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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, 1931.

HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

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

MAIN CONTRACTS—

Bids opened March 4 at Denver. Lowest bidder Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, a combination of Utah Construction Company of Ogden, Utah; Henry J. Keiser and W. A. Bechtel, McDonald & Kahn, Morrison-Knudson Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company.
Amount of bid \$48,890,999.00.
Letting of contract to be announced Tuesday, March 10.

Contracts will cover:

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

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.

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT—To be Installed by the Government and Includes Tubines—Generators—Switches—transformers

BOULDER DAM BIDS

HERE we are in Las Vegas with a fifty million dollar activity just being undertaken at our doors.

For months, yes, for years, we have looked forward to the time in the dim, uncertain future, when bids would be received and contracts let for the great work.

The great event is here at last. Bids were opened yesterday and in a few days, less than a week probably, contracts may be signed.

And then by April 15, probably, equipment will be coming in by the train load. The organization will be on the ground planning out the working activities. Before we know it hundreds of men will be operating a vast amount of machinery driving the great fifty-foot tunnels through which the mighty Colorado River will flow while the greatest dam ever planned by mankind is being built.

In short, Vegas is just beginning to realize the hopes of years. We have before us the task of building and shaping the destiny of the new and greater Las Vegas. Let us lay aside our doubts and devote our best energies to the great work that is being placed in our hands.

BOULDER CITY

BOULDER CITY need not in any sense of the word become a competitor of Las Vegas. It will be the necessary construction city such as is built in connection with every great work of the kind. It would be impossible to carry on the work expeditiously and economically without adequate and comfortable quarters for the employees.

But it will be up to Las Vegas to determine by her own enterprise and activity what her future shall be.

If we shall continue without adequate living accommo-

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MARK BARRON



NEW YORK — Like his father, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., is an athletic young man. When he arrived in New York recently he acquired for himself cards to a half-dozen athletic clubs.

One afternoon he visited one of the clubs and went through a brisk round of basketball, swimming and whatever else they do in athletic clubs.

As he started to leave he stopped at the desk for his bill. He presented his card of identification to the attendant.

"Oh, I know you," the attendant smiles. "Your father is in the movies, isn't he?"

Which, for no logical reason, reminds that a New York gossip magazine celebrated its sixth anniversary the other day. This magazine is now very successful, but in its earlier days it never was certain whether it could force itself along to another issue.

During its first year the editorial desks were in a small room, not much bigger than a telephone booth. Dorothy Parker was one of the staff writers, but she never worked in the office. Every time I went in there," she explained, "some one else was using the pencil."

Incidentally, the few writers who stood by the magazine in its more threadbare days have profited handsomely. Sometimes they didn't get their salaries, so they were paid in stock. Today that stock is worth a dozen times its original value.

Added Protest
Some months ago this reporter uttered a mild protest against the obvious ballyhoo used by movies to build up stars over-night. Marlene Dietrich and Richard Cromwell were referred to. Since then Dietrich really proved to be a star and Cromwell, seemingly, turned out to be a comet rather than a star, for he has disappeared.

dations, dwellings, apartment houses and hotels; if we shall fail to enlarge our business enterprises; if we shall fail to provide the business service which other cities offer, we may expect outsiders to do so.

But if Las Vegas shall step to the front and offer those advantages and attractions which other cities offer to their suburban dependencies, we will remain the business center and profit in a corresponding degree just as other centers of business profit by the growth of their suburbs.

Las Vegas may, possibly, be so lacking in enterprise as to fail to live up to her opportunities, although we do not believe the forward looking businessmen will permit such a failure.

It is strictly up to Las Vegas to determine the greatness of her own future. Let's get busy on our big job.

A FINE SERVICE

IF ROTARY never did anything else for the world, its existence is justified by what Charlie Barker, "Rotary's Ambassador to Youth," is doing.

Six years ago Charlie Barker was in Las Vegas and spoke to the young people under the auspices of the Rotary Club. The friendships he then made and the words he spoke have kept him in our memories so that on this, his second visit after a lapse of nearly six years, he comes to us as an old friend.

Charlie Barker in the days of the Ancients would have been an outstanding figure as a philosopher. He is, perhaps, creating a particular school of philosophy, the good, homely old homespun brand of the philosophy of life, based on sound sense and good cheer. And he is winning the warm friendship of thousands, not those of mature years alone, but of the girls and boys to whom he is, indeed, Rotary's "Ambassador to Youth."

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

THE Seventy-first Congress has ended its existence and its acts have now passed into history.

The threat of a special session so often made during the past four months fortunately proved an idle one. Nothing could have been more disquieting and destructive to the recovery of business activity in this country than to have forced a special session of congress to drag along through the spring and summer months with all its endless agitation.

