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DISTRICT COURTS

A LIST of the states showing the places in each where the U. S. district court sits and the number of judges shows that the people nowhere in the Union are so poorly accommodated as in Nevada.

Take some of the western states for example: Arizona, courts sits in Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson and Globe.

Idaho, courts sits in Cour d'Alene, Moscow, Boise and Pocatello.

Montana; Butte, Great Falls, Missoula and Billings. Utah; Salt Lake City and Ogden.

Wyoming; Cheyenne, Evanston and Lander.

In New Mexico there are two judges. In the tiny State of Rhode Island, courts sit in two cities, Providence and New Port. In all the more populous states of the east court sits in several different cities.

All of which indicates that there is a desire to bring the court where most convenient to serve the people.

In Nevada there is but one judge who sits in but one place, Carson City. By the shortest and most direct line of travel the distance from Las Vegas to Carson City is about 469 miles. There is no direct rail line connecting the two places. If one wishes to go by train one must travel more than one thousand miles by way of Salt Lake City, or through California by a route equally long.

It would seem a matter of simple justice to provide that the Judge of the United States District Court for Nevada should hold a term of court twice a year in Las Vegas. It is certainly much cheaper and more convenient for the Judge and a few court attaches to come from Carson City to Las Vegas than for a considerable number of litigants, witnesses and attorneys to go from Las Vegas to Carson, perhaps several times, during the pendency of each case.

GREETINGS TO BECKLEY'S.

THE AGE is pleased to extend congratulations to Will Beckley on the occasion of the formal opening of his new building and his greater and more beautiful store last evening.

Remembering the modest start of the business twenty years ago, Las Vegas cannot but be gratified at the splendid advance it has made, an advance which has kept abreast, perhaps a little ahead of the growth of the city. As a city we are judged largely by the character of our public buildings and business houses. In Beckley's, Las Vegas has a recommendation which is a community asset.

HOOVER'S LEADERSHIP.

SELDOM HAS a nation been called upon to follow the lead of a President in peace time as was recently done by President Hoover.

The directness of the President's appeal to the world of business was rather startling and unusual. Nevertheless the country's leaders responded with a promptness and certainty which served to reassure the people.

It is impossible to estimate the results, but we know now that in place of fear for the future, the President's action inspired hope and certainty.

Instead of a lull in the constructive activities of the Nation, we are facing the most active year in our history. Labor will find ample employment and by reason of the vast amounts of money to be spent by the general industrial organizations business in all lines will prosper.

Mr. Hoover, by his action, has more than justified the faith that the people who elected him had in his ability as an engineer and an executive.



WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam's statistical sharps, mulling over data from the federal and state prison population, fail to find any support for the notion that college education promotes crime.

That is quite an encouraging observation, in view of the rapidly increasing educational facilities of the country. With the habitual caution of his trade, however, Benny Mead of the bureau, who prepared the report, adds this discouraging suggestion, pointing out that the figures cover only convicted persons, not all law breakers.

It is quite probable that offenders having education (partly by reason of their education) are more successful than the uneducated law-breakers in avoiding arrest and conviction for their crimes.

Be that as it may, the ratio shown for illiterate among convicted criminals per 100,000 adult population of the country was 42.7 as compared to 27.3 for those able to read or write.

For the same year census figures showed 92.9 per cent of the whole adult population of nearly 64,000,000 able to read and write.

Mr. Mead's analysis of the prisoner data shows also the degree of education as bearing on the situation. While only 10.7 per cent of the prisoners were illiterate, 67.5 per cent had only elementary school educational status, 14.4 high school status, 2.4 per cent college or professional school status and only one per cent trade school training.

No War Effect Noted—Another interesting aspect of the report deals with ex-service men of the World War. There is not complete data in that 29 per cent of the prison commitments covered were those of men with war time military service.

Most of them, however, saw no service at the front. For this reason Mr. Mead finds the figures throw little light upon the supposed influence of active war service in promoting criminality.

