

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## 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 \$43,890,999.00. Letting of contract to be announced Tuesday, March 10.

#### Contracts will cover:

- Tunnels
- Penstocks
- Outlet Works
- Spillways
- Coffers 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

#### NO UNCERTAINTY

UP to recently there might have been some reason for uncertainty in the public mind as to whether the Boulder Dam project would be built, and when. There no longer is any such uncertainty.

The developments of the past few months, culminating in the opening of bids and the certainty that Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco will be awarded the contract on their bid has entirely changed the sentiment of the public. Anyone can now see that the project is going right ahead, although only a short time ago a lot of people seemed to think the whole thing was off.

The trouble with us is that we expect to move too fast. When things seem to drag a little everybody begins to worry. But Uncle Sam moves in all things with deliberation and when he sets his mind on building a dam he builds it.

During the next few months there will be a constantly increasing payroll and even now it is beginning to be felt in a very substantial way in the business of the community.

#### THE GAMBLING BILL

THE Assembly committee on public morals has favorably reported the bill legalizing certain games which have been habitually played in gambling houses all over the state, but which were not supposed to be legal. The bill will doubtless pass the lower house next Monday or Tuesday. Some changes have been made in the bill since it was first introduced. Others will doubtless be made before the bill becomes a law.

The present gambling law it is obvious has not worked

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well. The plan of saying that this game is legal and that game illegal has reduced the whole gambling business to a state of uncertainty.

The Age believes it will result in improved conditions in the gambling business and in the state at large if the law is changed so as to legalize some of the previously banned games and to place the whole under some form of licensed control and supervision. It would be wise, if such can be done, to allow each community or county to fix the amount of license fees to be charged, which, of course, must vary in accordance with population, wealth and business conditions in various counties of the state.

It seems that the people generally would like to see a trial made of the legalized gambling plan. It could be so put into effect that it would create additional revenue and at the same time better the moral atmosphere.

#### BOY SCOUT WORK

THE Las Vegas District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America under the leadership of Ira J. Earl, director of finance, is appealing for the funds necessary to carry on the work for this year.

In another column of this issue we print the budget which it is necessary to cover; also a list of those who have contributed to date.

Now this Boy Scout activity is part of the life of our boys. It is as necessary as their three meals a day—more so, perhaps.

The amount to raise is not large for Las Vegas, only \$1,250. We ought to see that it is raised in short order.

#### TELEPHONE LINE

THE AGE congratulates the Southern Nevada Telephone Company, especially Mr. Lawson and Mr. Case who have so promptly furnished telephone communication with Boulder City.

For the first time conversation between Las Vegas and Boulder City became possible yesterday when Mr. Case and his assistants finished the line and connected up the first phone and called the Age office.

It is an enterprise which should be a good example for people generally. The local telephone company went right along just as the government is doing, spending many thousands of dollars to furnish communication with the dam site. Others who have enterprises in mind should go ahead and carry them out just as the telephone company did.

There has been altogether too much of a cheap brand of pessimism in Vegas. There are a few who seem to think it smart to sneer at any suggestion of improvement. Who always put on that wise look and smart-Alec tone when anything of a hopeful nature is suggested.

The time for doubt is long gone by. Las Vegas has a great future before her and a great job to get ready to meet it properly. Let's devote our energy to constructive work and ignore the knockers—if any such remain in the face of such encouragement as Las Vegas has received.

The free verse poet who has written a book demonstrating that Lincoln didn't amount to anything, now that he has got this off his mind, should take a bean-shooter and pepper the top of Pike's Peak.

#### Tackling the Responsibility.

Mayor Curley of Boston says that he is going to find a way so that new paving won't have to be ripped up just about as soon as it is laid. Some seven or eight hundred other cities will await on that discovery.—Portland Express.

#### Long Drag

A day on the new planet Pluto lasts 250 years. It is probably called Monday.—Springfield (Ohio) Sun.

