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THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

UNITED STATES Attorney H. H. Atkinson, in his statement to the Attorney General of the United States in which he says: "At the present time there is no need for a regular term of court at Las Vegas," apparently reflects the view that the convenience of the court and not service to the people is the proper controlling factor.

It has long been the opinion of the Age that in the matter of the United States courts, Southern Nevada is in a position of disadvantage, amounting in many cases to a virtual denial of justice.

Something like 450 miles of mountains and deserts with no direct rail connections, separate Las Vegas from the United States court for this district. At present and for some years past, the expense of transporting litigants, lawyers and witnesses to Carson City has been an unfair burden imposed on those Southern Nevada people having business before the federal court.

Mr. Atkinson, in support of his position, cites a resolution of the last legislature protesting against holding federal court terms in Reno.

The parallel is not a fair one. Reno is but 30 miles from the federal court at Carson City, with a good concrete pavement to travel on. There is no particular injustice or inconvenience to the citizens of the north in the present arrangement. Attorneys, litigants and witnesses can drive their cars from Reno to Carson in the morning in 45 minutes or less, and back again at night if they desire. From Las Vegas the time is generally two days each way, a condition very different from that referred to in the resolution.

True enough, it might inconvenience the United States Attorney if obliged to travel to Las Vegas between campaigns for the purpose of attending court. But such an occasional visit might also have its advantages in keeping him better informed on the Boulder Dam project and its benefits to Las Vegas and Southern Nevada than his letter indicates.

But if, as Mr. Atkinson admits, the construction of the dam will bring several thousand people to Las Vegas, that in itself is sufficient to prove the case we are trying to establish. In justice, the people of Southern Nevada are entitled to have the conveniences of the federal court brought to them right now. When several thousand people are added there will be pressing necessity of it.

Las Vegas, in this matter as in many others, is trying to get ready for the changed conditions that are inevitable. We are surprised to find the spirit of opposition to our legitimate aim which Mr. Atkinson's letter to the Attorney General of the United States indicates.

LITTLE IN COMMON WITH VEGAS.

IT IS FORTUNATE that the great distance which separates Las Vegas from Reno and her other neighbors of the north has during the past 25 years left a similar gap in the relations between the north and the south.

The people of Las Vegas have cultivated a spirit of state loyalty and encouraged state institutions. We have assumed (with some boldness, perhaps) that we were a part of the state. We have been encouraged in this attitude to the extent of being permitted to vote for the favorite candidates of the northern part of the state. In fact, at times our votes have been earnestly, not to say prayerfully, solicited.

But the north has not been and is not now very much acquainted with our section. Much less do they know of our possibilities. Neither do they sympathize with our aspirations. In short Las Vegas is pretty generally regarded in the north as an unwelcome interloper; a comparative new comer whose taxes and votes are to be thankfully received, but who is not to be permitted to mix too much in the family affairs. And at Las Vegas gathered a little strength with the passage of the years, a little jealously, we fear, grew up in the north. At least we have noticed at times a tendency to scoff a little at the presumptions of Las Vegas.

All of which is fortunate for both the north and the south. And we are not particularly blaming the north for its attitude. It arises very largely because of the great distance separating the two sections. Those of the north but rarely (a few at election time) visit Las Vegas. Therefore most of them are uninformed about us. On the other hand, we of the south every time the legislature meets or we have business with a state department or are arrested for bootlegging or something, have to go to Reno and Carson. That is the reason why we of the south know the north better and are more friendly toward them than they are to us.

We were hopeful that the time had arrived when Las Vegas would be permitted to sit down and eat with the family, but it appears we were presuming too much.

REMEMBERING COUNTY DIVISION.

THE PRESENT disadvantage of transacting business between Las Vegas and the state capitol recalls the early days of Las Vegas before county division.

For several years we were compelled to transact all our county and court business at Pioche. It was a long day's travel each way and considerable expense to make a trip to Pioche.

Of course Pioche and Caliente and all the northern



WASHINGTON-Throughout the last regular and the succeeding special session of congress, the Bystander thought he detected a growing tendency in Senator George Norris of Nebraska to wax satirical in debate.