Liquor law violators had the smallest proportion of ex-service men—only 11.3 per cent, the report said. The highest percentages were shown in forgery, 39.6 per cent; embezzlement, 36.5 per cent; robbery, 25.4 per cent.

It is to be noted, Mr. Mead pointed out, that the percentage of prisoners with war service was relatively high for most of the painful offenses against property and relatively low for offenses against persons.

Which seems to contradict flatly the widely held idea that war service induced habits of violence.

As ex-soldiers of the war fall largely into younger age groups, it was to be expected they would show a tendency to the crimes usually found charged against younger offenders.

Less than a third of the ex-soldiers convicted of liquor law violations, for instance, were between 25 and 34 years in age; while just over a third of those jailed for forgery were in that group; yet there were three times as many forgery as liquor commitments.

Will Pungent's Nitwitentials—TREATISE ON MISPELLED WORDS. Sometimes a misspelled word causes serious damage, sometimes it does not.

In a divorce suit recently filed in Las Vegas the alleged cruelty of the husband in barring his wife's friends from the family home, was described.

It is that he "persisted in a constant and systematic course of conduct directed to the end and purpose of BARING plaintiff's friends and preventing them from visiting their home."

And sometimes a misspelled word brings a laugh!

CAN'T KEEP THE IRISH DOWN—The fightin' Irish are right there when it comes to a good battle. Two Patrick J's took their oath of office in Washington, D. C. Monday.

Patrick J. Hurley of Oklahoma became secretary of war and Patrick J. Sullivan of Wyoming made his debut upon the battle ground known as the United States senate, having been appointed recently.

Three Women Tell Gripping Story Of Attack on Ship by Chinese Pirates; 12 Slain and 60 Drowned

Coolidge Silent at Ceremony Despite Talkie Machines

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (UP)—Clyde Coolidge came to New York today and lived up to his "beat" reputation, much to the discomfiture of a small army of sound picture men.

The ex-president was here to receive a fellowship in the New York Genealogical society. A brief but impressive ceremony had been arranged. Half a dozen heavy trucks with full crews, cables, microphones and cameras set up and aimed at the proper angle, beset the elaborate preparations for the various "talkie" companies had made to immortalize the event in sound and picture.

The fellowship was conferred but not a single word was spoken by Mr. Coolidge during the entire ceremony.

Driver of Truck Which Caused Deaths Faces Serious Charge

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 11.—Jack Milbanks, driver of a gasoline truck which was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train near here last Monday was charged with manslaughter today.

Three complaints were sworn by Ralph Lavin Toland, of Oakland, son of Engineer R. Toland, who died in his cab. Young Toland also signed counts for the deaths of Martin Stinson, fireman, and J. H. Christensen, baggage man.

Milbanks was arrested and placed in jail when \$10,000 bail was not produced.

The engineer's son alleged the truck driver failed to stop at the railroad crossing in accordance with a state law.

Although fatally burned by the flying gasoline, Engineer Toland stopped his train before he collapsed. His act was credited with saving approximately 194 passengers from possible death or injury.

WAR SCAR TO REMAIN—LONDON, Dec. 11. (UP)—The London county council has decided that the wartime damage caused by a bomb to the stonework of Cleopatra's Needle, on the Embankment, will not be repaired.

LEARNS ENGLISH FAST—JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11. (UP)—Eight years ago Jacob Lovten, freshman at Drury college in Springfield, knew no English. Here recently he represented Drury in a state-wide oratorical contest.

BURGLAR "DIVIDES"—TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 11. (UP)—An unknown thief who has repeatedly rifled the ice box belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cuthbert accommodatingly leaves two eggs and a bottle of milk.

WOMEN IN HOBO BRIGADE—MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11. (UP)—The "Knights of the Open Road" now has competition—the "Princesses of the Open Road." Railway breakers say 25 per cent of the "boes" beating their way south for the winter this year have been women.

Indianapolis Star: The census bill has been signed. Get your ages ready, girls.

Boston Herald: Fluctuation in the price of wheat never seems to affect the high price of wild oats.

YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH

DREAMS By Dr. Leland B. Alford We always enjoy relating our own dreams, even though we care less about hearing those of others.