Wickersham says he is a "pueuing bag," but what a large part of the country wanted him to be was a punch-bowl.—Atlanta Constitution.

#### Mathematical Sleuths

A missing Rocky Hill girl was found since to have married a youth who also disappeared at the same time. Detectives made the discovery by putting one and one together.—Hartford Times.

#### Robbing Peter to Pay Paul

Restoring prosperity from state and national treasuries is not going to help a bit.—Florida Times-Union.

## DEMOCRATS TO INSIST ON WET PLANK IN 1932

### Raskob 'Home Rule Plan' Advanced for Modification

WASHINGTON, March 6. (UP)—Undaunted by opposition of dry leaders, those in control of the Democratic party machinery will press for adoption of the Raskob "home rule plan" for prohibition modification in the platform for next year's presidential campaign.

The assault of dry forces against this course at the Democratic national committee meeting here yesterday was staged with unrestrained fury. Never within memory has a national chairman been subjected to such sharp and direct criticism as was showered upon John J. Raskob. It was unprecedented that a Democrat of the prestige of Senator Joseph T. Robinson, senate minority leader and vice presidential candidate on the Smith ticket in 1928, should lash the party chairman in his race in such bare fist fashion.

But Raskob and his backers remained confident that the issue must be met and that, if should be met in some way similar to that proposed.

Party morale was shaken temporarily at least by this outburst of feeling which provoked hissing and catcalls. The voice of dry leaders

in and out of the party were being heard from today as men like P. Scott McBride, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, and Joseph Daniels of Raleigh, N. C., one of the influential spokesmen in the south, assailed the proposal.

But predictions of disaster made no impression on those in control of the party organization. Apparently they are convinced the party's hope next year lies in grasping the prohibition issue with the expectation that it will aid in swinging large pivotal eastern states and that the dry Democrats of the south will be willing, after they have spoken their minds to go along with the party.

The national committee adopted the financial plan outlined, under which a fund of \$6,000,000 would be raised to finance the party deficit and the coming campaign. This move was important because for the first time a political party is undertaking to replace the traditional haphazard money raising methods of politicians with a scientific plan worked out by professional money raisers similar to methods used in raising endowment funds.

Feeling over the prohibition issue, however, completely overshadowed this action.

Raskob's "home rule" plan is similar to that proposed by former Governor Alfred E. Smith, in his acceptance speech in 1928. Raskob would supplement the 18th amendment with another permitting each state, within its borders, to manufacture, transport and sell liquor, under any plan it desires, such plan to be first approved by a statewide referendum. The proposed constitutional amendment would be ratified by state conventions called for the purpose.

## BLIZZARD IN ROCKY REGION DRIFTING EAST

### Leaves Blanket of Snow and Zero Weather

DENVER, Colo., March 6. (UP)—The year's first real blizzard slowly drifted over the north portion of the Rocky mountain region today, leaving behind it the stinging lash of winter.

As the gales which had laid a snow blanket from Montana to New Mexico moved south and eastward, temperatures dropped lower, preceding a forecast of clearing skies.

In the wake of the storm lay one to nine inches of snow, in many cases whipped into high drifts, blocking highways, delaying bus and rail transportation and impeding travel on icy streets.

Low temperatures added to the general inconvenience, but were welcomed by fruit growers on the western slope of Colorado, where buds were beginning to appear on trees.

The heavy precipitation also marked the third entry on the debit side of drought in the farmers' books. Piling up an insured reserve in the hills, sources of irrigation waters, the storm insured practical banishment of drought in the arid sections.

## Red Cross Liner Sends Out S O S

TRURO, N. H., March 6. (UP)—The Finnish Red Cross liner Rosalind which sent out distress signals yesterday after losing its propeller in a storm was believed to be in no immediate danger today.

The liner Newfoundland, bound from Halifax to Liverpool, changed her course and is speeding to the assistance of the Rosalind. The Franklin Foundation, a Newfoundland government craft, is standing by. About 100 persons are reported aboard, including 55 members of the crew.

