

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1931.

## HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

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

#### MAIN CONTRACTS

The principal contract was awarded March 10 at Denver to Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, a combination of Utah Construction Company of Ogden, Utah; Henry J. Kelsor and Construction Company of Ogdun, Utah; Morrison-Knudson Company, J. F. Shea Company and Pacific Bridge Company. Amount of bid \$48,850,950.00.  
The contract covers tunnels, penstocks, outlet works, spillways, coffer dams, excavations for main dam, main dam construction, valves and gates, and power houses.

**UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**—Main line to Boulder City, 22 miles, completed. Cost estimated at \$800,000.

**GOVERNMENT RAILROAD**—Boulder City to dam site, 8.6 miles under construction by Lewis Construction Company. 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 Co., Los Angeles.

Tanks for water system—Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles.

Residences—Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room cottages were opened at Las Vegas office of the 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 Roche, General Construction Company of Las Vegas, grading site near dam for Southern Sierras Power Company.

**COMMUNICATION LINES**—Telephone Lines—Line from Las Vegas to Boulder City was built by Southern Nevada Telephone Company and is now in operation.  
Telegraph Lines—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 turbines, alternators, switchboards and transformers.

#### PRIMARY LAW

The primary law is again the subject of discussion in the legislature, the bill repealing the present primary law having passed the senate and being now before the assembly committee on elections.

The Age was an enthusiastic supporter of the primary law when the proposal to adopt it was before the state. But we are now of the opinion after some years of observation and experience that it is destructive of good politics and of good government and should be repealed.

#### BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Las Vegas is ripe for a very active building campaign. The need for hotels, apartments and dwelling houses is acute. The Las Vegas of today is like a youth who suddenly finds that he has outgrown all his boyish clothes and needs a regular man's suit. Our arms and legs are sticking out into the weather and we just must have more shelter.

#### NOW, WHO WINS?

The gambling bill yesterday went back to the assembly where the amendment providing for control by city authorities within incorporated cities as added by the senate was approved. Nothing now remains except the signature of Governor Balzar to make the act the law of the state. This will be promptly forthcoming.

And it remains for us to learn what benefits the state will receive. It has been the belief of those who sponsored the measure that to legalize the gambling games which are already "wide open" throughout the state, and to place some restrictions about the business would accomplish some beneficial things. Among these, a better control by the authorities of the business, the elimination of low class dives and the investment of capital in hotels and gambling casinos of the higher type.

We are all set to observe the results. If the prophets of benefits to the state are correct we ought to see some lively times in Las Vegas at once.

#### THE DIVORCE LAW

The six weeks divorce law is another reason why we must have additional hotel accommodations of high class. It is the belief of attorneys who have given the subject careful thought that many more divorce suits will be filed in the state than before. Also that those who come here to establish residence under the three months provision will live their three or four months at a hotel instead of taking a house for such a short time.

Either way Las Vegas needs plenty of buildings during the next few months. Those who have been waiting to see

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## WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—Meeting a veteran friend on the morning of the Democratic national committee session in Washington, the Bystander was moved to ask for predictions.  
"What are you Democrats going to do today?" he said.  
"Oh, we'll just talk and go home," was the answer.  
And that was just about what they did.

If Chairman Raskob had hopes of any definite action, either on his novel plan for a new supplemental prohibition amendment restoring states' rights, or on his even more important and unusual proposals for declarations of economic policy, he must have been talked out of them even before the meeting started.  
Scouting about the edges of the session, the Bystander discovered considerable perturbation among Democrats opposing any action at this time to commit the party on prohibition or anything else.

It was rumored that Mr. Raskob, as a final gesture, planned to offer his resignation, demanding a vote of confidence. He could, presumably, have forced the issue in that way. What to do about it if he did was troubled those the Bystander talked to.  
Mr. Raskob did not do that. Possibly he never intended to go that far anyhow. Yet the Bystander got the impression that there was a considerable sentiment for acceptance of his resignation, if offered, and also heard Vice Chairman Byrd of Virginia often mentioned as a possible successor.

