacific 1200 miles east of here, brought rejoicing. Crops have been delayed and animals dying from lack of water. The prospect of power curtailment was increasing. More than 300,000 have been praying for rain the past week.

In addition to apprehensions by farmers, the forest fire hazard had become great. The total precipitation since July has been less than 1-100 of an inch.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4. (U.P.)—The long spell of dry weather that has gripped most of the Pacific coast since early June will probably be ended Friday or Saturday by a rain storm approaching from mid-Pacific, the United States Weather Bureau reported today.

For months, farmers and cattle waited in vain for rain to fall. Industries less close to the soil also suffered. Power and public utility concerns were employing steam generating plants instead of their usual hydraulic sources of energy, as streams that usually rushed through mountain gorges became mere trickles of water, replenished by snows from the Sierras. Although drinking water and municipal water supplies were not cut down, various concerns reported their reservoirs and lakes dangerously low.

Masons May Handle Frank D. Call Funeral

Funeral arrangements for Frank D. Call, 52, who died yesterday in a barbershop on South First street, have not been completed as yet, but probably the funeral will be conducted by the Masons, it is believed, inasmuch as Mr. Call was a Mason and had been known to request that the lodge make arrangements for his funeral.

Mrs. Call's brother is en route for Las Vegas from Arkansas, and the dead man's sister was notified in Indiana of his death. The body is at the Palm Funeral home.

Call is survived by a wife and a twelve-year-old daughter, Lillian. The family home is eight miles southwest of Las Vegas.

Call was preparing to shave Harry Vall, merchant, at the time he died, unexpectedly, of acute indigestion. Dr. Forrest R. Milgren was called immediately, and pronounced Call dead.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS ONE PER CENT TAX CUT

By KENETH G. CRAWFORD
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (U.P.)—The house ways and means committee today reported favorably the \$190,000,000 tax reduction bill. Only one vote was cast against the motion for a favorable report.

The bill, which reduced by one per cent the tax rate on normal individual and corporation incomes, was introduced by Chairman Hawley of the committee at the opening session of the regular session Monday at the suggestion of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

House and senate leaders, complying with the request made by President Hoover in his annual message that congress act promptly to reduce taxes, hope to pass the measure through all its parliamentary stages within two weeks. Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee promised to

start hearings this week with a view to reporting the measure to the senate early next week. Under Secretary Ogden Mills explained the bill will reduce for the calendar year 1929 the normal tax on the first \$4,000 of individual incomes from 1 1/2 per cent to one half of one per cent on the second \$4,000 from 3 per cent to 2 per cent; on the balance of taxable income from 5 per cent to 4 per cent and on taxable corporation incomes from 12 per cent to 11 per cent.

Theft of tombstones from the old cemetery of Virginia City, Nev., by scavenger hunters, has led to the posting of rewards to stop the vandals.

Xenon is the heaviest, and rarest of the atmospheric gases. It was discovered in 1898.

Sydney Has Gang Wars

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 4. (U.P.)—A marked increase in the number of underworld feuds in this city, is reported by the police, who declared the feuds are resulting in many murders and vicious attacks.

Police say that there is nothing chivalrous about the Sydney gangster. With a victim at his mercy without a chance at retaliation no will shoot or slash him, but when the odds are even the action will be postponed until a more favorable opportunity.

Hitherto the police have found it almost impossible to deal with the situation, but the new Crimes act now enables them to arrest habitual associates of convicted criminals.

The police at present are endeavoring to deal with the difficult problem of dealing with the murderer of a man whose dismembered body—the

Laborites, Primed to Hear A. F. of L. Chief, Hear Mellon Instead

President Green of the American Federation of Labor, who was expected to talk over a national network broadcast last evening gave his time to Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, who was heard by many in Las Vegas, including many labor union members, who gathered at the Labor Temple.

President Green will talk a week from last evening, over the same net work, at 6 p.m. Las Vegas time, according to announcement made last evening.

Mellon explained the proposed national budget in his talk last evening.

head and legs being missing—was found in a bag in the bed of a creek near Narrabri, New South Wales.

C. C. WORKS FOR FEDERAL COURT HERE

Local Chamber to Be Represented by O. A. Kimball at Manufacturers Meeting

By FLORENCE DONELY, Sec.
The Chamber of Commerce has taken up a Federal Court in Las Vegas. The Laws and Legislation committee are doing some intensive work on it and will have a very interesting report next meeting. Although certain obstacles stand in the way, the committee feels that if a Federal Court were established here it would be the means of keeping in Las Vegas many thousands of dollars annually.

The Chamber of Commerce appointed a delegate to attend the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Manufactures of the Department of Commerce, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on December 20.