The Rosalind was believed to be about 200 miles east of Halifax, bound for New York.

## Hoover Kin Gets Judgment

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6. (UP)—Thirteen year old Tommy Watson of San Francisco, a brother of Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., will receive \$21,500 for the loss of his left foot suffered while playing a hero's role in a street car accident, according to an agreement of city officials today.

Tommy, a Boy Scout, was pinned in the wreckage when two municipal street cars collided in a tunnel. He refused aid until Motherman Arthur Anderson, whom he said needed help first, was extricated. Anderson died a few days later.

The boy's foot was so badly mangled that amputation was necessary. Damages for his injury were agreed upon by municipal attorneys.

The accident occurred when one of the street cars halted inside the tunnel to allow a passenger to re-trieve 50 cents he had dropped. The other car crashed into it from behind.

#### Jury List

(Continued from page 1)

to refuse the assistance of an attorney.

Upon Clancy's insistence that he could handle his own case, Judge Orr entered an order releasing Mr. Wiley, only directing that Wiley remain in the case for the purpose of being present at the settling of instructions to the jury.

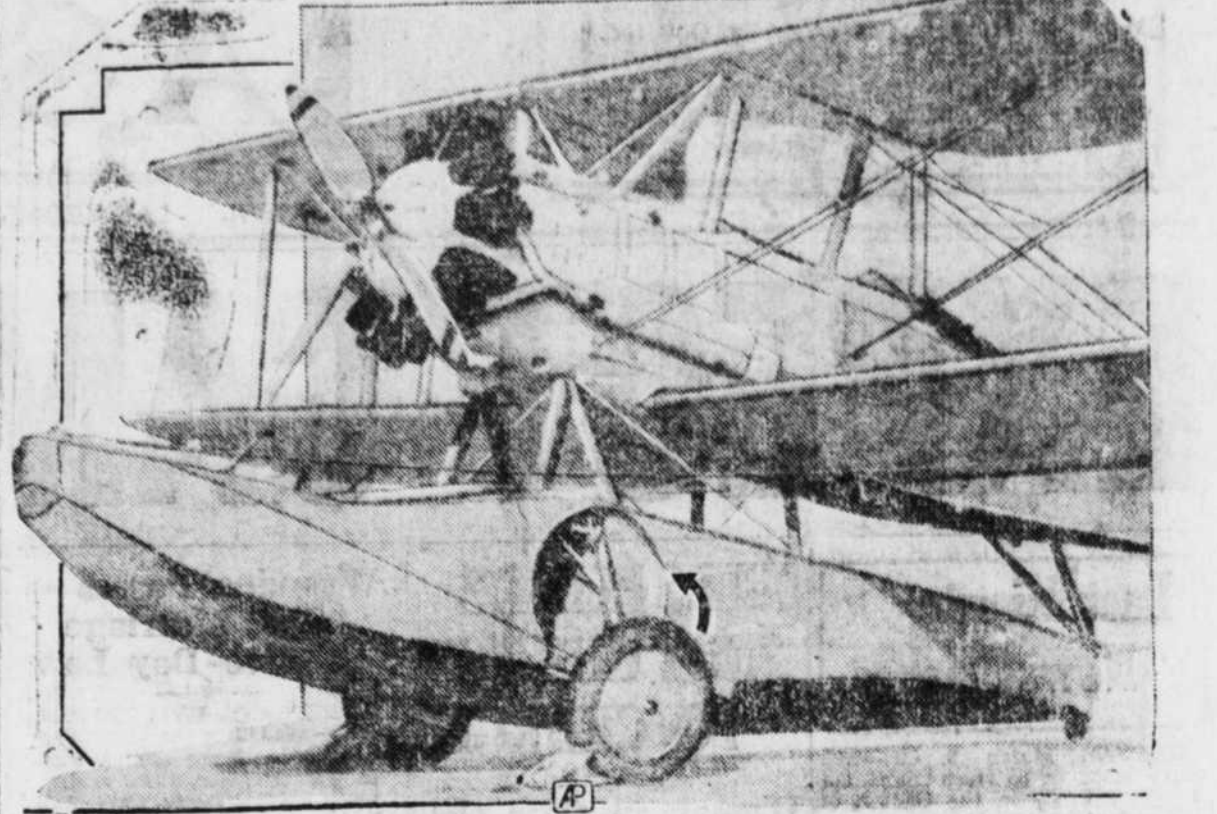
James Cartagana and William Potter will also go on trial for the Green Lantern hold-up Christmas night, following the completion of the trial of Clancy. Louis Cohen is attorney for Cartagana.