Where to Recruit  
Be all that as it may, careful reading of Mr. Raskob's economic policy proposals indicates his belief that the Democrats could collect enough Republican votes in 1932 to elect a President—and they must get Republican votes—by reassuring and conservative gestures toward business.

Opposed to that is the view of other Democrats, that it is among progressive or liberal or pseudo-Republicans, or whatever else you want to call them, that 1932 support must be obtained.  
And that is just another of those problems, like prohibition, the party convention will have to decide next year. The national committee session never got far enough away from the prohibition snarl even to think about it.

What Did He Mean?  
The Bystander would like to know just why the New York state committee opposed national committee policy suggestions for 1932 at this time.

What did State Chairman Farley of New York have in mind when he said, after the Washington meeting: "This meeting will not have any disastrous effect on the party; but it will prove disastrous to a lot of candidates."  
In any event, it is 16 months or so until convention time. Much political water is still to flow under the bridge. The 1931 Democratic family pow-wow seemed to feel it too soon to devise 1932 election issues. Mr. Raskob's high pressure salesmanship to the contrary notwithstanding.

A botanical garden 20 acres in extent will be established by the Missouri Pacific lines near La Feria, Tex., for experimental work.

how things turn out have no good reason to hesitate further.

#### WITH CONFIDENCE

The investor who is looking for profitable activities for his money in Las Vegas may go forward with confidence. Just now the field is open to all who wish to enter. In a few months keen competition and mounting prices in all lines of enterprise will render investments less profitable than now but, as is generally the case, people will be falling over each other to get their money down.

Those who are wise will help themselves by taking a place at the head of the prosperity procession. At the same time they will help the city and earn the plaudits of their fellow townsmen to a much greater degree than would be the case six months from now.

#### PESSIMISTS LOSE

The fellows who have been for years warning people that Boulder dam would never be built and that Las Vegas would never achieve any greatness are just about forgotten. All the prophecies of evil which have been peddled about the streets by the pessimists have failed.

Las Vegas today is the one bright, outstanding white spot of the whole country. In spite of the general tendency of the press of the country to deride and misrepresent us, Las Vegas is going steadily ahead to her destiny of greatness.

When you think it over, you will find that there is just as much, and more, reason why Las Vegas should become an important city, as there was why Ogden, or Salt Lake City, or Denver, or Phoenix, should achieve their present positions.

There is every reason to believe in the future greatness of Las Vegas and, unless our businessmen have lost their energy and their foresight, this city will continue to grow and prosper until she takes her place among the wonder cities of the west.

## Price of Wheat Stirs 'Revolt' In Western Canada

By FRANK I. WELLER  
(Associated Press Farm Editor)  
WASHINGTON, March 18. (AP)—Western Canada has developed the germ of a good sized "agrarian revolt."

Secession from the dominion is its avowed purpose unless immediate farm aid is forthcoming from the Bennett government.  
Politically, the situation is unimposing thus far. It is the economic phase involved that has sent premiers of the prairie provinces on numerous trips to Ottawa to seek a palliative.

Talk of a "government within the government"—a prairie empire embracing the agricultural Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba provinces—has grown since Prime Minister Bennett apparently dispelled the hopes of many western farmers that the government would peg the price of Canadian wheat at something like 70 cents a bushel, Fort William basis.

Mostly in Saskatchewan  
For the most part the "secession" movement has centered in Saskatchewan, which depends on agricultural wealth more perhaps than either Alberta or Manitoba.  
There 600 farmers are reported to have signed a "farmers' charter of liberty" which proposes fixed wheat prices, 100 per cent pooling, and currency nationalization.

The three prairie provinces, representing about 2,000,000 of Canada's 12,000,000 population, and normally their wheat represents an annual income of approximately \$300,000,000.

Farm Element Liberal  
Traditionally the prairies are liberal—the farm element, which is the ruling majority, favoring as near free trade as possible because of the advantage it would offer in the purchase of American made farm machinery. They always have stood opposed to the high tariff policies of the conservative east.  
The Smoot-Hawley tariff bill in this country, however, aroused the Canadian farmer and helped put the conservative Bennett into power as premier over MacKenzie King, former liberal prime minister.

