



THE WEATHER

LAS VEGAS—Yesterday: Max. 71; Min. 36. NEVADA—Fair south, mostly cloudy north. Saturday and Monday mild. NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Copper quiet spot and future, 18 cents. Lead steady, spot, New York 6.25 cents; St. Louis 6.30. Zinc quiet, E. St. Louis, spot and future 5.80 and 5.85.

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GIRLS JAILED IN STRIKE RIOT

Elks' Benefit Ball Tonight Will Be Brilliant Social Event of the Season

SMOOT NO LONGER TO FIGHT DAM

Utah Senator Who Has Opposed Boulder Legislation Now For Early Start

A powerful enemy to the Boulder Dam legislation during the years of its development, Senator Reed Smoot of Utah has at last swung over, and now is in full accord with Secretary of Interior Wilbur for immediate construction of the dam.

He is now agreed that it will be best, not only for the Southwest, but for Utah as well, for the Black Canyon dam construction to be started at the earliest possible date.

Smoot has been a powerful factor in the Boulder dam opposition, and the value of this change of his present attitude cannot be overestimated, in consideration of the political complexion of the problem.

Smoot Writes Views. A recent letter written by Smoot gives his present views: December 6, 1929. Mr. W. R. Wallace, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Friend: The letter of November 21, 1929, signed by yourself, William W. Ray and W. D. Beers, Colorado river commissioners, received.

I have taken this matter up with the Secretary of the Interior and the following are the conclusions which we have reached: It is our belief that the state's interests will be best served by the early beginning of Boulder dam.

Conditions which will be embodied in the reservation of Boulder dam power be made for Utah, without any obligation on the part of Utah to purchase and the recommendation that the charge for storage of domestic water be increased.

Proposed Reservations. With regard to the first, the reservations proposed for Nevada and Arizona have lessened the value of this power to those who must sign firm contracts, to take all of it before the secretary has certified to congress that he can certify to congress that he believes will repay the cost. Those who sign these firm contracts must find markets for the power and pay the heavy costs of conveying it to customers. It that power is subsequently withdrawn they must find a new source of power. We have been surprised that any of the contractors for power would agree to this provision, and we are convinced that the imperative need of the cities and counties of California for more water and the influence it will have on the value of power development, make them:

Today's Worst Yarn By A Dam Site

The city sold two horses, which have been in the city pound for some time. The poor old nags were allowed to run at large inside the city limits and the horse-catcher got 'em.

Leaves Catch Fire on Roof

Chief of Police Issues Warning Against Following Fire Truck Closer Than Three Hundred Feet.

Leaves which accumulated on the roof of the Union Pacific eating house caught fire shortly after dark yesterday evening and started a blaze near the chimney. The fire department responded to a call and the fire was soon extinguished, with but slight damage.

Dogs, Believed Rabid, Killed

Four more dogs, several of all of which were believed to have been suffering from rabies, were killed yesterday and day before yesterday by the police department.

California Rain Spell Is Ended

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP)—The sun broke through rain clouds here today and clear weather was predicted for the week-end. Nearly two inches of rain had fallen in San Francisco since the storm started Sunday, and the total exceeded five inches in some parts of Central California.

McClallen-Bell Suit Arguments Heard

Arguments in the suit of Walter F. McClallen et al against the Bell Telephone company were heard yesterday, and District Judge Wm. E. Orr took the matter under advisement.

GREENE URGES 5-DAY WEEK, U. S. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—(Copyright)—Labor must have the help of the government in its struggle with machines, President Wm. Greene of the American Federation of Labor said today.

10 CHURCHES, SCHOOL BURN, LOSS IS \$310,000

Buildings Are Guarded Following Series Of Fires Believed Set by "Fire-Bug"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP)—Schools and churches of the Sacramento valley and Redwood empire were closely guarded tonight as authorities sought to fix blame for fires that destroyed ten of these structures recently. The precautionary measure had successfully prevented any new blazes in 24 hours.

Fred Alward, Angus Joplin To Visit Howard McMullen

To offer cheer to Howard McMullen, who is ill at the home of Ira McFarland in Indian Springs, Fred S. Alward, Las Vegas attorney, and Angus Joplin, high school student, will motor to Indian Springs this afternoon.

Jimmy McLarnin Whips Goldstein

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Jimmy McLarnin, gallant welterweight contender from Vancouver, B. C., made short work of his fight with Ruby Goldstein of New York tonight, knocking out the flashy East Sider after 52 seconds of boxing in the second round.

Light Assessment Protest Hearing Set

A meeting for the hearing of possible protests on the ornamental street light assessments will be held Monday by the board of city commissioners, it was announced yesterday.

City Receives \$146.73 Light, Phone Refund

A refund of \$146.73 was received by the city clerk Thursday from the Consolidated Power and Telephone company.

Machine Age In Full Swing In Moapa Valley

New Power Plant For Logandale; Power Tractors And Other Machinery Are Purchased by Farmers.