Those who hold this belief can point to the skill of Joseph of Biblical fame. Joseph won the confidence of Pharaoh by his interpretation of the king's dream about the seven full and seven lean ears of corn.

It is believed today that dreams reveal unconscious thoughts of such hateful or fear-inspiring nature that we have banished them from our conscious mind.

Freud thinks that one of the shortest cuts to the unconscious is through dreams. However, since the apparent meaning of the dream is rarely the true one, we must go slow in making interpretations.

Freud gives the meaning of a dream fragment in which the impression was set up that "his brother was in a closet." On analysis, a closet suggested clothes press. Thus the dream said his brother was close-pressed for money, which was true.

Another dreamer was in a tropical forest with a savage woman, who was, however, entirely friendly. Analysis revealed this to be the "little savage" who, in several senses, was in his wife's make-up.

GERMAN AUTHOR SAYS WAR NECESSITY; SAYS HIS BOOKS 'MORAL ARMAMENTS'—BERLIN, Dec. 11. (UP)—War is necessary as it is nothing but a continuation of politics by different means, according to Ernest Juenger, author of "Storm and Steel" and other war books.

PRISONERS ESCAPE—GLOBE, Ariz., Dec. 11. (UP)—Three prisoners escaped from the city jail here late last night by using a tie to cut through two bars of their cell window.

For Sale or Trade: 3 room house; modern; garage; 1000 sq. ft. property or sell cheap. 602 East New York Ave. Hawthorne, Calif.

WESTERN RIDING ACADEMY one half mile west of North Main Street on Lorenzi's Street Road. Phone 372. J. W. Callaway

"Early Nevada" Is Subject of Book

A valuable addition to the historical works pertaining to this state is a little book by F. N. Fletcher of Reno, entitled, "Early Nevada."

The volume is devoted to sketches of several of the early explorers and their travels through the region which afterward in part became the state of Nevada and is full of interesting compelling narrative.

A history of Nevada with any claim to completeness has not yet been compiled and such contributions as the "Early Nevada" by Mr. Fletcher are of real value in collecting and preserving a record of the early explorers, the memory of whose achievements is none too well fixed.

WILL NOT CONTEST OFFICE—LONDON, Dec. 11. (UP)—On the ground that parliamentary duties are too exacting for business men to fully discharge them, Major Guy M. Kendersley, stock broker and G. P. for the Hitchin division of Hertfordshire, will not contest his seat at the next election.

COP PAYS, TOO—WALNUT RIDGE, Ark., Dec. 11. (UP)—Everett Webb paid \$10 for passing a stop sign, but he had his revenge and it was sweet. After Police Chief Homer Kell brought him into court, Webb charged Chief Kell had passed another sign in chasing him. Kell pleaded guilty and paid \$10 also.

Advertisement for Standard Oil Company of California, featuring 'RED WHITE & BLUE Standard Oil Dealers' and 'Just to remind you that 11,000 RED WHITE & BLUE Standard Oil Dealers will supply you with unsurpassed Motoring Products'.

Advertisement for Las Vegas Transer & Taxi Co., located at 19 1/2 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone 230 and Office Phone 210.

Advertisement for Las Vegas Florist Tower Market, offering flowers artistically arranged and promptly delivered. Phone 386.

Advertisement for Bank of Southern Nevada, offering complete banking services. Located at Fremont and Main in Hotel Nevada Block.

Advertisement for VEGAS CREDIT BUREAU, offering prompt payment services. Phone 302, Hours 9-12-1-5-7-8.

Advertisement for HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP, featuring a list of movies and film-related products.

Advertisement for 'ON THE SIDELINES' by Brian Bell, discussing football and sports.

Small advertisement for a house for sale or trade in Hawthorne, California.

Advertisement for Western Riding Academy, located on Lorenzi's Street Road.

Advertisement for Las Vegas Cement Products, including ventilating cement blocks and reinforced buildings.

Advertisement for Dr. Walter G. Pico, a chiropractor located at 7 Delkin Bldg.