District Attorney Harley A. Harmon will prosecute the cases for the state.

- Bunkerville: Waite, Roy.
- Goodsprings: Knight, Jess.
- Mesquite, Geo. L. Schwartz, Otto F.
- Legendale: Allsup, Robert.
- Mills, Lester E.
- Robinson, Dell Hinckley.
- Las Vegas: Baldwin, Mrs. Mary W.
- Blad, A. G.
- Blanding, Harry.
- Blak, Annie C.
- Caldwell, J. W.
- Clark, F. M.
- Coughlin, Mrs. Annie.
- Courtney, Pat.
- Deardick, H. S.
- Filbey, Elmer.
- Gardner, J. W.
- George, Wm.
- Gilmer, Manfred F.
- Hanson, P.
- Heaton, Caroline.
- Higgins, Earl W.
- Hughes, Charles H.
- Jones, Horace.
- Joplin, Myrtle.
- Mccook, Opal E.
- Parsons, George W.
- Perkins, Howard.
- Ponton, David.
- Roth, Leo.
- Shaw, Sam, Jr.
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## Sea and Land Planes Turn Amphibious As Navy Tests New Type Landing Gear



The navy is testing this new landing gear, which enables seaplanes to alight to land, and land planes to alight on water. The arrow points to recess, from which wheels are lowered when the plane is landing on land or on the deck of a carrier ship.

## PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

### Special Committee To Recommend Land Policy

WASHINGTON, March 6. (UP)—The result of two years' intensive study by the special committee named by Hoover to recommend the best policy of handling the remaining 178,000,000 acres of the public domain was turned over to the President today in a formal report to be made public by the White House Monday.

Much of this public acreage is in Nevada. The creation of the committee was in line with plans of the administration to determine how to administer the public lands in view of modern conditions as the result of many changes in the national economic life and the growing development of the west.

## 200 Paralyzed From Drinking Ginger Extract

LOS ANGELES, March 6. (UP)—Tracing the source of supply of Jamaica ginger extract which has caused the paralysis of more than 200 men in southern California, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, had caused the arrest of Jacob Rosenbloom, head of the California Extra company.

Rosenbloom pleaded not guilty to a charge of mislabeling the drug, and was liberated on \$500 bond by Walker township court. R. A. Ball, Santa Fe Springs druggist, who allegedly related the ginger extract, pleaded no guilty to a charge of its possession and sale.

Four tests given 5,000 bottles of the seized extract by the health department showed signs of being poisoned, Dr. Pomeroy said. He added that he would ask the indictment of 29 druggists by the grand jury should District Attorney Byron Fitts call it to organize. Rosenbloom was arrested late yesterday and pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace William E. Searkey of Whittier and asked for a jury trial which was set for March 23.

Arrested once and released when his case was found to be in the wrong township, R. A. Ball, Santa Fe Springs druggist, was arrested again and pleaded not guilty before Justice G. B. Gamble of Alhambra and asked for jury trial which will be conducted tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, declared four tests made of the Jamaica beverage had shown it to be poisonous. Dr. Pomeroy declared that if a fifth test showed the same results, he would place enough evidence in the hands of District Attorney Byron Fitts to cause arrest of 20 more druggists and possibly bring about the calling of a grand jury to continue investigations.

