

LAS VEGAS AGE

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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 8, 1931.

WHY GRIEVE?

WE FIND a lot of people crying about the hard times in Las Vegas as well as elsewhere. As we look over the report of the Las Vegas post office we wonder what we have to cry about.

In 1929 the postal receipts from sale of stamps, etc., amounted to \$33,218. That was a boom year when Las Vegas considered herself quite prosperous. In 1930 the receipts were \$33,093.00, only \$125 less than in 1929.

The money order department of the post office also shows but a comparatively small decline in amount of business in 1930 as compared with 1929.

Now you can't fool the post office. If business were as bad as some people fear it is, the figures in Uncle Sam's books on the sale of stamps would show it with unerring accuracy.

The truth is we are doing just about as much business as we did in 1929, but are crying around because we are not doing twice as much.

OPENING BIDS

THE OPENING of bids by the reclamation engineers yesterday really marks the new epoch in Las Vegas. Next Monday when the bids on the Dam railway are opened there will be a similar event.

It has been hard for some of our people to realize that the big thing is actually under way. The beginning of the Union Pacific branch line while officially called the beginning of work on the project, was not actually work which touched the dam site.

Now we have these two great jobs of highway and railroad building at the dam site itself. And when we see some of the biggest men the country can produce in the contracting business flocking to Las Vegas to place bids on this work, we must begin to realize that there is something to it after all.

NEW REDLIGHT

WE OBSERVE that building is proceeding on the site east of Vegas which is supposed to have been selected for the new redlight district. It is fair to assume that the promoters of the enterprise intend to push it through if possible in the face of an almost unanimously adverse public opinion.

The county commissioners have, we believe, full power to abate any such business as a public nuisance. Now that the board is fully organized and is getting down to the serious work of the county, it would not be remiss to have some investigation of the situation made.

There is one thing certain, and that is that Las Vegas will not permit the establishment of the new redlight district in what is destined to be the most public spot in the county and where it will not only offend public decency, but will stand in the way of the best residential improvements planned for the city.

The Age again urges that those interested in the redlight business move it to some place where it will not be conspicuous or an offense, not to a place where it will flaunt itself in the face of every visitor to Boulder Dam.

ARIZONA SUIT

SENATOR KEY PITTMAN, who has been in conference with the solicitor general of the United States and the legal advisors of several of the states of the Colorado River basin, is convinced that the Arizona suit to stop the Boulder Dam project will be promptly thrown out of the supreme court.

It has been the opinion of the government officials that there is no ground for the suit. The states of the Colorado River basin, except Arizona, are of the same opinion.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the supreme court shortly and in all probability will be promptly disposed of. In the meantime the government is going ahead with the work as if Arizona did not exist.

BIG PROGRAM

THE NEWS dispatches tell us that the public improvement program for the coming year contemplates the expenditure of 1,500 million dollars. The unemployment resulting from the partial cessation of industry is now at its height. Soon there will be jobs seeking the men and we will as completely forget our present "hard times" as we have forgotten similar crises in the past. We have had our year of worry. Now prosperity is just around the corner.

IMPROVING PARK AREA WITH TREES

Board Approves Plans For Beautifying Land Near Federal Site

The city board yesterday approved the general plan for improving the city park area presented by Dr. Martin and A. B. Wither last Monday. City Engineer Thompson was instructed to stake out the portion of the park adjoining the federal building site and along Stewart street for tree planting.

It is the intention of the board to carry out the park improvement program a little each year as funds become available. The city must build walks, drives, lawns, etc., and the citizens are urged to individually help in the planting of trees.

Leave Your Address With Western Union

MARK BARRON

ENTERTAINS YOU IN HIS COLUMN A NEW YORKER AT LARGE



NEW YORK—In one of his new plays Robert E. Sherwood takes up the question of New York seceding from the union.

If New York is not America, she has a reporter argue, why shouldn't New York be allowed to withdraw from the United States and become an independent country?

"A blessing for New York?" the reporter inquires.

No, a blessing for the rest of the country, the "senator" retorts.