As a chronic rebel against old guard Republicanism, the senator always has been extremely frank; but it seemed to the Bystander that he was letting himself go even more freely than usual.

One explanation might have been that Norris viewed himself as serving his last term in the senate. He had made no secret of his desire to retire from public life. Not until his opponents out home began making a great fuss about arrangements to beat him if he did run, did the senator announce his intention to be a candidate next year.

Tariff His Chances

Coming back to the Norris satirical trend, however, he manifested himself particularly during the tariff debate.

Norris is about the only man in congress, since John Sharp Williams of Mississippi abandoned public life, who ever contributes metrical jingles of his own rhyming to the Congressional Record; and he does not do that often.

When he does, they are invariably in the satirical vein. And when there was a tariff in the senate chamber a table laden with imported manufactured exhibits, Norris was in his element.

That was when he coined the phrase "Joe Grundy's department store" to describe the display. Between times for days he was poking and putting about that table, always finding some new point of sardonic attack upon the industrial schedules of the tariff bill.

In almost the last gasp of the special session tariff debate, Norris got another chance. That was when a few of the cotton rags bobbed up for prolonged debate.

"As I understand it, a protective tariff is for the purpose of increasing production in our country," Norris said. "So we are going to levy a protective duty on rags to increase production."

"The best rag factories I know of are poor families with 10 or 12 children. In the course of a year there are more rags produced there than anywhere else."

"Is the senate spending its time with this great group of statesmen spending its time—levying a duty on rags?"

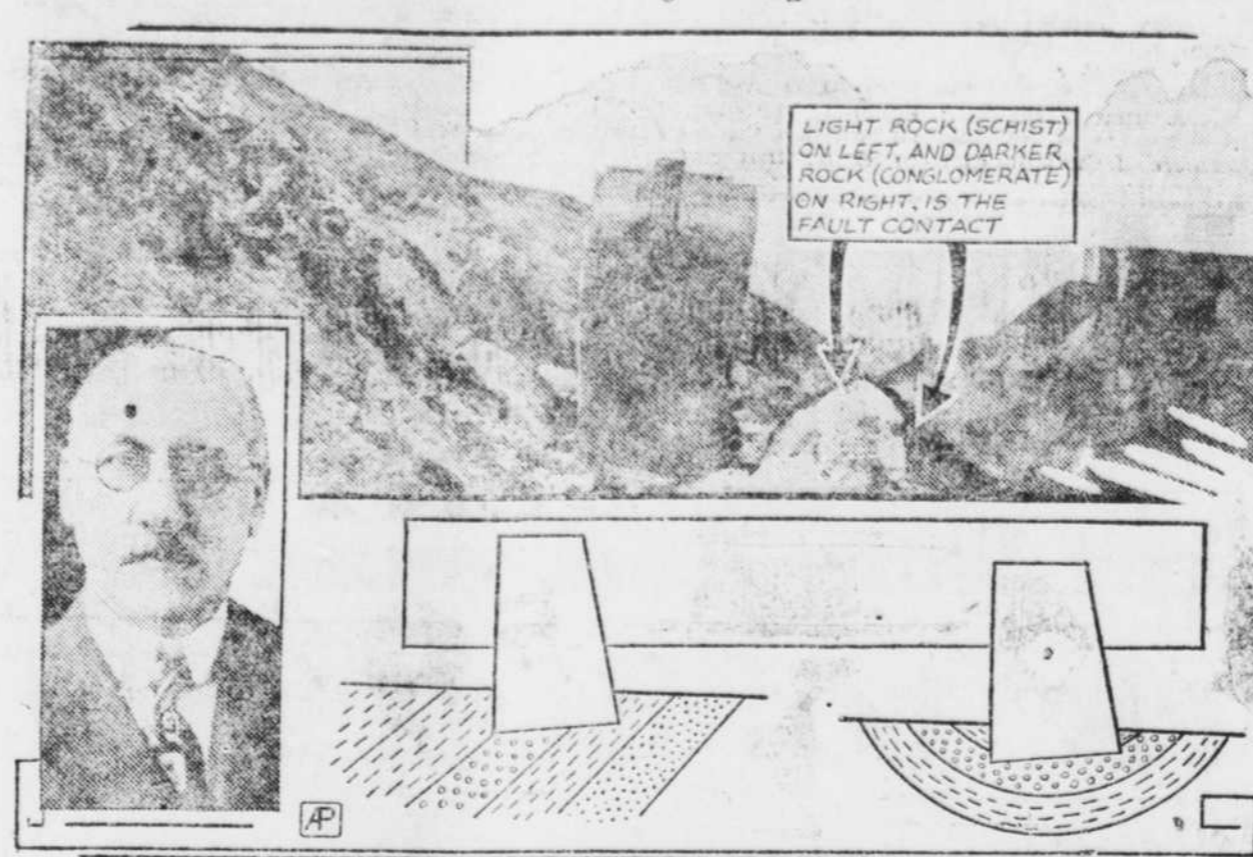
"I suppose our immigration inspectors, if we levy heavy duties on rags, will be watching incoming steamers and every poor fellow who has not a spick and span clean looking suit of clothes will be grabbed and his clothes will be taken from him. He will be compelled to buy a duty on his old clothes because they are rags."

