

LAS VEGAS AGE

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 1931.

HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

Resume of Present Activities and Those of the Near Future on Greatest Engineering Project of the Age

U. P. RAILROAD—Main Line To Boulder City, 22 miles. Completed, Cost Estimated \$800,000.

GOVERNMENT R. R.—Boulder City to Dam Site, 8.6 miles. Under Construction by Lewis Construction Co. Contract Price \$455,509.50.

GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY—Boulder City to Dam Site, 10 1/2 miles of 22-foot highway. Under Construction by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., subcontractors. Contract price \$329,917.15.

BOULDER CITY—

Excavation for Water Tanks—Contract let to Butterfield, Los Angeles.

Tanks for Water System—Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles.

Residences—Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room cottages will be opened at Las Vegas Office of Reclamation Service March 12.

Laying out of final plans for the city—As soon as these are approved, contracts will be let for the Streets, Sidewalks, Curbs, Paving, Water System, Sewer System, Pole Lines for electricity, etc. Administration Buildings, Dormitories, Garages, etc., to follow as soon as possible.

POWER SUPPLY—Transmission Line From Southern California Under Construction by Southern Sierras Power Company.

Substation—Earl Roach, General Construction Company of Las Vegas, grading site near dam for Southern Sierras Power Company.

COMMUNICATION LINES—

Telephone Lines—From Las Vegas to Boulder City being built by Southern Nevada Telephone Company nearing completion.

Telegraph Line—Joint Western Union and Union Pacific line to Boulder City now in operation.

MAIN CONTRACTS—

Estimated expenditures of \$90,000,000. Bids to be opened at Denver Office March 4. Contracts to be awarded March 10. Work to start thirty days after notification.

Contracts will cover:

- Tunnels
- Penstocks
- Outlet Works
- Spillways
- Coffer Dams
- Excavations For Main Dam
- Main Dam Construction
- Valves and Gates
- Power Houses

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT—To be installed by the Government and includes Tubines—Generators—Switches—transformers

A BAD MESS

THE AGE has from time to time suggested and urged the more frequent use of the street sweeper. We have commented upon the untidy condition of the streets, especially after rains and hoped something could be done about it. And something was done.

The street sweeper was harnessed up and driven up and down the streets the past day or two and really did remove quite a lot of dust and dirt and mud from the pavements. But

On Fremont street at least the mud from the pavement was thrown up on the cement walks and plastered over the street stands and signs and generally smeared over the landscape where it does not belong.

And so people along the street have been crying out for the Age to do something about it. When it really seems that the more we get done the worse things are.

Now the Age does not pretend to know much about street cleaning or street sweeping machinery, but it does look as if it would be simple enough to arrange so as not to throw all the filth of the gutters onto the sidewalks. Of course if it really is necessary to put the street sweepings on the walks then we will all play a game of pass-the-buck. The property owners will push the muck back into the gutters and the sweeper will throw it back onto the walk next day. Unless, of course, the sudden enthusiasm for street sweeping dies out and the streets relapse into their usual filthy condition.

LAME DUCK SESSION

FOR several years there has been an effort on the part of a large element in congress to do away with the "lame duck" session by providing that the new congress shall meet in January following the election, instead of waiting thirteen months as now.

Just what good reason there is for failure to pass the proposed law we do not know, unless it might be that the members do not want their terms of office cut short. Nevertheless it would be good policy to pay them for their full term if necessary in order to bring about the amendment.

To allow a congress, a considerable portion of whose

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membership are defeated, to remain in office thirteen months while the newly elected members sit around and twiddle their thumbs is a queer proceeding.

After an election the nation should receive the earliest possible reflection of public opinion as expressed through the polls and not wait more than a year before putting into effect a change of policy.

AN IMPORTANT HIGHWAY

THE most important route of travel in Nevada today is that between Las Vegas and Boulder Dam City.

More than three hundred cars each day travel that road at present and the number is constantly increasing. The force at work on the government highway and railroad and on other features of the project being constantly augmented and it is most important that they have easy access to Las Vegas, especially while there is no adequate accommodation for them at Boulder City.

Furthermore, hundreds of tourists, visitors of all classes from every part of the country are desirous of visiting the dam site. If we can tell them the road is fairly good, they will remain over another day to make the trip, which means a few more gallons of gas, a few more meals, another night at a hotel and in all the expenditures of several dollars each.

But if the road is such that it is not easy and pleasant to travel most people will refuse to make the trip to the river.

It will be several months before the improved highway, part of which is already under contract, will be open to the public. In the meantime the road should be kept in a good condition by the cooperation of the state and county highway departments.

U. S. COURT MONDAY

NEXT Monday, March 2, will mark a new epoch in Las Vegas, when Judge Norcross, Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, opens the first session of his court here in accordance with the act of congress passed last session providing for sittings of the court in this city in March and October of each year.

The Age, in behalf of the people of Southern Nevada, bids Judge Norcross and the officers of his court welcome.