Railway workers of Sedalia, Mo., put on a business solicitation campaign with a view to reopening local shops.

Lazy boys are barred from the Henry county, Alabama, 4-H club, only youths who will do their work promptly and keep accurate records being members.

- Hunsmann, George.
- Pulsipher, J. Lewis.
- Tobler, John A.
- Moapa: Doty, Arthur E.
- Hannigan, Reed A.
- Overton: Johnson, Thomas.
- Jones, Wallace.
- McDonald, Clarence.
- Shurtliff, Norman E.
- Searchlight: Griffith, Raymond.
- Peters, Ben L.
- Sloan: Stone, J. G.
- St. Thomas: Perkins, John F.

## YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH

By DR. LELAND B. ALFORD WORK MOVEMENTS

It has been found possible greatly to increase efficiency by studying the movements with which many routine tasks are performed. By eliminating unnecessary movements the amount of work turned out has been largely augmented.

Movements are studied by the simple method of attaching a small electric light to the hand and taking a time exposure picture. The movements appear on the film as lines, the direction and speed being determined by suitable measures.

We invariably take many unnecessary motions in doing a task. The manner which we follow, even after we become skilled, is a result of chance. There are likely to be useless flourishes and ceremonies which really express our mental states.

By means of movement studies Gilbreth was able to reduce the number of motions taken to lay bricks from eighteen to about five. The number of bricks laid in an hour increased from 120 to 350, almost three times the original number.

In folding cloth by hand in a mill it was possible to reduce the number of motions from 20 to 30 to about ten. Again the output of the worker was increased to three times the original amount. No other device to stimulate effort was used than more effective movements.

One typist was enabled easily to win a contest in speed of typewriting through adopting methods indicated by this sort of study. The time required to assemble a cartridge was reduced to one tenth of the original speed.

The picking of fruit also was speeded up, a professional picker increasing his speed three times and an amateur 15 times.

Such are the remarkable results of applying scientific methods to the study of the motions made in work.

After we get the idea that work can be done more quickly and easily, we will see many ways of saving ourselves useless effort.

at an additional cost of \$450,000, will be manned by a crew of three and carry torpedoes instead of bombs for warfare maneuvers. The planes are to be finished by September 15.

Because friends couldn't pronounce his name, Joseph Dechausse of Beaumont, Tex., had it legally changed to Brounard.

## HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By RONALD W. WAGGONER

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

HOLLYWOOD, March 4. (UP)—Development of a voice "robot," an intricate filtration system which permits automatic correction of speech faults is occupying much time at the RKO laboratory here.

Since a similar device was brought into use in the telephone field, many of the leading studios have undertaken researches along practically the same lines.

Most studios at present attempt to reproduce the voice as naturally as possible, but there are times when improvements are necessary. Booming masculine voices often could stand a little refining and an overly shrill feminine voice might well be toned down.

Carl Dreher, head of Radio Pictures sound department, explains the process which the experts are trying to perfect.

"The refining is accomplished by an instrument which filters the booming voice of its excess low

tones," Dreher said. The result is a distinct improvement in clarity. Likewise, a very high pitched squeaky voice may benefit by treatment in the other direction through removal of some of the excess treble or soprano notes.

Dreher said that the voice treatment did not mean the elimination of any sounds made by an actor, but merely that certain components of his voice will be eliminated to the advantage of others.

"It is possible to change and emphasize certain pitches by means of electrical networks," Dreher said. "Theoretically, therefore, we might change an actor's voice in a picture first as a boy, then a man and finally an old man."

Dreher admitted the work in the field still is in an experimental stage. There is a big chance, he confessed, that things might go wrong and little boys start talking in deep tones at unexpected moments.

"We will have to eliminate difficulties one by one," he concluded.