"Are we not carrying the protective tariff principle a little bit to extremes?"

All of which was quite typical of Norris in his satirical mood; but it moved the senate not a jot. The rag duty was duly approved, 35 to 27, most of cotton Democrats and Republican old guardmen lining up together on that vote.

But one of the odd things about the vote was that Smith of South Carolina, cotton specialist of the senate, agreed with Norris.

Geologists Bore Into Bed Rock For Skyscraper Base Insurance



Prof. H. Ries (center), Cornell geologist, says careful study must be made of the rock formations under tall buildings. The two sketches above show typical rock formations. The photograph illustrates the rock fault that caused the St. Francis dam disaster.

New Guaranteed Medical Service Plan Launched in Las Vegas Is Hailed as Forward Step in Practice

That the guaranteed medical service idea of the newly organized Las Vegas firm that same for which a hospital will be constructed here in the near future is an advanced step in the progress of the medical profession is the conviction of not only those Las Vegas who are organizing the project but of others who have made careful studies of the practice of medicine.

An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association of October 19, 1929, by Edward A. Filene, Boston business man, who has assisted in conducting a five-year research on the subject, makes and substantiates arguments favoring the very type of organization upon which A. B. Mortenson has been working for the past year.

For payment of a stipulated amount yearly, Guaranteed Medical Service Inc., plans to give its clients complete medical, surgical and dental care. This, it is pointed out, will make easier to bear financial burdens which result, often unexpectedly and disastrously, from a siege of sickness.

"Why should we not have what might be called 'medical guilds'?", asks Filene in the medical journal. "Suppose a group of fifteen or twenty physicians should get together and pool their resources in the creation of an efficient business organization—owned and operated by them—for dispensing medical services on the basis of a periodic examination for a fixed annual fee."

"Might not such groups, widely organized throughout the country, go further than any agency has at present in solving our problem of reducing the high cost of medical service?"

"Among the members of a guild one or two would be skilled general diagnosticians, the others would be specialists in the various branches of medical science—a nose and throat specialist, a gynecologist, a pediatrician, one or two dentists, a neurologist, or two, and so on. All of them would have their offices in the same building. They would all share in the operating overhead and in the expense of these facilities and apparatus which might be used jointly by them."

"They would employ an expert in scientific business management to carry on their business operations, such as upkeep and management of the plant, and accounting."

"They would sell to the public not ten or fifteen separate and disconnected special branches of medical care but a well-rounded, complete and self-contained medical service."

Local Staff Named
The physicians who will handle the medical and surgical cases in the local organization are Dr. F. M. Ferguson, noted throughout the country as a specialist in obstetrics, gynecology and surgeon, and who recently leased the U. P. hospital; Dr. G. W. Frasier, well-known as a skilled general surgeon and diagnostician, and Dr. H. E. Harris, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who will come here from Ogden, Utah.