On one notable occasion before the prairie farmer deserted the liberals, it was occasioned by the "reciprocity" movement of 1911 when the liberal movement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier favored a Canadian-American treaty to establish free trade across the border.

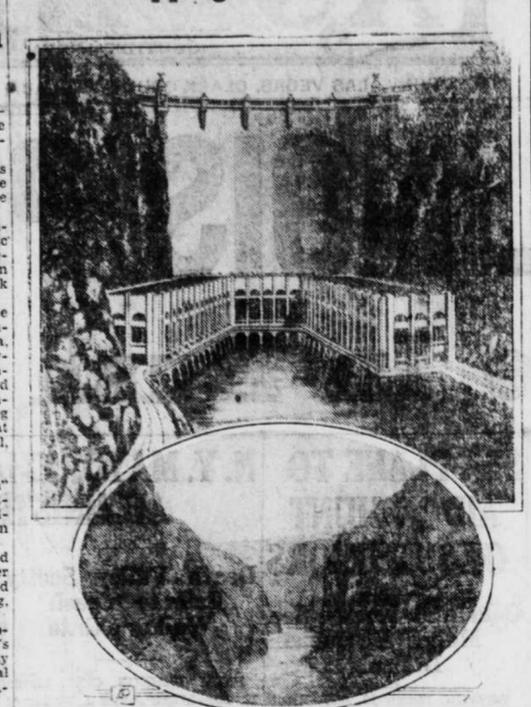
## W. C. T. U. Elects New Officers

The Women's Christian Temperance Union elected officers for the ensuing year at a recent meeting of that organization at the Methodist church.  
Those chosen were: President, Mrs. Myrtle Crawford; recording secretary, Mrs. Wilma Panatier; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Estella Beam; treasurer, Mrs. George Beard; vice president, Mrs. Urshul Bright; first vice president, Mrs. Annie Dawson; second vice president, Mrs. George Beard; third vice president, Mrs. J. M. Ullom; foreign mission superintendent, Mrs. Margaret Sauer; union signal representative, Mrs. Wilma Panatier.

At the close of the business session the regular program on membership as outlined by the National Union was followed.

#### READ THE AGE!

## Million Of This, Millions Of That On 'Shopping List' for Hoover Dam



The immensity of the engineering project at the site of Hoover dam, between Nevada and Arizona in the Colorado river, is shown by these contrasting views—the dam site below, and the architect's conception of how the finished job will look. Water will be about 600 feet deep against the dam.

WASHINGTON, March 16. (AP)—Safety first will be a slogan in building Hoover dam, which will stretch 1,180 feet from Nevada to Arizona across the Colorado river in Black Canyon.

Thick blankets of sand and gravel will be placed on the roofs of construction buildings in the canyon to protect workers from falling rock. The walls of the canyon will be stripped of loose masses before excavation work begins.  
Every possible step has been taken by the government to insure the health and safety of the 1,000 or more laborers whose job includes preliminary work on the \$71,000,000 dam.

The dam alone will require nearly as much concrete as all previous reclamation projects of the bureau. It will contain 3,600,000 cubic yards, with the power house and intake towers bringing the total to 4,500,000, against the bureau's 26-year figure of 4,392,000.  
Taming the waters of the Colorado will require about 114,000,000 pounds of metal, of which 32,500,000 pounds will go into conduits and 20,000,000 for gates.

Tunnel and shaft excavations will remove 1,900,000 cubic yards—a hole large enough to hold comfortably several skyscrapers.  
Open cut excavations for the base of the dam will total 1,800,000 cubic yards. More than a million cubic yards of earth and rock will have to be returned for embankments.

