

NEW CITY HALL NEAR COMPLETION

Commissioners Hold Meeting Today in Library Building

Embezzlement Case vs. Kelly Taken to Court

G. F. Kelly was arraigned in the justice court yesterday on two counts of embezzlement.

Suit was filed in the justice court yesterday by Alfred W. Blackman against A. M. and Dan V. Noland for the sum of \$200 for money alleged due plaintiff.

Barker, Rotary 'Ambassador' Is Enjoyed by Many

Charlie Barker, Rotary's "Ambassador to Youth" came back to Las Vegas yesterday after an interval of almost six years since his former visit.

Girl's Recovery Said Remarkable

JOLIET, Ill., March 4 (AP)—Lillian Fisher, 14, was more concerned today with her household tasks than the scientific controversy started by an injection into her veins of parrot's blood.

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71ST CONGRESS NOW HISTORY

Many Battles Mark Most Hectic Session in History

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—The 71st Congress is dead. The clocks in the House and Senate registered the hour of noon, and two veteran gavels smartly sounded taps.

Over in the President's office, occupied one day out of every 365, Mr. Hoover played pen in mid air, and leaned back in his official chair. Page boys stopped in their tracks.

The Senate adjourned promptly at noon. The House, following its usual custom, set back its clocks to permit members to complete their final speeches.

It passed a congress which had wrangled and labored through and upon a variety of important legislation brought before it. Disfranchisement of an extraordinary session was silenced a few weeks before the end.

The first Congress ratified the London Naval Treaty, barred Judge Parker from the Supreme Court, and nearly followed suit with Chief Justice Hughes.

It passed a \$45,000,000 drought relief measure, and after months of wrangling enacted a compromise additional appropriation of \$30,000,000 labeled for drought relief but actually intended to permit farmers to buy food.

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Train Runs Over Man — He Walks Away Unhurt

NEW YORK, March 4 (AP)—A 11-car train rushed toward Michael Lamana, a track walker for the Long Island railroad, who threw himself face downward between the rails.

The train passed over him and curved away in the distance. Lamana arose, walked away brushing his clothes and complaining because he had scratched his hand on a pebble in the road bed.

VETERANS DIE FROM POISON GINGER DRINK

Hundreds Will Be Crippled for Life By Ginger Extract

LOS ANGELES, March 4 (AP)—The soldiers, inmates of the national home for disabled war veterans were dead today and 37 others were paralyzed from drinking Jamaica ginger extract. It was announced today.

Colonel J. A. Mattison, in charge of the home, said that the men who died had other ailments, but that without question the drinking of poisonous Jamaica ginger had hastened their deaths.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, announced he would appeal to federal authorities for aid in eradicating the evil.

He said that wholesalers who received shipments of the poisonous extract had disappeared when the analysis cases developed. Warrants will be asked for their arrest, Dr. Pomeroy added.

At the same time Dr. Pomeroy requested a grand jury investigation of the sale and distribution of the poisonous brand of the extract, following a conference with District Attorney Burton Fitts.

The health officer characterized the widespread sale of the extract at Los Angeles county as a "conspiracy of bootleggers here and in an east to defeat the prohibition and pure food laws."

"The result is the crippling for life of hundreds of persons," Pomeroy declared.

Mrs. Green Is Blue Too Many Colors

EVANSTON, Ill., March 4 (AP)—The Monday became blue for Mrs. Leon Green, 43, when she was arraigned before Police Judge Harry Porter on a charge of not stopping for a red traffic light.

Mrs. Green explained. Her baby, she said, was too white, so she gave it violet ray treatments in the hope of making her eyes and she had to wear black glasses, which made the red light look yellow.

TONOPAH MINE HEAD FACES FRAUD CHARGE

\$20,000 Alleged Abandoned From Sale Of Stock

LOS ANGELES, March 4 (AP)—Mark G. Bradshaw, promoter of the Westgard Silver-Lead mining company of Tonopah, Nevada, today was named in a felony complaint issued by the district attorney's office here and charging 29 counts of grand theft and violation of the state corporate securities act.