Family Skeleton While it probably does not impress the remainder of the country, the leading current news story locally concerns the revelations being made about New York's policemen and magistrates.

A special court of inquiry has charged that many of those wearing the blue's and judiciary robes of the law are guilty of questionable acts, such as bribery, false arrests, or unwise court decisions.

One would imagine that the discovery of these weak links in our judiciary system would demoralize the public and undermine their respect for the law.

Underdog Triumph Not long ago the sale of theatre tickets was taken out of the hands of agencies and given over to telegraph companies.

The explanation is simple. The man from the street is getting the best seats up front.

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Italy Bans New Taxes In Fight Against Slump

ROME, Jan 7 (AP)—"No additional taxation" is the motto of the Italian government in solving the country's present economic crisis.

Mussolini approached the problem by introducing a 12 per cent cut in the salaries of all government employees.

This radical change has been effected by the Fascist corporations or syndical system. Every person in the country must belong to the syndicate which is in control of his particular form of activity.

World Cyclist SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7. (AP)—One of the world's most ardent cyclists was in San Francisco recently and is off on a tour that will take him around the world before he is through.

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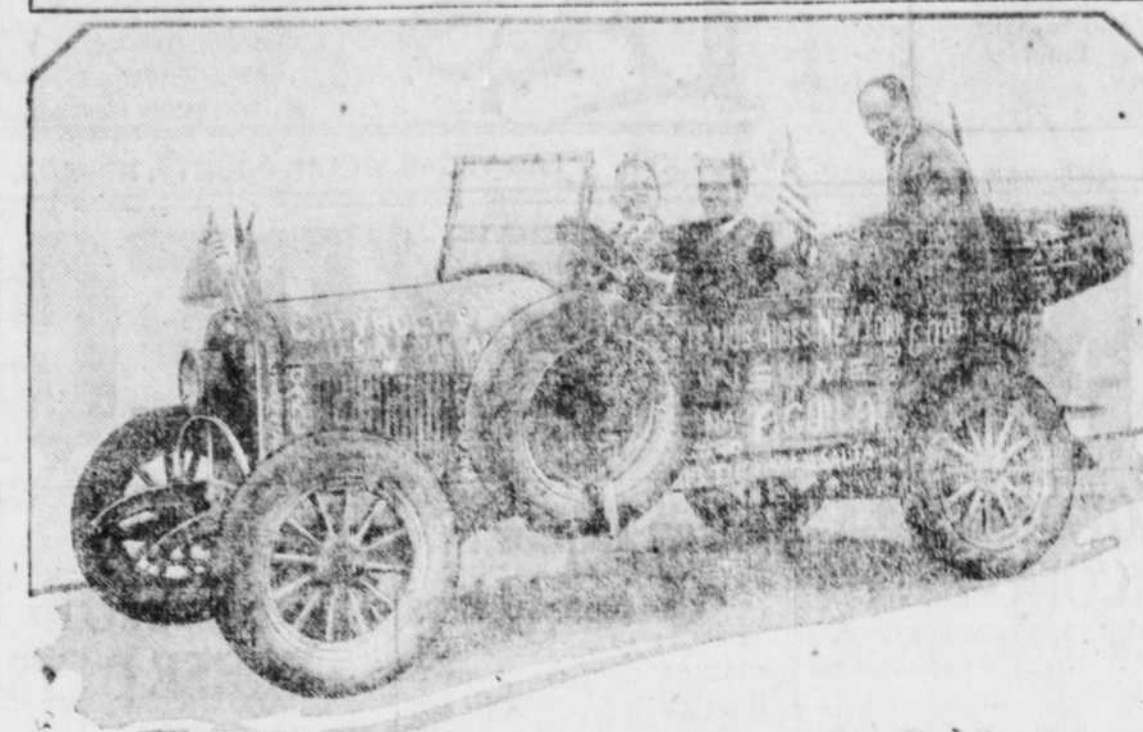
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Buenos Aires to U. S. in Car



This photograph shows the 1926 Chevrolet touring car in which Carlos Massacesi and Lorenzo Suederi drove from Buenos Aires to San Francisco and thence to New York City across this country.

