

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## COURT HOUSE ADDITION

PLANS for building a jail and additional rooms for county officials leads us to pause and cogitate.

In 1909 Clark county was created from the southern part of Lincoln county. In order to encourage the new county Las Vegas citizens agreed to furnish accommodations for the county offices and the court for five years without cost to the county. This was done by voluntary subscriptions with which the building now used as a public library was built and presented to the city and county. The district court was held in rented quarters in the old "Opera" house on the corner where the Beckley Building stands and later in the building where Judge Lillis had his justice court.

Then we saw the necessity of a modern court house and the commissioners, Charlie Ronnow, George A. Fayle and John M. Bunker called an election, \$75,000 of bonds were voted and the present court house built.

It was and still is a fine building. Then we had the thought that we had provided for all years to come. Now we find that we must have a new jail and additional room for county offices to meet the constantly growing demands.

## ARCHITECTS

WHEN the court house was built, back in 1914, Las Vegas did not boast of an architect. Now, when the proposal to build an addition to the court house is being considered, we have three high class architects, each of whom has submitted attractive plans. Which is an indication of how rapid and substantial has been the growth of Las Vegas, in character as well as in population.

## A GOOD CITIZEN

WE chronicle in this issue the passing of a good citizen. William J. "Bill" Stewart, who for more than twenty years gave freely of his time and efforts to serve the community. He was a member of the first board of city commissioners of Las Vegas which financed and built the sewerage system which has served us for twenty years.

Later he served as county commissioner for eight years and in the early days of that service he spent much time in tramping weary miles over the desert and mountains seeking feasible locations for our present fine highways.

"Bill" had a rare sense of quiet humor mixed with common sense and was able, when necessary, to say "No" effectively. One of his quiet remarks to the county clerk when he was a member of the county board which he often repeated when discussing some impracticable request was, "Just give him an evasive answer." And, one day, when the clerk asked, "What do you mean by 'evasive answer', Mr. Stewart?" And he replied with the never-failing twinkle in his eye, "Just tell him to go to hell." And he said it pleasantly and with a kindly spirit which those close to him perfectly understood.

And that was typical of Bill Stewart, a pioneer in spirit and a good friend and neighbor and always a good citizen.

## A RESPONSIBILITY

THE county commissioners feel deeply their responsibility in the present unemployment situation. Their first duty, naturally, is to conserve the public funds and see that the taxpayers get full value for the money spent. Then they have a duty just as impelling, to serve the needs of humanity in relieving suffering and distress and feeding the deserving.

The providing of one meal a day to those who are without food has become a rather expensive undertaking. Yet the failure to provide in some way would be far more expensive. The board through cooperation with the Salvation Army, has been able to furnish relief for destitute at less cost than it could be done by any other means.

The commissioners are acting as trustees for the people in this matter particularly, and are making the best of a bad situation in which an already depleted indigent fund threatens to disrupt the relief work so well organized and carried on by the Salvation Army.

It is hard to spend the money, but the hungry must be fed.

## OUR STREETS

IF we could have had this last storm before the city board threw out the street improvement petitions, a paving program might now be under way although it could not have advanced far enough to relieve the present trouble.

It is pretty certain that the damage to cars, clothing, carpets and everything else in Vegas during the past few days would equal quite a substantial percentage of the cost of street surfacing. Enough damage has been done to feelings to equal the first year's interest on the bonds and enough annoyance to our wives to lead to half a dozen expensive divorces.

Anyhow it does seem too bad that on streets where a large majority of the property owners have for two years

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# SECRETARY STIMSON DEFINES ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES TOWARD AMERICAN NEIGHBORS

### Criticizes Wilsonian Policies and Praises General Attitude of Country Since Days of Thomas Jefferson

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP)—Criticism of President Wilson's policy toward Latin America was couched by Secretary Stimson tonight with high praise of this country's general attitude for a century past toward the Republic lying to the south.

Addressing the Council of Foreign Relations, the Secretary of State outlined the American policy of recognition and characterized the United States stand upon the traffic in arms to countries suffering from internal strife as "blazing the way for the subsequent growth of the law of Nations."

He took occasion also to answer recognition of the seven Latin American republics overthrown by revolution in the past 10 months, and at the same time gave his interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine as "a declaration of the United States versus Europe—not of the United States versus Latin America."

Admitting some "temporary intrusions into the domestic affairs of some" Latin American republics, Stimson maintained that the United States "policy, in its general conception, has been a noble one." He asserted, however, it had been "radically departed from" by President Wilson.

In 1913, the Secretary of State said, the late President desired cooperation was possible only when the government concerned was "based upon law, not upon arbitrary or irregular force," and then put this policy into effect in respect to recognizing the government of President Victoriano Huerta in Mexico.

"Although Huerta's government was in de facto possession," Stimson said, "Mr. Wilson refused to recognize it, and he said: through the influence and pressure of his great office to force it from power. Armed conflict followed with the forces of Mexico, and disturbed relations between us and that republic lasted until a comparatively few years ago."

"The present administration has refused to follow the policy of Mr. Wilson and has followed consistently the former practice of this government since the days of Jefferson."

"As soon as it was reported to us, through our diplomatic representatives, that the new government in Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Brazil and Panama were in control of the administrative machinery of the state, with the apparent general acquiescence of their people, and they were willing and apparently able to discharge their international and conventional obligations, they were recognized by our government."

Stimson added that this policy had been uniformly followed by the present administration save where affected by preexisting treaty.