The counts involved more than \$20,000 allegedly reaped by Bradshaw from the sale of mining stock which the defendant is said to have misrepresented.

It was charged Bradshaw, for whom a complaint was issued, represented his company held unincorporated mining property near Independence, Calif., which in reality the property was mortgaged and had been obtained by the defendant through sale of personally owned stock.

The stock was sold without a permit, it was alleged. Among alleged southern California victims was Mrs. Maggie H. T. wealthy Los Angeles woman, said to have bought more than \$12,000 worth of the stock.

New Record Set in Parachute Jump

LOS ANGELES, March 4 (AP)—A new world's record for delayed parachute jumps was set here Sunday by E. S. Manning, 22, it was revealed today following calibration of a small barograph which had been strapped to his back.

Manning leaped from an airplane at an altitude of 16,655 feet and fell 15,265 feet before he pulled the cord on his two parachutes. The previous record of 9,970 feet was set August 4, 1929, by Rex Barker at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Announcement of Manning's record achievement was made by W. P. Balderson, secretary of the Los Angeles Chapter, National Aeronautical Association.

Government To Rush Work On Great Dam

(Continued from page 1) The government's chief engineer, provoked considerable humor among the large number of construction engineers and machinery supply representatives represented at the bidding. The family history and reference of good character accompanied the bid but as no bond accompanied it, it was not considered.

S. O. Harper, the government's chief construction engineer, said the low bid was very satisfactory from the standpoint of the bureau of reclamation. He said there was no doubt as to the ability of the Six Companies, Inc., to carry through the undertaking.

The low bidding company was organized especially for the Hoover dam job Mr. Harper said, by Frank J. Crowe, who acts as its general manager. Mr. Crowe until a short time ago was connected with the bureau of reclamation and was in charge of several government projects in the west, among them the Deadwood dam in South Dakota, recently completed, and the Guernsey dam in Wyoming.

The three bids will be sent by mail within 48 hours to Dr. Edward Mead, commissioner of reclamation with a recommendation. The successful bidder will be announced in Washington within ten days if Commissioner Mead approves the recommendation of the reclamation officers here the bid will be submitted to Secretary Wilbur for approval.

The contract calls for the start of work not later than 30 days after the bid has been accepted. Preliminary work will be started on the construction of four tunnels which will divert the Colorado river 4,000 feet, and then work will be undertaken on the upper and lower waterfalls.

The contract does not include the cement and many other materials to be used. This will be furnished by the government. The successful bidder's figure will be doubled through expenses to the government in the construction, as the machinery for the power plant and other works alone will cost approximately \$23,000,000.

Congress appropriated approximately \$168,000,000 for the construction of the dam and power plant. The entire Boulder canyon project as approved by congress, amounts to \$165,000,000, and in it is included provision for the all-American canal and interest on money during the seven year period of construction.

Government engineers said they were not surprised only three bids were submitted. The high bond and inability to make satisfactory banking arrangements shut out several prospective bidders.

Bonds of \$2,000,000 accompanied Juneau, Alaska, with 537 automotive vehicles, leads the territory of Alaska in automobile ownership. Fairbanks is second with 469 vehicles.

Iron and steel work claims 67 per cent of all persons engaged in industry in Luxembourg.

Each of the three bids submitted. The bid of the Six Companies, Inc., was exactly \$3,002,833.20 lower than that of its closest competitor, the Arundel-Corporation of Baltimore, Md. The chief difference in the itemized estimates of the two companies concerned the laying of 3,405,000 cubic yards of concrete, the amount for which will be furnished by the government. On that item Six Companies bid \$9,000,000 and Arundel \$14,110,000—a difference of more than \$5,000,000.

Woods Brothers Corporation of Lincoln, Nebraska, the other competitor, bid \$38,653,107.50 for the general contract.