The dam will back up water for 115 miles in the Colorado, and 40 miles in the Virgin river. The water will be approximately 600 feet deep against the dam.  
The steel gates, each 50 feet by 54 feet, will be used to release storage water. There also will be spillways. Two of the diversion tunnels will be transformed into power tunnels while the other two will be used as part of the spillway system.  
Power generated at the dam will begin during 1935. Between 1,000,000 and 1,200,000 horsepower will be generated at full capacity of the 12 power units, six of which will be in Nevada and six in Arizona. For comparison, the capacity at Niagara Falls is 557,500. Continuous output, available at any hour, is approximately 700,000 horsepower.

## Suits Filed In Justice Court

F. F. Garside has entered suit against Clarence E. and Lester M. Stocker of the Northern hotel. The suit involves \$219.85 alleged due plaintiff. Stevens, Henderson, Noland & Bond are attorneys for the plaintiff.

E. A. Stinson of the Las Vegas Hardware company is suing Ed. Sirupat for \$71.80.

A. J. Schur is plaintiff in a suit filed against Terry Deskins for the sum of \$40.50.

The Las Vegas Adjusting Bureau has entered suit in the small claims court against Frank Tassie for the sum of \$6.00.

James Ferguson and William Stiles, both charged with the Green Lantern holdup on Christmas, were taken before Judge Ryan in the justice court yesterday. Ferguson and Stiles engaged Louis Cohen to defend them in court.  
Stiles' bond was set at \$2,000 which he furnished. Ferguson was remanded to the custody of the sheriff in default of \$3,500 bail.  
Judge Ryan set Friday at 10 a. m. as the date of their preliminary hearing.

The preliminary hearing of Clare McCarigan and Ed. Becker, both charged with first degree robbery, was started yesterday in the justice court. Defendants waived the right of securing an attorney. The

## MARK BARRON ENTERTAINS YOU IN HIS COLUMN A NEW YORKER AT LARGE



NEW YORK—It has been many years since cattle or sheep walked along New York streets, but a long-horn maverick decided to stage a little show the other day.  
On Saturday nights pushcarts line the sidewalks of downtown Eighth and Ninth avenues. Here meandering merchants show their little stocks, and here you can buy practically any article in the world small enough to be placed on a pushcart.

Nearly are a couple of markets where cattle are butchered, and on this Saturday night this maverick maverick decided to investigate the pushcart market. Merchants deserted their carts, and ran screaming for safety as their little stocks of goods were scattered by the destructive cow.

Lariat Works  
A gallant policeman perched on the side of a taxicab came to the rescue with a baseball bat as a weapon. But each blow he gave the maverick just made it the more angry, and several thousand dollars' worth of damage was done before some cool thinker got a lariat and roped the animal.

Then a greater tornado occurred as an ironic aftermath with the little merchants trying to reclaim their scattered goods from the scramble.  
In the early days of New York herds of cattle and sheep were a common sight along 11th avenue. They were unloaded uptown and then herded to the downtown markets. It was easy to handle the sheep, as a couple were trained as leaders, and they did their performance well in the 11th avenue parades.

Cattle were not the only animals that caused damage in Manhattan's avenues. Horses, too, had their moments of vaudeville.  
When the city began to motorize its fire department, the horses were sold mostly to vegetable peddlers. This proved an unwise move, for when an alarm was turned in the ex-fire horses sprang into action. When the firemen arrived at the blaze they usually found a couple of dozen vegetable wagons had beat them there.

Force of Habit  
A similar situation arose when horse cars were being abandoned. Pulling the heavy cars was very wearing on a horse and when they were retired they brought a purchase price of only \$2 or \$3 each. Peddlers, too, were the chief customers for these horses.  
They proved good workers except when the peddler turned into a street with car tracks. The horse immediately took his place between the rails and no amount of argument would persuade the animal that he should move from his accustomed path.

## CORNPONE GENERAL YELLS 'VICTORY' AS 'DUNKING' WAR GETS OUT OF HAND



Julian Harris (right), "cornpone and poltikker editor" of The Atlanta Constitution, wants an armistice in the war over the propriety of "dunking" cornpone in poltikker. He claims victory over the "dunkers" led by Governor Huey P. Long (left) of Louisiana, but craves an opportunity to clear his desk of thousands of letters which form the debris of battle.

