

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 6, 1931

## THE TURNING POINT

THE PRESENT TIME probably will be looked back upon in future years as the turning point in the history of Las Vegas.

Tomorrow and again on next Monday in this city bids on important preliminaries of the Boulder dam project will be received by Walker R. Young, engineer in charge of construction.

The bids will cover highway and railroad work with an estimated cost of more than two million dollars.

This work as soon as it is well under way will bring into existence the first substantial payrolls and will add considerably to the business of Las Vegas.

The amount of money involved in the two contracts to be let during the next seven days will be something like two million dollars and the beginning of this work is another step toward the main contract to be let next March with an estimated cost of more than one hundred million dollars.

As we have quoted before, "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." The great enterprise is getting under way faster than we had hoped.

## NEW OFFICIALS

YESTERDAY several new county officials took office and several old and faithful servants who have long served the county stepped down and out. Such is fate.

And it occurred to the Age that most of us are too quick to heap criticism on the heads of those we elect to office. It is so easy to blame those who do not agree with us on the particular question of the moment. And it is too often the case that we allow suspicions to take form in our minds without good reason.

To serve the public in an office is at the best trying. No matter how conscientious the official may be, criticism is sure to come.

Sometimes, of course, criticism is justified. But we should try to be fair in our criticism and make first sure that things we criticize are actually so. It has been our observation that many of the things charged against officials are based upon idle rumor and quite often are entirely unfounded.

The Age believes Clark county is fortunate in having officials who are honest and conscientious. The least we can do is to give them a fair chance. The probability is that if we would do more investigating we would do less criticizing.

## NEW SHERIFF TAKES OFFICE AT HIGH NOON

At the stroke of twelve yesterday Sheriff Sam Gay formally turned over the keys and all property of the sheriff's office to Joe Keate, the new sheriff, and after almost continuous service for 25 years, stepped from official life to become a private citizen of Las Vegas and Clark county.

The career of Sam Gay has been long and full of interest and he has had his share of enemies, as all good officials have, and more than enough staunch friends to see him through some difficult campaigns. That Sam has been a painstaking official is proved by the fact that among the items of property turned over by him to his successor, is a sheriff's badge which he has worn 75 cents in 1909. Also by the fact that he has been collecting county and state licenses since Jan. 1, 1907, and his books have always been found correct by the state auditor.

## NEAR CENTENARIAN LIVED ON SAME FARM 80 YEARS

ELDORADO, Ill., Jan. 5. (U.P.)—Mrs. Susan Moore is now 97 and has lived on the same farm for 80 years, and until the original log cabin was burned to the ground in 1911, had lived in it for 58 years. The aged woman, still active and assisting in duties of the household, had 186 descendants, including 66 grandchildren, 105 great grandchildren, and 15 great great grandchildren.

She was born in Kentucky, her father, Walter Bourland, later moving to the farm near here where she has lived since. When 16 she married William Moore.

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## JEWELS FLASH IN NEW HATS



The newest winter formal hats from Paris flash with jeweled pins lying close to the hair. This model of black felt by Patou is finished with a baguette pin.

## Modern Noah Prepares Ark For New Flood

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 5. (U.P.)—If the world comes to an end in 1932 at least one man will be ready for the holocaust. He is William Lourd Greenwood of Olympia, Wash.

Greenwood considers himself the modern counterpart of Noah, who built the ark of Holy Writ to save himself and family from the great flood.

Noah, you will remember, took a pair of each animal in the world on his ark, and sailed for 40 days and 40 nights in response to the command of God, who warned him that he would, having become evil and corrupt, would be destroyed.

Greenwood plans to take no animals with him, as far as could be learned, but followers of his who believe with him that 1932 will find the western world swept into the ocean will be welcome at sailing time.

Greenwood's cult firmly believes that in 1932 the Pacific coast will be submerged into the Pacific ocean, and that the western coast line of the United States will then be in a line with the now inland town of Denver.

Biblical predictions, the writings of Napoleon and excerpts from sermons of Amos McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, have all been interpreted by Greenwood to set 1932 as the year which shall see the submergence of the coastline.

The 20th century Noah is confident that the next year or two is just about the right time for such a catastrophe. The world couldn't have been much worse in Noah's time, what with women smoking ting parties, so 1932 would seem to be just about the right time for a purging inundation, thinks Greenwood.

The would-be mariner has built himself an ark in his spare time over a period of two years.

The ark itself is a favorite to keep afloat, while it stays safely ashore, but seafaring men are skeptical of its ability to do the same once it reaches water.

Weird designs form the decorative motif of the ark. Inside are ancient guns, swords, spears and pistols with which Greenwood hopes to repel whatever fearsome invaders seek to take the ark by storm while on the high seas during its contemplated trip.

So if you believe with Mr. Greenwood that 1932 will bring a new flood, make your reservation now on Ark the Second, sailing from Olympia.

## Girl To Instruct Turkish Children In American Play

ANGORA, Turkey, Jan. 5. (U.P.)—The American girl for play is to be installed in the children of Asia Minor by a young Turkish girl, Guzine Insam, daughter of a former governor of Smyrna.

