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## WELFARE DEPARTMENT

THE suggestion that the county commissioners put the general work of aiding the destitute and relieving the suffering of the unfortunate into the hands of a county welfare department with an experienced head, is a good one and should, we believe, be carried out promptly.

There will inevitably be criticism of any religious organization which may be placed in charge of the relief work, no matter how economically and efficiently they may operate. This is proven by the experience we have had with the Salvation Army, notwithstanding the splendid service they have performed for Las Vegas through the instrumentality of Captain Griffin.

If the county commissioners should see fit to place the work in charge of Captain Griffin personally, not as an officer of the Salvation Army, the plan will meet with general approval. We say this without any intention of reflecting on the Salvation Army. That is primarily a religious organization and does relief work only as a side line. But as a religious organization the Salvation Army, or any other religious body, will provoke opposition, especially when a portion of the money contributed for local relief work is sent out of the state for the support of divisional headquarters.

## AN OBLIGATION

THE people cannot dodge the obligation to care for the destitute. It is agreed by all, now that attention has been called to it by the Age, that resident families, women and children, should have first consideration in the relief work. Unattached men, especially those of the professional hobo or thug type, should come last in consideration.

But, worthy or unworthy, human beings must have food. What's more they will have it, whether by fair means or foul. And the community cannot save money by failure to provide. A few cases of robbery with the resulting shootings and killings, will cost the county far more than reasonable relief measures will cost.

## CHAIN GANG

WITH the relief measures should be coupled something in the nature of a deterrent. The city police should place some of the more objectional characters out of the bread line, at some form of useful work. We have streets which need cleaning. Mud holes to fill, gutters to empty of accumulations of mud and water. Perhaps even it would not be too much to expect that the lower end of the Fifth street storm drain be opened up so that the accumulated storm waters will not be shot out through the grating at Ogden street to inundate a helpless community which, until the storm drain was built, had little trouble with storm waters.

A conveniently sized gang say of ten or fifteen could be supervised by one of the policemen. Properly selected, the members of the "gang" could be looked after far more cheaply and conveniently than if allowed to roam. At least the police would know where to find them and what they were doing.

And such a "gang" would cause many a tough character to slip around Las Vegas without stopping. And it would very much lessen the number of the unemployed which we would have to feed. News of such a civic adjunct travels fast and far.

## RELIEF MEASURES

THE obstructionists in the United States Senate have now for more than two months been attempting to "harrass Hoover". They have succeeded in keeping the country in a state of distressing uncertainty.

It is unfortunate that the senate is so evenly divided that neither party is in control. A few malcontents with more desire for personal aggrandizement than for the good of the country are able to slow up the orderly conduct of business. It would have been of inestimable value to the country had relief measures of some sort been passed two months ago. Those who have been clamoring for impracticable and impossible measures are to blame for the delays.

## HOTELS NEEDED

LAS VEGAS has been telling the world for the last few years that hotel accommodations are needed. The need has been but partially met by the construction of several small hotels. But the demand for plenty of first class accommodations still is acute.

At present the hotels we have are over crowded, and arrivals in Las Vegas, unless they have reservations in advance, are pretty apt to have trouble getting in.

This is only the beginning of a situation which will become more and more acute as time goes on. The work so far under way is not great. The important features of Boulder Dam construction involving millions of dollars, will soon be let. And the demand for high class hotel accommodations will continue to increase for the next few years.

## New Clothing Store Reported For Ray Building

Bracken's Apparel Shop, of Ely, will soon open another store in Las Vegas, it was reported yesterday.

day to the Ace on what appeared to be good authority. The new shop, which will handle ladies' apparel and ready to wear, has leased the store formerly occupied by the Bettelheim Furniture company in Carl Ray's Professional building.  
Mr. Bracken, the proprietor, could not be reached last evening as he is in the east buying stock for his three stores, one of which is located in Roosevelt, Utah, the second in Ely, Nev., and the third will be at Las Vegas.