Dr. J. D. Smith, Las Vegas dentist, and Dr. P. J. Carver, now of Ogden, will handle dental work for the service.

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owns in locomotor ataxia, and incidentally gives it the name which means unsteadiness (ataxia) in walking. The patient is not sure where his legs are unless he looks at them.

In walking, the distance of the feet above the ground is not accurately gauged. So the feet strike forcibly as it does with normal persons who step into a hole in the sidewalk that has not been noticed. Also, in taking a step, the leg is raised higher than necessary.

Locomotor ataxia is now a much less serious condition that it used to be. Advanced cases today are commonly due to neglect of treatment.

Helping the Homemaker
CREOLE CAKE IS SPICY

Dinner Menu
Broiled Lamb Chops
Green Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Bread
Creole Cake

Green Salad, Serving 6
1 cup cooked peas
1 cup cooked green beans
1 cup diced celery
2 tablespoons chopped pimientos
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 cup salad dressing
Mix and chill the ingredients and serve in lettuce.

Salad Dressing
(For fruit, vegetable or meat salads)
2 eggs (or 4 egg yolks)
4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup vinegar
1 cup water
2 tablespoons butter

Beat the eggs and add the sugar, flour, salt, paprika, celery salt and mustard. Add the rest of the ingredients. Cook slowly, stirring constantly, until the dressing thickens. Beat for two minutes. Pour into a jar, which has been rinsed out of cold water. Cool, cover and store in a cold place. When ready to use, dilute the dressing with sweet, sour or whipped cream.

Committee Makes Study
"As one of the great medical services buying public, I submit that we doctors have cause for dissatisfaction," says Filene, who is a prominent business man. "If we happen to be rich we must pay not only for our own treatment but for that of our poor relations. If we are poor we must go to a clinic and become objects of charity. If we are neither rich nor poor, one serious illness in the family may put us so seriously in debt as greatly to hamper or destroy our progress and happiness."

Filene's article is a digest of a lecture given by him before the American Hospital Association convention in Atlantic City, N. J., June 10, 1929. He says of the research: "It is because of my own belief in voluntary action and in fair treatment for all concerned that I am a supporter of the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. This committee includes representatives of the American Medical Association and of the public, as well as several leading economists."

"The committee is dedicated through a five-year research into every conceivable angle of the problem—to the task of suggesting some way out—some way by which the average man with an average income may receive adequate medical protection against a physical or mental breakdown as well as medical help in case of need at a cost within his means."

Hunters have killed several mountain lions recently on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border.

We can hardly refrain from telling you that now is the time to do your Christmas shopping early.

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ON THE SIDELINES by BRIAN BELL

Major league baseball clubs are in a measure turning aside from a policy which has decreed that the way to get in condition to play baseball is to play baseball. The St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Senators, among others, will greatly curtail their exhibition game schedules next spring.

Nevertheless, fans in the South will see plenty of games for many of the big teams will be in a receptive mood when the charms of the boxoffice are held out. It is doubtful, however, if the exhibition trips will be as extensive as some in recent seasons.

A trip to New York from Florida by way of Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma is a long way around but it has been done.

The Senators plan only a few games at Biloxi, Miss., and a few more later at Chattanooga, Tenn., where Joe Judge long Washington's chief scout, has been installed as majority owner and president of the Chattanooga Lookouts of the South-western association.

Clark Griffith has one remark he files at Joe at intervals, the shot always provoking a very dry grin from the former Washington pitcher.

Creole Cake
1/2 cup fat
1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
2 eggs
2 squares chocolate, melted
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup milk
2 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Cream the fat and sugar. Add the rest of the ingredients and beat for two minutes. Pour into two layer pans, fitted with waxed paper. Bake for 25 minutes in a moderate oven. Cool and frost with chocolate icing.

If leftover cooked vegetables are desired for salads and they have been seasoned with butter, this can be washed off with warm water and the vegetables will be very palatable when chilled and used in salads.

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