Armed with a master's degree from the department of hygiene and physical instruction of Wellesley college, she has returned to Angora to train teachers of physical instruction who will spread American methods through Anatolia. "Of course Turkish children have always played," Miss Insam says, "but they have played as individualists, a lonely sort of play. What I want to spread in Turkey is the gift for team-work for which America is famous."

She also hopes to organize gymnastics for adults, especially for the 100 military officials of the Turkish capital.

More than 600,000 reindeer are in Alaska now as compared with about 1,200 40 years ago.

## A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON—If anyone thinks Senator James Thomas Heflin of Alabama, after 18 years in the house, followed by ten years in the senate, is going to let it go at that just because he was beaten for reelection in 1930, he doesn't know Heflin.

The Alabama senator does not do things that way. He's a "right stick" fellow, as they might put it down in Alabama.

So no Washington political observer doubts that Heflin's name will be among those present when the 1932 primaries roll around. What office he may seek is not so certain.

His colleague, young Hugo Lafayette Black of Birmingham, with only one Washington hitch, a six year senate term, to his political career will be up again that year.

## Might Seek House Post

Heflin might try to crowd Black out, some folks say. Or he might pattern his attempted comeback on the late Senator Burton of Ohio and route himself back to Washington via the house.

There is that 5th Alabama district which gave him office for nine successive elections.

La Fayette (spelled that way as compared to Black's Lafayette), Paterson now has the 5th. Incidentally, he's one of President Hoover's college brethren, holding a degree from Harvard.

Whatever Heflin plans for the future, his prompt reaction to the unemployment and depression situation once the senate goes going again after election could conceivably have a bearing.

He popped in a pair of bills and had both printed immediately in the Record. When a senator does that, usually it means an order to copy of the Record and a lot of mailing to the folks back home.

## Asks Loans to Farmers

One Heflin bill—S-5192 it stands in the books—would authorize the farm loan board to lend up to \$3,000 to any farmer purchasing 60 acres or less of land and building a home thereon.

The loans would run 25 years at 5 per cent interest with the property itself as security.

"My bill would result in a little while in creating hundreds of thousands of small farms and in establishing on them industrious, home-owning and home-loving farmers," Senator Heflin said, which probably made Chairman Alexander Lepley shiver. He dreams about farm surplus.

The Heflin bill No. 2 would qualify automatically every post office

## A New Base For Liquor Opened In Canal Zone

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 5. (U.P.)—Following the closing of Canadian ports as bases for liquor shipments to the United States, by action of the Dominion government, it is reported here that Pacific coast rum runners have opened a new base under protection of the American flag.

Cristobal, Canal Zone, is said to be the new center of Pacific coast rum running activity.

According to the canal treaty the United States cannot forbid the landing in transit of any cargo that can legally be carried by the government's signatories to the treaty. Since Vancouver was cut out of the trade and because S. Plaza and Miquelon, the new bases on the Atlantic, are so far removed, the coast rum runners sought a new distributing point and Cristobal was selected.

Early in November, according to information current here, the first experiment was made and was highly successful despite angry protests from Panama newspapers.

The newspapers objected to the Panama railway, an American concern, handling the liquor. Regular British line steamships were said to have dropped large consignments of liquors from Europe at Cristobal. A large consignment from British Columbia distilleries was also delivered, and a heavy shipment of Chinese wines was landed.

The rum running supply ships went to Cristobal, it is reported, from their stations off the coasts of Mexico and California, and loaded up without any difficulty.

with receipts of \$4,600 a year for a federal building. The senator did not say how much it would exceed the government building program, only that "in the long run" it would save Uncle Sam rent money.

But everything else aside, clearly Heflin is preparing for a comeback.

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## Hollywood Film Shop

By DUANE HENNESSY (United Press Staff Correspondent) HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Movie fans seem never to tire of waiting to their favorite stars. The requests they make give employes in the fan mail department a chuckle a minute.

Here are some excerpts from letters:

"Send me a picture of your dog," a girl wrote to Sue Carol. "I have one of you."

"Please send me a lock of the hair you wear in 'Cimarron' because I know you'll be cutting it—'at new that the picture is finished,'" was asked of Richard Dix by a fan who keeps an eye on forthcoming productions.

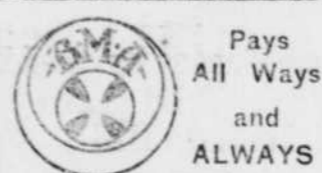
"I saw you cooking in a scene in one of your recent pictures and the spaghetti looked so good I wonder if you'd send me the recipe?" a housewife asked Evelyn Brent.

"I am sending you some of my special brand of imported Alexandria cigarettes," penned a fan to Betty Compton. "I want you to oblige me by smoking them in the next scene you play that requires a cigarette."

And a correspondent told Babe Daniels:

"If you ever forget your lines when you are before the camera, close your eyes, cause your mind to go blank for a second, and then think of the word 'abracabra'. Instantly (if you do it right) the forgotten line will come back."

That might be a good idea except that closed eyes wouldn't look well and Babe would have a tough time thinking of 'abracabra'.



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