The machine age certainly has hit Logandale, according to a message received yesterday by The Age from Bert Miller of that community. "The hum of power machinery may be heard all over town these days," he said, "and another car of tractors just arrived, accompanied with a car of machinery to work with them."

Those in town operating or just receiving tractors are Albert Wittwer, Pete West, Elmer Bowman, Wells Brothers, Jorgenson and Son, Bert Miller, Jesse Whipple and Alma Shurtliff.

Garden Tractors. Mr. N. Tobliason and Wilford Whipple operate garden tractors. Pete West has a combine grain harvester ordered. Albert Wittwer and Jorgenson and Sons operate milking machines.

"The list of farmers sporting new cars recently would cover the bulk of the town."

New Power Plant. "And now a new mutual power plant is to be run by water power, is going in. This power plant will develop about thirty horsepower and will light and furnish power to all the town."

"The water wheel and all the poles are already on the ground and work will soon start, preparing for machinery which will be delivered about January 25."

"One half of the power developed will be used by Farmers' Supply company for the new ice plant they are erecting. The Farmers' Supply company is also putting in a new lumber yard, which looks very good to the farmers of Logandale."

"The lettuce shipping season is about to start, as farmers are preparing to cut the first car at once. About fifty crates of radishes will be shipped in each car."

Nevadans Visit S. F. Seeking Aid For Road Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP)—Gov. Fred Balzar and a party of Nevada state officials are here to further plans for obtaining aid in building state highways.

The party included Attorney General M. A. Disin, State Engineer S. E. Durkee and State Comptroller Ed. R. Peterson.

L.A. Police Chief Faces Charge

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (AP)—Police Chief James Davis will be charged with incompetency and neglect of duty Saturday, Pres. W. G. Thorpe of the Los Angeles police commission announced today.

The action will climax a long struggle on the part of two of the four police commissioners to subject Davis' conduct of his department to an investigation. A fifth commissioner, Edgar Wehn, appointed recently by Mayor John C. Porter, is believed to have broken the deadlock by voting to cite the chief to trial.

CHARITY BALL TONITE TO BE NIFTY AFFAIR

Preparations Made for Big Attendance and Gay Time at Elks' Hall This Evening

Carrying out the tradition established when the Elks first began to be an active factor in this city, Las Vegas Lodge No. 1469, B. P. O. E., will tonight stage its annual Charity Ball.

And when the Elks have a Charity Ball, they do things up brown as is abundantly proven by the series of affairs they have staged during the past dozen years.

Elks' Hall will be beautifully decorated for the occasion and the handsome club rooms will be thrown open to the ladies as well as to the men.

Jazz Morrison's Night Hawks will furnish the music, which is sufficient guarantee of the pleasure of the dance.

Art Harris is in charge of the arrangements and nothing will be spared to make the Charity Ball this evening the most brilliant in the history of local Elksdom. The season lends itself to gaiety, and everybody is invited to participate to the fullest extent.

With all its brilliance and social pleasure, there is a serious side to the affair which Elks do not lose sight of. It is their hope to add a very substantial sum to their charity fund, which is always being subject to the call of the needy and which during the next few months may have heavy demands upon it.

Those who are of the elect remember that the first obligation of Elks is "Charity," and they will not be deaf to its appeal.

Boy Runs Away to Get His Picture in Paper; Ma Says 'No'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP)—Efforts of Harry Hibers, nine years old, to break into print and attract additional attention from Santa Claus at this important time were balked again today.

Harry was found asleep on a doorstep after his latest runaway from home. His mother vigorously objected to pleas of a newspaper photographer who wished to take a picture of the boy.

"The last time he ran away and stayed a long time he saw his picture in the paper and got all puffed up about it," the mother said. "He ran away three more times in a week. So, no more pictures."

'Woman Shot at Rich Ex-Spouse Because of Suit'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Lois Andrade, 60, shot five times at her estranged husband, A. F. Andrade, multi-millionaire son of the famous pioneer, Gen. P. Andrade, because he was victor in a civil suit in which they were both involved. Andrade alleged in a complaint today. He charged the woman with assault with a deadly weapon.

According to Andrade, his wife, from whom he has been separated eleven years, was enraged because a suit over property had been decided in his favor. The suit involves community property including both of the townships of Mexicali, and a million acres of land in Lower California and Sonora.

Kiddie, Come to Age Office and Get The Blazer You Lost

If the boy or girl who lost a plaid blazer on the courthouse lawn yesterday will come to The Age office and talk real fast, he or she will be able to recover the blazer.

Elks Reject Hotel Proposal

New Members to Be Initiated Thursday During Visit Of District Deputy Exalted Ruler H. P. Hale

Nearly twenty new members will be initiated into the local Elks' lodge next Thursday, it has been announced by William L. Scott, secretary of the lodge.