The recent recognition of Guatemala was described as falling under this latter category. Stimson explained that the United States had agreed to adhere to a treaty adopted by Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Under it recognition would not be granted if the new president of the country concerned had been a leader in a preceding revolution. The new Guatemalan government, he added, was recognized only after the resignation of General Orellana, who set himself up as provisional president last December. "The distinction between this departure, which was suggested by the five republics themselves and in which we have acted at their earnest desire and in cooperation with them," he said, "and in the departure taken by President Wilson in an attempt to force upon Mexico a policy which she resented must be apparent to the most thoughtless student."

Secretary Stimson warmly defended and praised the American policy governing the exportation of arms and ammunitions to countries engaged in civil war. It grew, he said, from a resolution adopted by Congress in 1923 providing the maintenance of "an embargo upon the exportation of all arms and munitions which might reach the rebels," but permitting their sale to the

or so been appealing to the board for street improvements, they are still required to flounder in mud hush deep.

Of course the storm drain put in under the direction of a former city engineer should relieve the situation, but as it has no outlet, the storm waters just go in one grating and come out the next, pouring a vast amount of flood water into the streets where it does not belong and from which there is but little drainage.

## HIGHWAY EXTENSIONS

CLARK county is being allocated a large amount of money for highway extensions and improvement this year, by the state highway department. Grading and graveling of the Jean-State Line sector is nearly completed. The contract for reconstructing more than 19 miles across the Mormon Mesa; ten miles of the Las Vegas-Boulder Dam highway; and then an additional 15 miles of the same are projects which will soon be under construction.

Then, as soon as the warm weather comes on, there will be several jobs of oiled gravel surfacing under way. In addition to that \$10,000 has been set aside for the engineering work on the Glendale-Calliente link of the north south highway.

When we compare the Clark county highways system of 1931 with those of ten years ago we can hardly believe it possible. We have sometimes complained when we thought the highway building was too slow, but we must admit that we have been well provided for after all.

Outside of Clark county, but mostly for our benefit, is the Beatty-Goldfield road, for completion of which the state highway board has set aside \$200,000.

The above mentioned are in addition to the expensive highway work the government has contracted for between Boulder City and the dam site. The present year will see a large amount of highway money spent in Clark county, sufficient to add materially to our business activities.

# DIRIGIBLE ARRIVES AT CANAL ZONE

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Feb. 6 (AP)—The dirigible Los Angeles arrived here tonight and moored to the aircraft tender Patoka after a flight from Lakehurst, N. J. All aboard were well after the long air voyage.

California wheat production has dropped from 40,000,000 bushels in 1929 to an average of 13,000,000 bushels in the last five years, the state university estimates.

## Mutual Building and Loan Association OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

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To the STATE BANK EXAMINER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, Carson City, Nevada, for the year ended December 31, 1930.

Authorized Capital (10,000 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each)	\$1,000,000.00
Number of shares sold during the year	376
Number of shares canceled and withdrawn during the year	543
Cash received during the year	\$66,221.46
Cash disbursed during the year	\$63,238.44
ASSETS	
Current:	
First State Bank	\$ 2,958.02
Petty Cash	25.00
Loans	115,275.00
Accrued Interest	1,697.08
Total Current Assets	119,955.10
Fixed Assets: Furniture and Fixtures	307.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$120,262.60
LIABILITIES	
Current:	
Accrued Interest	\$ 15.00
Notes Payable	500.00
Net Worth:	
Fully Paid Capital Stock	11,000.00
Installment Capital Stock	84,889.45
Dividends Credited	18,852.56
Undivided Profits	1,297.34
Reserve	3,708.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$120,262.60
Total Liability Under Securities Sold Within the State of Nevada	\$114,742.01

STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF CLARK

A. H. HARRINGTON, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is Secretary of Mutual Building and Loan Association, a corporation, and, as such has prepared the foregoing statement and that it is a full, true and correct statement.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, A. D. 1931. C. L. RONNOW, Notary Public in and for State of Nevada, County of Clark. My commission expires Oct. 13, 1934.

I, the State Bank Examiner of the State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a statement required by me, under authority of law, and on file in my office this 19th day of January, 1931. E. J. SEABORN, State Bank Examiner. Publish Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14 and 21, 1931.

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# Suits Filed In District Court

Verda Sophia Beckerman vs. Charles Henry Beckerman for divorce. The parties married (for the second time) in this city March 2, 1929. There is one child of this marriage, a daughter, Gloria Jean Beckerman, aged one year and 23 days; also a daughter of the former marriage of the parties, Margaret Joy Beckerman, aged 5 years and 11 days.

The complaint recites that defendant is possessed of separate property consisting of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 7, Clark's Las Vegas townsite, valued at \$5,000; lots 5 and 6, block 12, Clark's Las Vegas townsite, with improvements, valued at \$5,000; household goods, etc., valued at \$55; and blacksmith shop, tools, accounts, etc., valued at \$10,000. Plaintiff alleges that said business produces a net profit of about \$600 per month.

Extreme cruelty is alleged as cause of action. Judgment is prayed for divorce; \$500 attorney's fees; \$150 per month temporary alimony for support of plaintiff and children, and \$100 for expenses incidental to this action.

Stevens, Henderson, Noland & Noland, attorneys for plaintiff.

Eliza Francis Stewart vs. Thomas Bertram Stewart, for divorce. The parties married at Yuma, Ariz., Sept. 19, 1927. There are no children and no community property. Failure to provide and cruelty are alleged as causes of action. Plaintiff prays for permission to resume her maiden name of Eliza Frances Norris. I. S. Thompson, attorney for plaintiff.

A Jersey cow owned by W. H. Westcott of Occidental, Calif., produced its own weight in butterfat in a year. It weighs 750 pounds.

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