By BEN F. MEYER  
ATLANTA, March 18. (AP)—The man behind the guns in the poltikker and cornpone war is anxious to stop the fighting.

He says a "great victory in dietetic etiquette has been won," and that further sacrifice of brave soldiers is unnecessary.  
The argument as to whether cornpone should be crumbled or "dunked" into poltikker was started by Julian Harris, news director of the Atlanta Constitution. Under the anonymity of "Poltikker and Cornpone Editor" he guided a vast army of "crumblers."

On the side of the "dunkers"—those who lip their pone into a bowl of poltikker—has stood Huey Long, fiery governor and senator-elect of Louisiana.  
Nation Joins Fight  
Barbless shafts of repartee have flown between Long and Harris for weeks over the proper method of eating the two southern delicacies. A nation has not only looked on the battle, but taken part in it. That is why Harris wants to end it, for he is being swamped with

## U. S. Youth, 27, To Assist Slave Reforms in Liberia

WASHINGTON, March 18. (AP)—Twenty-seven year old Samuel Reber, Jr., of Easthampton, N. Y., and Harvard will help the negro republic of Liberia abolish slavery and fight pestilence in its yellow-fever infested jungles.

He is the American member of the League of Nations committee. Reber, charge d'affaires at Monrovia, the mosquito ridden capital of Africa's "last of the free," is one of the very young "career men" of the diplomatic service.  
Graduated from Harvard in 1925, he entered the foreign service in 1926 and had been on duty at Washington and Lima, Peru, before assignment to the African post. Reber has made an intensive study of the Liberian situation.

The League of Nations committee will meet soon at Geneva to formulate plans of assisting the Liberian government to put into effect reforms recommended by the international commission of inquiry, which revealed the existence of "shocking slavery conditions," corruption in high office and lack of sanitation.

These may provide for financial aid for the Liberian government and the procuring of district supervisors, either Americans or Europeans, whose chief duty would be to prevent slave raiding in the interior.

Terrorization of the natives has resulted, the commission said, in retarding the development of the entire country to the detriment of the ruling Americo-Liberians themselves.

Education of the native and improvement of his living conditions, the commission held, would benefit the governing class and increase governmental revenues.

## Legion Post Will Give Eight Medals

The Las Vegas post, No. 8, of the American Legion has offered medals to the pupils in the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and the four high school grades for the best essays in the different groups on "Why the Veterans' Hospital Should Be Located in Las Vegas." The different groups will be: Fifth and sixth girls and fifth and sixth boys, seventh and eighth boys and tenth boys and ninth and tenth girls; eleventh and twelfth boys and eleventh and twelfth girls.

There will be a medal awarded in each group.  
Virginia has 22 counties without a single dentist.

It became a common sight to see unwillful and irate peddlers following trolley cars up Eighth avenue. There was nothing they could do about it until they arrived at a car barn and then the horse would leave the tracks.

## THE START OF THE WAR

The whole battle started when Governor Long announced he had dined a group of visiting financiers on poltikker and cornpone. In an unguarded moment he explained that cornpone (made of corn meal) was dunked into the poltikker (a brew made of water and vegetable greens).

Harris was quick to note this as a violation of Georgia custom and added a challenging footnote to the dispatch in which the "dunking" incident was mentioned. The war was on.

"But the fight has been worthwhile," Harris said. "The south is sold again. The governor has been defeated. I hope he admits it soon."

## VICTORY FOR CRUMBLERS

The argument between Long and Harris started as a personal exchange of opinions, but hundreds of ardent "crumblers" and "dunkers" quickly made the fight their own.  
Harris says "they (the letters, but emphatically not the dunkers) have swamped me. The crumblers have won a great victory. It has now been established for ever, I hope, that crumbling has been made safe for society as the proper, sanitary, polite way of eating cornpone

with poltikker.  
"Confidentially, I will tell you that my spies have learned that Governor Long crumbles in private. This settles it. I stand against at the millions of words, the thousands of lines of type and the hundreds upon hundreds of good postage stamps that have carried on this war in behalf of solidarity of the south and one of its treasured customs."  
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