The country can now devote itself to convalescing from the very serious illness it has been in for the past 18 months. With the vast constructive program enacted into law by Congress just going into effect, we may look for the improvement of general business and the abatement of unemployment with a rapidity never before equalled under similar circumstances.

Sacrifice Sale of Miller's Improved 440 Acre Alfalfa Ranch

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JOHN F. MILLER
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

NEW CONGRESS COMPLICATES MAPPING OF 1932 STRATEGY

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON, March 4. (AP)—None of the last five Presidents to occupy the White House has wholly escaped clashes with the senate.

Yet of them all, with the possible exception of President Wilson in his second term, none has had such frequent and sharp conflicts with the inhabitants of the north wing of the capitol as Herbert Hoover.

For the first two years of his administration President Hoover knew hardly an hour when he could look with reasonable certainty for senate support of his legislative or administrative policies.

Nominally his party was in substantial, unquestioned control of both senate and house. Actually a senate coalition composed of Democrats and of irregular Republicans openly hostile to Hoover policies dominated that body.

The record of the first two Hoover years must be scanned in the light of this limitation upon fulfillment of the hopes and plans he may have had when he entered the White House.

Not can Mr. Hoover reasonably expect to escape perhaps even greater opposition in the new congress. Republican majorities in both houses all but vanished in the 1930 elections. The senate Republican irregular bloc, the anti-Hoover group, sustained no losses. It was administration Republicans who were swept out of office.

The contest with the senate began almost before Mr. Hoover had well warmed up to his task as President. It arose over farm debenture, and in conferences with party leaders in the senate to pave the way for the extra congressional session he had pledged himself to call for farm relief purposes.

Avoided "Big Stick"
Into the campaign addresses of the new President had been read a determination on his part to avoid a course that would bring upon him charges of attempted legislative dictatorship. He was represented as believing that a strict line of demarcation ran between the functions of the President and congress; and that across that line he did not propose to step.

Hardly more than 20 days after Mr. Hoover took office, an Associated Press story told of resentment among congressional leaders at his determination "to refrain from writing an agricultural measure and imposing it on congress."

"Some farm leaders" take the position that since Mr. Hoover led the fight before the country for a (farm) relief measure omitting the equalization fee principle... he should play the principal part in framing the legislation to carry it out," that story added.

Mr. Hoover struck to his guns. As the farm bill took shape in the house in the extra session which opened in mid-April, 1929, there was no debenture substitute for the equalization fee plan. In the senate, however, this export debenture feature was evolved over protest of Mr. Hoover.

Ultimately, the house declined, under administration pressure, to accept the debenture feature, the vote being 250 to 113, sustaining administration views against the senate.

The farm bill was soon in effect thereafter, and the farm board membership appointed and confirmed after further violent conflict with the senate over some appointments. But Mr. Hoover had not heard the last of export debenture; not of the charge of lack of leadership.

Tariff Brings New Tills
The tariff revision aspect of the special session followed, to drag on for months in the senate. Immedi-

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Kills Wife, Then Commits Suicide

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 4. (AP)—Mrs. Josephine Long, 22, said to be a niece of Wirt G. Bowman, president of the Agua Caliente corporation, was shot to death by her husband, Everett Long, 28, in their home in Chula Vista early today.

Long, a card dealer at the Agua Caliente Casino, committed suicide immediately after he shot his wife. The two Long children, Josephine, 2, and Everett, Jr., 4, witnessed the shooting as did Mrs. W. F. Fitzgerald, a friend of the family who spent the day with the Longs in Agua Caliente.

According to Mrs. Fitzgerald the Longs had quarrelled all day and when Long was not ready to leave Agua Caliente at 1:30 a.m. today Mrs. Long insisted on driving home without him.

"We had to stop at San Ysidro and pick up the children," said Mrs. Fitzgerald, "and Everett apparently hired a car at Agua Caliente and arrived home ahead of us."

"As we walked up on the front porch Everett opened the door and began shooting."

Mrs. Long was killed instantly. Long started to run to a neighbors house, and then turned suddenly and shot himself through the head.

Chiffon Flowers Adorn Paris Frocks

PARIS, March 4. (AP)—Petal frocks, designed to resemble flowers, are a new spring fashion for evening wear. The gowns are made of pastel blue, pink or green chiffon patterned with tiny flowers, and designed with clusters of chiffon petals on the full skirts. Fluffy muffs made of the chiffon petals are carried with the frocks.

Trouser Frocks For Street Wear

PARIS, March 4. (AP)—Trouser frocks for daytime wear are Paris' latest contribution to the modern mode. Many street suits exhibited in spring showings had bifurcated skirts cut on full gored lines. Suits were worn with hip-length jackets and hip-length belted blouses.

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