Minnesotans Cease Head-Wagging, Now Hail Two Nobel Prize Winners

By ROY HENDRICKSON MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Behind the triumphs of two Minnesotans, winners of Nobel prizes, is the story of two small town boys who made good

Frank Billings Kellogg, awarded the Nobel peace prize, was considered by many as "all through" as a national figure when Dr. Henrik Shipstead won his senate seat in 1922.

Sincere "Red" Lewis of Sauk Center, who won the Nobel prize for literature, was bitterly assailed throughout Minnesota when his "Man Street" was interpreted to be Sauk Center.

But Kellogg—"all through"—being the most significant part of his public career. He had traveled from obscurity as a farm boy at Nyota to the United States senate.

A more dispassionate view of the literary son of the late "Doc" Lewis, Sauk Center's pioneer country physician, now is taken than was evidenced after "Man Street" appeared.

While not ardent, the mayor, the editor of the local weekly newspaper and officials of women's clubs in Sauk Center have expressed pride in their former townsman since the Nobel award was made.

Guy Bush, the Cub pitcher, is running an indoor golf course this winter.

A survey made by the Boeing Air Transport on its transcontinental line disclosed only five per cent of the passengers become air sick the first time up.

A. A. Stage, University of Chicago's veteran football coach, has two grandchildren.

YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH By DR. LELAND B. ALFORD

WOMAN SETTLES WITH THIEVES FOR TWO BILLS

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7. (AP)—Mrs. Martha Bradley, Cleveland, preferred to be generous than to be cussed when two prowlers recently appeared at her home while she was alone with her three small children.

Awakened by the noise of someone trying to pry open the kitchen window, Mrs. Bradley called out: "What do you want?"

All of your money and your fur coat," was the reply from below.

Opening up her bedroom window, she was assailed out two ten dollar bills. Snatching them up, the two marauders fled.

Earl Smith, veteran catcher, released this year by the St. Louis Cardinals, played in five world's series.

As another test the rate of production was 16 articles an hour. When after each 30 minutes' work a 5 minute rest was taken production rose to 18 an hour, and when the work was continued for 17 minutes and the rest for three minutes, output rose to 22 pieces.

You Can Get BETTER MEALS AT THE OASIS

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Reichstag Talks May Go by Radio To German Fans

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (AP)—Reichstag debates via radio may be, a 1931 novelty if negotiations under way between the German broadcasting monopoly and parliament materialize.

Since June, 1929, the broadcasting organization has been trying to convince the reichstag steering committee that citizens should have an opportunity to listen in by radio whenever vital issues are up for debate.

Finally the steering committee agreed to permit installation of microphones in the reichstag for the December debate on Chancellor Brüning's financial reform program—but not for unedited broadcast.

Photograph records of the debate first were to be recorded, then submitted for approval to the steering committee and broadcast later if it seemed advisable.

The broadcasting organization has suggested that at least certain prearranged portions of debates be broadcast direct.

Writers Ousted For Mercy Plea

MOSCOW, Jan. 7. (AP)—Two young literary men of Leningrad, Ovi Berzin and M. Welsenberg, have been expelled from the National Union of Writers because they refused to sign a resolution demanding death sentences for the group of counter-revolutionaries recently tried and convicted in Moscow.

By an ironical freak of chance the expulsions were approved at a meeting of authors in Leningrad on the very same evening that the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union commuted the five death sentences to terms of imprisonment.

It is not yet clear whether Berzin and Welsenberg now that their views have proven closer to the official view than that of the rest of the writers' union, will be reinstated.

IOWA DENTIST CLAIMS HE HAS NEW ANESTHETIC IOWA CITY, Jan. 7. (AP)—After experimenting for 20 years, Dr. Jonathan G. Hinkle, graduate of the University of Iowa dental college, an anesthetic, which he claims will give patients no pain while fully conscious.

The anesthetic removes all of the after-effects common to chloroform and ether, Dr. Hinkle claims.

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