GAMBLING BILL

WE are hearing more or less discussion of the proposed new gambling law. The whole thing, boiled down, seems to amount to this:

"We already have wide-open gambling. Why not try to establish some regulation and get some benefits from it?"

CIMARRON

THE talking picture feature Cimarron showing at El Portal is one of the really great creations of the motion picture world. There are others, perhaps, which have cost more, smashed up more equipment, injured more people and aroused more anticipation in the public mind.

But, to the Editor of the Age, Cimarron stands at the top of the list for its depth of human feeling and the thrill of creative ambition which it inspires.

Perhaps because the Editor of the Age was a part of the drama of the creation of Las Vegas and Cimarron is largely a story of a struggling newspaper, we had an unusually strong feeling of sympathy for the "Wigwam." And one could hardly help loving the old printer, Rickey, and Sol, the merchant, who, boasted that "one of my family, a fellow named Moses, wrote the ten commandments."

WILDCAT SCHEMES

NOW that investors are beginning to dip into the stock market and the real estate market, and business generally is showing an inclination to take a swift flight upward, Las Vegas should endeavor to keep her feet on the ground.

More than any other city in the country we are justified in expecting great growth and activity. But we should not make the mistake which some made two years ago of encouraging wildcat real estate schemes, or stock selling in questionable enterprises.

We have here a splendid field for profitable investment in every line of legitimate business. And it is our duty to frown on anything of a shady nature. One crooked scheme can do more damage to Las Vegas than many legitimate enterprises can overcome. We can't entirely do away with the schemers. But we can keep their activities at a minimum if we have the cooperation of the chamber of commerce and the business men of the city.

Let Congress stop talking long enough to give money a chance to talk in the appropriation bills and there may thereafter be no extra session, and a great silence.—Boston Transcript.

Senator Healin wants to stop trading in stock margins, as we've begun looking around for the fellow who hasn't.—Dayton (Ohio) News.

A country which turned out sixty-nine billions dollars' worth of manufactures in 1929 has some mark to shoot at.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The only man who can truthfully say that he is in a class by himself in a correspondence school pupil.—Louisville Times.

Prof. Einstein would make a bigger hit if he would make his political ideas just as foggy as his scientific theories.

It is not true there are no active volcanoes in the United States. For instance, there is the senate.

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Gangland Tale Behind Lingle Killing Promised Chicago in Brothers Trial



Chicago hopes to learn the "inside story" of the murder of Alfred "Jake" Lingle (upper right), Tribune reporter, when Leo V. Brothers (left) goes on trial for the killing before Judge Joseph Sabath (lower right) on March 3.

CHICAGO Feb. 27. (AP)—Old Joe Sabath, the bailiff, rubbed his hands and smiled.

"Right in here" — here's where they'll have the Brothers trial. It's been a long time since you fellows were around putting in your wits.

It has been a long time since newspapers and press associations had special wires to a Chicago court room.

But the "Brothers trial" is calculated to be big news. Leo V. Brothers is accused of the murder of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, Tribune reporter.

The trial is set for March 3 before Judge Joseph Sabath, a bench veteran of 21 years' experience. Eater known perhaps for his divorce court reputation. Judge Sabath, benign, kindly, is held to be one of the leading jurists of the Chicago bench.

The Brothers trial will have a setting far different from that of other court room headlines of the past decade — the Lobb-Lippold trial, the trial of William D. Snep-

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Russian Life Said Horrible

By EUGENE LYONS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Feb. 27. (AP)—Enough of the pre-revolutionary Russia is still lying around intact here to give one a workable idea of what it was like.

You alight at a provincial railroad station and step into a waiting room close packed with peasant families on the filthy floor, like a heap of evil for vermin, nursing dirt ingrained infants. This is the old Russia intact.

Despite his idealizations by well meaning novelists, the Mujik, the basic ingredient of the Russian population, was still a half-breed, illiterate, ignorant, grasping, sunk in dirt and superstition. A dark fellow, living in the same vermin-infested hut with his cows and swine, prostrating himself before his priest and his barin or overlord—this was the Russia when the cataclysmic revolution came upon him.

In the cities things were little better. Russia was only just emerging from the shadow of feudalism. Industrial production was something new and exploitation of half-serfs brought from the villages proceeded without any official curb.

sensational developments expected from the trial.

For tens of thousands of families, home meant only those barn-like "nich lodgings" interminably horrible "flap houses," a few of which were still extant when I arrived. The rest crowded into horrible holes which are now gradually replaced by lack of means, being replaced by modern living quarters. They were worked inhuman hours, underpaid, beaten and deliberately kept in ignorance.

The outside world was aware of Russia only through its small richly developed class of cultured writers, musicians, artists. I could have no real conception of how primitive were Russia's teeming millions of people. In areas as large as France or Germany, millions lived as in the middle ages, scratching the ground with sticks, dimly if at all aware of such things as newspapers, locomotives, iron plows, millions who did not dare aspire to a pair of real boots. As late as 1917 peasants were won and lost by their landlords in card games.

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