More than 1,000 workers will be taken to the dam area to begin operations. A railroad now under construction and which will be completed next September is to provide transportation for materials between Boulder City, Nevada, where the thousands of workers will be housed, and the dam site.

Actual construction of the four diversion tunnels, two of which will be located on the Nevada side of the river and two in Arizona, must await the high water season of May and June.

Contractors are allowed 1965 days to complete the dam to within 300 feet of the top. At this point it will be possible to begin the generation of electrical energy which is to be sold to the City of Los Angeles on contract, beginning in September, 1935. The dam, when completed, will be 727 feet high from the floor of the canyon.

All the work specified in the contract which was bid for today must be completed by the summer of 1932. The government has reserved the right to exact a penalty of \$2,000 for each day's delay beyond the 1965 day limit.

The Six Companies' bid is the largest in the history of American construction. The project itself is second only in magnitude and cost to the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal construction was done by the government.

Mr. Bechtel, representing the low bidder, said Frank T. Crowe of Boise, Idaho, would be general superintendent in charge of construction. Crowe has had 26 years of practical experience in building dams for the reclamation service and in 1924 and 1925 was general superintendent of the United States reclamation service in Denver.

"We do not consider this a hazardous job," Bechtel said. "I do not involve unusual difficulties, although the magnitude of the project has given the public that firm impression. Naturally, it would be a good thing for the western states if we get the contract, but let me make it plain, our money will be spent with whatever firm can give us the best bargain. We are ready to start at once if we get the contract."

Bechtel said his corporation has considerable railroad building to do to connect the work with the rail head at the point where the government work leaves off. Familiarity with desert and mountain country, said Bechtel, should enable the Six Companies to operate at maximum speed.

The Six Companies, Inc., has \$30,000,000 worth of unfinished contracts now on hand and in their lifetime have completed an aggregate of \$499,000,000 in contract work. None of the six companies has had less than 20 years' experience and all have been eminently successful.

PERSONAL

Willard L. Jones of Overton was a visitor Tuesday.

Herbert Rice of Lovandale spent Tuesday here on business.

The Ladies of the Catholic church will hold a cooked food sale, Saturday morning at the Mesquite grocery.

Officers of the Mesquite club announce that the Mother's and Daughter's banquet, an annual event, which was scheduled for tomorrow evening, has been postponed indefinitely.

John S. Sartain of Eldorado canyon was here on business yesterday.

Deputy County Clerk Dorothy Keeler is reported improving from her recent illness.

The Ladies of the Catholic church will hold a cooked food sale, Saturday morning at the Mesquite grocery.

Mrs. Helen Gubler of Logandale was here on business yesterday.

Mrs. Martha Duffill of Pasadena is here visiting her son, Albert Duffill.

Mrs. C. I. Remnow is expected home from Los Angeles Sunday.

Mrs. A. S. Henderson and daughter, Mrs. Wanda Henderson Farrow, and the latter's small son, Bertie, plan to leave tomorrow for Carson City where they will join Senator A. S. Henderson for the remainder of the session of the legislature.

State Labor Commissioner William Royle arrived yesterday on business.

JURY SAYS MOTHER IS NOT GUILTY

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Mar. 4 (AP)—Mrs. Maria Prongo, mother of six children, was found not guilty of a murder charge by reason of insanity by a jury that had deliberated only 20 minutes here tonight.

Mrs. Prongo shot and killed Mrs. Birdie Sulke last June as the latter was riding in a truck of the defendants husband.

John S. Park left for Los Angeles Tuesday night.

Title Wolf is seriously ill at her home on North Eleventh street.

Mrs. Henry Leigh Hunt and two children, who have been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Hunt, leave today for New York City, where they will join Mr. Hunt. They will soon sail for Paris, France, where they will visit relatives of Mrs. Hunt for several months.

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John Caselli and Dale Rose, of the highway department, have moved in from Jean where they have been for the past month or two.

Mariner Cox was in from Glendale Tuesday.

John Williamson of Glendale, Nev., was in Vegas Tuesday.

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