This will afford Las Vegas an opportunity to form a contact with manufacturers all over the United States, and will be conducive of a great amount of good for Southern Nevada. Mr. O. A. Kimball, who will be in Los Angeles on other matters at that time, will represent Las Vegas.

It costs less than sixty cents per week to belong to the Chamber of Commerce. Is there a business man or investor or property owner who can look over the activity of this Chamber and say that the work being done is not worth 60 cents per week of his money?

From points far and near the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce daily receives mailed requests for information concerning this community. Requests come in from every state in the Union showing that Las Vegas is before the public eye, as perhaps no other place in the world is today.

The Chamber has compiled a considerable amount of statistical information designed to meet the demand and an average of 25 copies are being mailed out daily.

From 15 to 25 people come into the office daily and each one is supplied with the information in addition to whatever else he has come to learn.

Organized community effort obtains results. Complete community organization is what Las Vegas must have.

Las Vegas is progressing through the efforts of its progressive people represented in its chamber of commerce.

Service in any community is the earmark of real citizenship and citizenship is at all times an obligation, not a privilege.

Dr. Vander Muelen, the new resident surgeon of the Union Pacific railroad, was introduced at the luncheon. The Doctor found things quite at sixes and sevens upon his arrival Sunday owing to the fact that the hospital has been leased to Dr. F. M. Ferguson and as yet the Union Pacific has not located in definite quarters.

The Chamber of Commerce has been requested by the Aeronautics Branch of the department of commerce to furnish them with complete detailed description of the local airport.

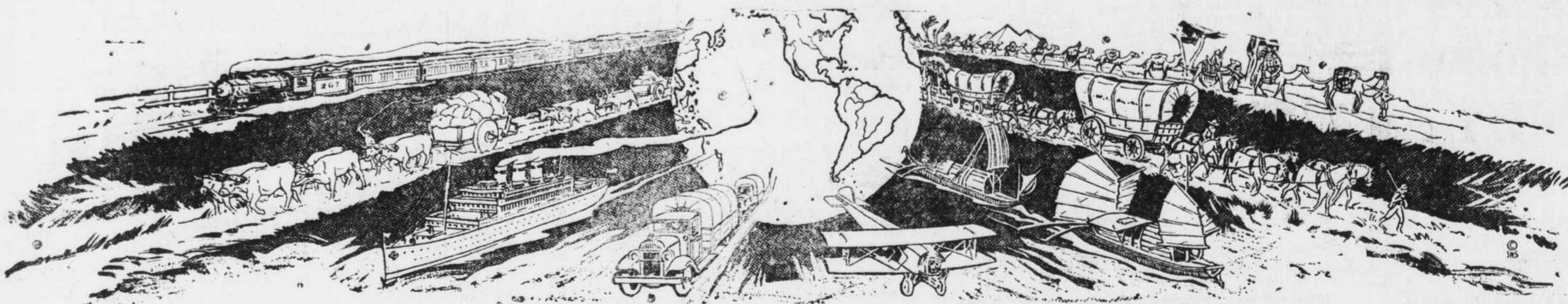
This information is to be published in an airways bulletin which will be distributed throughout the country, bringing Las Vegas to the attention of the financial and industrial world, who are today very closely watching every move made in aviation.

Overton M. I. A. Presents Plays

By J. Donal Earl.
OVERTON, Dec. 4. —The Overton Ward M. I. A. presented today one act plays Tuesday evening. Regular first period classes in the Mutual were held and then "Soul Mates" was presented.
The cast included: Ione Robinson, Mrs. J. G. Kennard, Clarence Lewis, M. S. Earl, Wilma Hanning, Rulon Earl, and Margaret Lyon. The play was directed by Miss Flora Jones and Mrs. S. P. Fish.
"Soul Mates" was followed by "The High Heart," a one act play of the Civil War. The cast included: J. G. Kennard, R. S. Pugmire, Keith Perkins, John Lytle, Teresa Jones, Neca Jones and J. Donal Earl. It was directed by Miss Velda Hansen and Mrs. S. P. Fish.

Coach Fish cut his basketball squad to thirteen members Tuesday afternoon in their daily practice. Those selected are: Lloyd Mills, Harlan Lyon, Morris Perkins, J. Donal Earl, Keith Perkins, Delbert Tobliasson, Dale Gentry, Clyde Perkins, Wesley Cooper, Robert Marshall, John Lytle, Lewis Conger and Orson Johnson.
Coach Fish has paid no attention to former positions played by these men and is playing all types of combinations preparatory to building up a winning team. In a few weeks the alumni will probably have an organized team and will test the mettle of the local squad. M. V. will tackle Virgin at Overton in the initial tilt January 10, 1929.

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