## New Element, Rarer Than Radium, Gets "Fingerprinted" By Scientist



The recently discovered metal rhenium has been fully identified as an element for the first time by Dr. W. F. Meggers (above) of the bureau of standards. Diagram shows how light of spectroscope revealed structure of rhenium.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP) — Another mystery of science has been cleared up by a scientist "detective" who has identified and "fingerprinted" a new metal.

The metal is rhenium, first isolated two years ago by two German scientists. The "detective" is Dr. W. F. Meggers of the bureau of standards. He has obtained the first complete "spectrum" of the new metal.

It gives, he says, the first definite confirmation that rhenium is an element, one of the 92 substances like oxygen or gold that cannot be subdivided into other substances.

Rhenium in pure form is a black powder like lampblack. Dr. Meggers has a pinch of it weighing about 1/28th of an ounce in a tiny glass tube, which is practically the whole supply in the United States.

Rhenium has no known uses, but may find application in the electrical and metallurgical industries because it will not melt until heated to about 4,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

At present rhenium is rarer than radium, and it constitutes about one part in a million in the earth's crust.

Dr. Meggers did his detective work by analyzing the light given off by rhenium. He sprinkled some of the metal on a special arc light. The rays from this arc were reflected from a mirror and a metal plate so that they broke up and focused on photographic films. There they registered the spectrum "lines" of the metal.

These lines differ from every element, just as the fingerprints of every human. They can be used to detect the presence of rhenium in other substances.

About 2,000 new lines were produced on the plate when the light from rhenium was photographed, differing from the lines produced by any other element. These form rhenium's "fingerprint" record.

## High School Students Are Aiding Needy

In response to the call for aid for needy families in the city, students at the high school donated many articles of food, wearing apparel and bedding, which were turned over to the Mesquite club committee for distribution.

Mrs. Dan Jondahl and Mrs. H. D. McCoy of the Mesquite club, and Mrs. J. M. Doolson of the L. D. S. Relief society having been untiring in their efforts to relieve temporary distress of families in need of aid.

## Clawson Rites Held Today

Funeral services for Grover Clawson, who passed away Thursday night at ten o'clock, will be held this afternoon from the Palm Funeral Home, under the auspices of the Christian Science society of Las Vegas.

## Marihuana Mex Gets One Year

Nick Galligos, charged with the possession of marihuana, was taken before Judge Orr in the district court yesterday afternoon where he entered a plea of guilty. Judge Orr sentenced him to one year in the county jail.

Officers from the sheriff's office arrested Galligos Sunday night near the Colorado river after spending several days in search for the one responsible for the distribution of the Mexican weed to laborers working on the railroad near Boulder Dam City.

## New City Hall Gets Started

The foundation for the new city hall was completed yesterday, and within a short time, actual work on the building proper will be started by Sam J. Shaw, who was awarded the contract by the board of city commissioners.

Fred Callihan was given the contract for the concrete work. The building will consist of a room 28x36 feet, and will provide quarters for the city clerk and for meetings of the board of city commissioners. The old vault already in the library will be utilized. The contract price was \$2,175.

## War Veteran Said Demented

John Bradshaw, veteran of the World war, was taken to the county jail yesterday and is being held for observation. Bradshaw, according to those who called the attention of the officers, had been acting in a queer manner at the El Desarte and believed that some injury received in the war was responsible. He has been given medical care and his condition is being watched.

Mr. Clawson, who resided at 223 South Fourth street, had been in poor health for several months, and had been unable to work since the first of the year. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Clawson was proprietor of the De Luxe Barber shop, and well and favorably known among his friends and associates of Las Vegas, where he had resided for the past two years. He leaves a widow, his daughter, Betty, and a sister residing in California, who was with the family at the time of his death.

The deceased was born in Salsav, Okla., and is 38 years of age.

Patrick Cline of the Patrick Cline Construction Co., was in Pomona, Calif., on business yesterday.

The deal was made by P. J. Gallagher, real estate broker.

Mrs. Edith Johnson, former Las Vegas resident for many years, is spending several days here on business.

The Boulder Lunch, located at 122 Fremont street, was sold this week to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cain.

H. L. Perry of the J. C. Penney Co. was out of town on business yesterday.

Thomas F. Cole, well known mine owner, was in Vegas yesterday on his way to Tonopah.

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