Those who have been voted to membership are: R. A. Cantrell, Herman D. Abrams, S. M. Goldberg, E. W. Griffith, Harold Marcellus Kendall, Harry E. Miller, Cleo Mortimer, Harry E. Shade, Edward DeMay, Turner, J. Warren Woodard, Robert Kenneth Ziemer, Jack Crane, Charles S. Griffin, Thomas Gmochio, and L. A. Meehura.

The lodge, in its next meeting, before the initiation, might vote to accept two other applicants to membership, it has been announced.

Harold Hale, district deputy exalted ruler of the state and president of the Nevada State Elks' association, will be present at the initiation meeting. Hale, who is editor of the Elks Independent, will arrive in this city on Wednesday, on the annual visit of the district deputy.

The \$300,000 hotel building proposal which has been under consideration for some few weeks was discussed and has been rejected by the lodge, it was stated yesterday by Judge Wm. E. Orr, exalted ruler. The proposition was found to be unsatisfactory.

Egan Furniture Stock Will Be All Sold Out

All the stock of fine new furniture in the new store of Egan's Furniture, Incorporated, will be offered for sale by the Las Vegas Mercantile corporation beginning Monday, it was announced yesterday, following revelation of the fact that Manager Egan had assigned all his assets to George Marshall, attorney of the firm Harmon and Salter.

Marshall was made trustee for the firm, which has its store in the new post office building on Carson street.

"We will offer the complete stock at prices which will surprise," said Leo Roth, proprietor of the Las Vegas Mercantile corporation yesterday.

"With Christmas near, Las Vegas will do well to visit the store and take advantage of some of the bargains which will be offered," he said.

HERE'S MEANEST THIEF

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13 (AP)—The latest in heartless, pre-Christmas robberies occurred here when a burglar took a child's bank containing \$5 in pennies. The thief represented one whole year's savings on the part of a child who "wanted to buy mother and dad a Christmas present," it was reported.

DOHENY'S COMPANY'S LAWYER SAYS HIS WORD UNRELIABLE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (AP)—Edward L. Doheny, multi-millionaire oil man, will not be called as a witness in the lease cancellation suit of the government against his former company, Pan-American oil, because Norman S. Sperry, defense counsel, doubts his credibility.

300 MEN, WOMEN HELD THREE HOURS WHILE 60 PICKED OUT FOR ARREST

Fifty-One Miners, Sixteen Women and Girls Placed in Cells on Charges of Rioting, Disturbing Peace, as Result of Illinois Strike; County Jail Is Overcrowded

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Dec. 13 (AP)—Seeking to curb disturbances accompanying the national miners' union coal strike, which resulted in the closing of six mines in this territory, Christian county authorities arrested fifty-one miners and sixteen women and girls on charges of rioting and disturbing the peace.

The fifty Christian county jail, with accommodations for only forty, tonight held sixty prisoners.

None of the miners in Christian county resumed operations. A small force of miners which returned to Peabody mine No. 8 at Tovey was at work again under protection of a force of special deputies.

At Nakomis three hundred men and women were arrested and held in the business district for three hours by Sheriff H. G. Hill and sixty deputies until the Christian county sheriff could arrive to pick out members of the National Miners' union for whom warrants had been issued.

To Manufacture Brick of Cement

Los Angeles Men Also Hope To Furnish Locally Made Cement For Boulder Dam Construction.

E. B. Keelan and C. E. West of Los Angeles arrived in Vegas last evening in furtherance of their plans to erect a plant for the manufacture of cement bricks in Las Vegas.

They also have in contemplation the erection of a large plant for the manufacture of cement and of materials in this vicinity and have already made a proposal to the interior department to finance the construction of Boulder dam.

It is Mr. Keelan's intention to present abundant samples of the cement material to the government's local testing plant for a series of tests. According to Mr. Keelan, tests already made by unofficial scientists show that the material is produced in an unusually very high. Should Mr. Keelan's proposal to the interior department be accepted it will assure the building of a great cement plant in Clark county, bringing that parcel to this section instead of to some other state.

Mesquite Club Has Social Meeting At Woodard Home

The members of the Mesquite club enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Woodard Friday.

After the business meeting, a very interesting program was given. Miss Greene Abbot gave three vocal numbers with Mr. Lewis E. Rowe at the piano. "Daisy Day" is "Weary" from "The Star of Bethlehem," "The First Noel" and "Silent Night." Mrs. Mary gave "Christmas Customs in Europe," and Miss Brown of the high school faculty read parts of her story written while teaching in Italy. Both the numbers were greatly enjoyed.

The program closed with two violin solos by Mrs. Rose Thomas, "Andante in D Minor," by Vieuxtemps, and "Romanza Andalus" by Sarasate. Mrs. R. W. Martin as the piano.

Tea was served at a beautifully appointed table by Mrs. DeVany and Mrs. Leonard Boyd.

COTTON UNION FORMED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 13 (AP)—Formation of a \$50,000,000 cotton cooperative marketing association, to be known as the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, was announced here this week by Alexander Ledge, chairman of the federal farm board.