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COMMUNITY CHEST IDEA.

THE ACTION of the Community Christmas Tree Committee in deciding to devote contributions this year to purely charitable purposes, is a move toward the Community Chest idea.

The Age has long been of the opinion that our charities should be administered in a careful, systematic way, by a committee in touch with the needs, and that all persons and organizations should contribute each year to the fund.

This plan has the advantage of doing away with haphazard charity and would discourage the solicitations of the unworthy. The fact that there is a recognized committee to which all charitable requests are to be referred would relieve the businessmen of the responsibility of trying to investigate each case for himself...

SENATOR SMOOT SUPPORTS BOULDER DAM.

IT MAY be a surprise to many that Senator Smoot, one of the most bitter opponents of the Boulder Dam legislation during its pendency before Congress, is now whole heartedly in favor of the project.

In a letter to members of the Utah Colorado River commission, the Senator says, "It is our belief that the state's (Utah's) interests will be best served by the early beginning of Boulder Dam."

He then goes on to advise against the suggestion that Utah should demand an allocation of power from that project, and proceeds to show at some length the advantages the Boulder Dam project will be instrumental in bringing to Utah as a precedent for the project at Flaming Gorge.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

LAS VEGAS this year bids adieu to one of its traditions—the Community Christmas Tree for many years held each Christmas Eve in the open air on Fremont street between First and Second.

The Age hopes it will not be for long. The Community Christmas was a real influence in bringing the people closer together in spirit and thus was of assistance to the community. And it served as an excuse to provide a fund for many Christmas dinners in desolate homes.

And who knows how many will carry through the years as one does of the glorious events of their youth, the memory of those happy Christmas Eves when the people of Las Vegas were gathered about the brilliant Christmas tree on Fremont street?

Will Pungent's Nitwitortials (Down With the Pun, Genxs)

SHOULD'VE SOLD ANOTHER AND DONE JOB RIGHT The city pound sold two horses for ten dollars. Dirty swindle! They should have thrown in another. One for five and three for ten, you know!

SORRY IT DIDN'T LAST LONGER, OFFICERS The city policemen used to turn on each light on Fremont street with a switch on the post. When the new ornamental lights were put in, the officers were doubtless happy for one switch controlled the whole works.

NOW THE LIGHTS WHICH WERE REMOVED FROM FREMONT ARE BEING INSTALLED ON OTHER STREET CORNERS. And not only will there be as many as before, but they'll be scattered over a much wider area!

WE DO OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY My brother and I, Will Pungent, are dragging our Christmas shopping.

WE HAVE A SYSTEM ALL OUR OWN Each sends the other a ten dollar bill, and there's never been a Christmas yet since we started this system that one or the other didn't have the ten early enough before Christmas for the other to send his gift after receiving the offering of the first.

AND ON FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH, BOGSH! His birthday came on yesterday, which was Friday the thirteenth, so Master George Ullom decided, evidently, to do the job up before!

HE INVITED RELATIVES AND THIRTEEN OTHERS TO HELP HIM CELEBRATE LAST EVENING. No, he wasn't 13 years old, but 14.

THEN FREMONT STREET WILL BE BEAUTIFUL We've bought a new street sweeper and now Fremont street is as spic and span as the front parlor

OLD CHARTER HOLDS PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 13. (U.P.—) The antique charter that guided official action in the days when Prescott had a wild west atmosphere and frequent gun scrapes, still meets with approval of its citizens.

ADoption of a more up-to-date charter was voted down by 281 to 55. A petition signed by 150 taxpayers, claiming the present 46 year old charter conflicted with state statutes, made calling of the election necessary.

at home—as it should be. And we've installed magnificent new ornamental lights, so that the street may be better seen—as it should be.

THE KID WON HIS POINT, AFTER ALL—AND MORE A United Press story in this issue of The Age tells of the attempts of a nine-year-old boy to get newspaper publicity by repeatedly running away, having had his picture in the paper the first time he made the fade-out.

His mother, the last time, in order to defeat the lad's purpose, refused to allow a newspaper photographer to take his picture.

AND THAT, dear reader, was the makings of a real story—a story which was not of merely local interest—and which is being published in papers throughout the country.

ANYWAY, WHAT'S A BIRD OR TWO IN OUR YOUNG LIFE? "Hold Bird for Manslaughter Trial," a L. A. Herald headline screams.

Why, naturally they'd hold him. For isn't a bird in the hand worth two in the bush? But here's the catch: The judge set bail at \$25,000, thus actually paving the way for Bird to fit the coop.

This, on second thought, however, is O. K. for then the \$25,000 becomes the "bird in the hand!"—And only one bird in the bush at that!

A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

WASHINGTON—A hefty monkey wrench is causing trouble in the existing machinery for selection of presidential postmaster appointees.

What the ultimate result of his action will be, however, it is still too early to tell. Quite possibly Gosman may be able to claim credit for having taken postoffice appointments out of politics.

The term of the Dillon postmaster having expired, an examination was ordered by the postoffice department to provide the three qualified candidates to succeed him.

The incumbent, enjoying a 5 per cent ex-soldier differential in rating, drew a standing of 80 per cent, while his two competitors, both at the postoffice department and the White House.

In Open Session But for the fact that the senate, after a mighty row some months ago, revised its procedure to make secret consideration of executive nominations the exception instead of the rule, the public might have known little of all this.

The significance of the Dillon incident lies in the fact that under procedure established by President Harding, advisory civil service examination ratings for postmaster appointments are provided three candidates with a rating of at least 70 per cent being required.

It is conceded that congress could not compel selection of the highest man on the list without infringing on the constitutional appointing power of the President.

To the Highest Back at the beginning of the second Wilson administration, however, President Wilson by executive order required that the highest on the list should be named, regardless of his politics.

In the debate over the Dillon case, both Senators Walsh of Massachusetts and Connally of Texas told of Republican postmasters being named in their states under this Wilson policy.

The Texas Republican, Connally said, is still holding his job under a Wilson appointment.

Obviously, with postmaster snarls to be aired publicly in the senate, it appears possible that the Hoover administration may consider going back to Wilson procedure which was revoked when President Harding took office.

And when you stop to think of it, wasn't the case Gosman provided for the Democrats ideal? It was an all-Republican family reunion that also included a chance to champion an ex-service buddy. No wonder they jumped into action.

Now Folsom Prisoners Plan To Break Jail

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13. (U.P.—) Three prisoners of Folsom state penitentiary were in solitary confinement tonight and officials of the institution were investigating evidence that seizure of guards and arms had been planned.

A note was taken from C. J. Fitzgerald, serving a life term from Los Angeles for murder, indicating that some convicts plotted to overpower a guard at supper time.

Atchison Globe: Everywhere in the country you see big, cozy, good clothes, ice cream and cake and recreation. Why, then, is there so much grumbling? We believe that grumbling one moment and being extravagant the next moment is the most outstanding American habit.

Minneapolis Journal: A noiseless motor has been invented—now for a motor horn that will go noiseless after 10 p. m.

Grand Rapids Press: The reason there is plenty of room at the top is because so many who get there fall off.

A fashion note says that skirts will be longer in the fall and knees will disappear from the public gaze. What we want to know is, when are the vertebrae going to disappear?

NEVADA STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From Upstate Dispatches and Exchanges

Sigma Nu Wins U. of N. Hoop Title RENO, Dec. 13. (Special)—For the third time in two years, the Sigma Nu fraternity at the University of Nevada won the interfraternity basketball championship at that school.

Jack Hill, Leo Priest and Wayne Spencer, all freshmen at the university, and from Sparks, started on the winning Sigma Nu team, as did Roy Salisbury of Reno and Fred Pereley of San Francisco.

Wolf Hoop Squad Working Into Shape RENO, Dec. 13. (Special)—Working out daily under the tutelage of Coach Scanton, the Nevada basketball team is rapidly rounding into shape, and should be able to meet the Stanford Cardinal five on equal terms when the Cards invade Reno December 25 and 24.

For the first time in many years, the Pack is receiving their instruction from a coach who is an alumnus of the institution, Chet Scanton, who is acting as mentor to the Wolf Pack in the absence of Doc Martin, a star of the Nevada basketball and football teams by first graduation, and captain of the famous Wolf eleven which tied the California Wonder team in 1923.

U. of N. Students Present O'Neill Play RENO, Dec. 13. (Special)—Student dramatics at the University of Nevada received another impetus when they successfully presented Eugene O'Neill's powerful and famous drama, "Anna Christie," in Reno.

Ocean Phone Planned SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11. (U.P.—) There will be ship-to-shore telephone service on the Pacific ocean within six months, Frank B. Jewett, vice president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, told the United Press yesterday when he arrived from Japan aboard the Dollar liner President Taft.

Scout Group to Elect Monday Council Will Meet At M. E. Church With Delegates; Officers Will Be Chosen For the Year 1930. Officers for the Las Vegas Boy Scout council will be elected Monday evening at a meeting of delegates from all interested organizations.

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ON THE SIDELINES

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said Robert Tyre: "I have heard of you, too."

In the list of touchdowns scored with the least effort during the 1929 season should go a performance by Louisiana State university in counting against Duke university, although the score did the visitors no good.

The kick was high and short and carried only 10 yards. Bule, the kicker, ran forward at full speed ahead and caught his own punting the ball on the 16-yard line. Bule in catching the ball, however, had interfered with an L. S. U. player trying to make a fair catch, so Duke was penalized again—this time 15 yards, and the ball was on the one yard line.

"I am delighted to meet you, Mr. Jones," said Dobbs. "I have heard of you." "Thank you, Mr. Dobbs."

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Council Will Meet At M. E. Church With Delegates; Officers Will Be Chosen For the Year 1930.

Officers for the Las Vegas Boy Scout council will be elected Monday evening at a meeting of delegates from all interested organizations.

In the Methodist church, will be called at 7:30.

The officers elected will serve for the year 1930, and will include members of the board of finance and of the executive board.

S. R. Whitehead is now president of the council and George Horsely secretary.

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