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THE LINE

MOT craps nor the redlight, but the postoffice line is the subject of this discourse.

No time at all ago we were trying to get a temporary when he posed with his cabinet later postoffice to serve until the Las Vegas federal building is news picture. ready. So the authorities at Washington finally fented a room a trifle larger than the old one and had it fitted with a few more boxes than were in the old one and consoled us, with the idea that we would not grow much anyhow.

And for months past there has been a line of tired people standing as patiently as they could every day and all must have offered him the prospec day, waiting a chance to get to the general delivery window at the postoffice.

Postmaster Ryerse has exhausted his efforts and his smile coming patience trying to remedy the trouble But the best he can Extra, Session? promise is to get a few more boxes and cut another hole for general delivery in an effort to reduce the long tedious period of standing for hundreds of tired people.

Which is not entirely an unexpected condition. When a city grows as fast as Las Vegas is growing, it must ex- not now foresten, that would make pect to suffer the pangs of growing pains. It is one of the penalties of approaching greatness.

Nevertheless, it is ptiiful to see men and women standing wearily, sometimes for hours it seems, waiting a chance to get to the post office.

They are at the window when it opens in the morning -a long line extending into the street. Not the same people, of course, but just as eager to get mail as the first line will know much anxiety about how to vote on many a problem the sevin the morning and just as tired.

The carriers help a lot, of course. But with the con-deal with. tinual influx of new people, we may expect our general delivery patronage to increase to still greater proportions.

Whatever can be done about it should be done without delay. It just seems a cruelty to permit present conditions to continue.

FEDERAL BUILDING

THE AGE has tried to excuse the long delay in beginning diana, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, work on the new federal building for Las Vegas, but it sey, New York, Okiahoma, Pennsyltakes some effort of restraint to prevent resentment from vania Utah, West Virginia, Wisconbreaking out of bounds.

It has been already two years since the government agents viewed and approved the site offered. We have been continually promised prompt action. Our Senators and these members being rejected in Representative Arentz secured the necessary appropriation by congress nearly a year ago. The plot has been surveyed greatly overpopulated districts in derer had sought to involve.

There are two other points ling. ago given approval by those officials who will occupy the building and by our delegation at Washington.

We have had reason to expect for months past that poets of avoiding an extra session Anglo-Saxon method of murder. work would begin promptly on the building and we have tried to reassure people who have been pessimestic on the subject.

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Secondly, strangling is rarely if the New York development a decitor of the New York development and the New York development and

Now that each month increases the urgent necessity others were all called in special ses- Gordon actually did seek to throw Such a decision for the building we are still hopeful-but impatient. For sicn in April except the sixty-sixth, suspicion on the police, he used a the conviction that the Democratic factors argue against that. the live of Mike why don't they shoot or give up the gun. war and post-war emergencies ac-

WORSE THAN FIGHTING

ACK DEMPSEY, so the news dispatches say, is breaking down under the trials of refereeing prize fights.

He has found that trying to see both sides of the subject and give both fighters a fair shake is wearing him down to skin and bones and the doctors say he must have

Perhaps Jack made a mistake after all when he decided not to reenter the prize ring. There are lots of things more wearing than fighting.

Take wrestling, for example, as a nerve soother.

Thom, if a large bearing

GERMAN UNOPPOSED

WHEN a man can serve a city as long as Bill German has been city commissioner and have no opposition when election day comes around, he must be a pretty faithful ervant.

In 1927 when Bill was elected city commissioner he went in without opposition, although he had been defeated by Fred Hesse for Mayor in 1925. He must have proven himself in the eyes of the people.

NEVADA RADIOS

CCORDING to the census, 31 percent of all Nevada fam-Infes have radio sets in the house. Which indicates, perhaps, that not all of us spend our nights gambling and

Reno, so the census figures say, has a record even better than the rest of the state, 45 percent of her families owning radios.

Nevada, for general prosperity averages better than any other state in the Union we believe. We have no great wealth; neither is there an excess of poverty. We average up pretty well in material things. Most of us have a suit of clothes and are able to get one or more meals a day, which is rather a high average as thing go these times.

Leave Your Address With Western Union

WASHINGTON - Ever-watchful observers report that Mr. Hoover o adjourn the seventy-first congress

As a matter of fact, Mr. Hoover is disclosed as still smiling a bit steps of the senate for a

Why not that Hoover smile? Here was a man with presumably a nine-month vacation granted him. dicate a solution quite different Very likely Mr. Hoover was looking forward most hapily to that surcease from the senate.

The ordinary, everyday routine of presidential administrative duties of pleasurable relaxation, contrasted with his menths of wrangling with he senate, just ended. He had a

It can conceivably prove impossible to avoid calling the new congress in special session before the regular December resumption of po- picton fall on him. activities "on the hill." Something may happen, although

But the situation in the seventy-second congress, with its lack of definite and workable party majorlies for andbody in either house, makes it doub ful that even the members of that congress eagerly k forward to its convening.

Looking over majorities by which a lot of men won seats in the next house, it is easy to suppose they enty - second congress will have to

The Bystander counted up half-ahundred or so who got in by less than 2,000-vote margins. Those are quite aside from the handful who have only a hundred or so majorities and who face contests when house meets

There are seven members-elect from Ohio, for instance, with no than a toe-hold on their jobs. There are two or three in the same cat from Illinois; several from In-Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersin and even Tennessee have their

And a single mistake in casting his vote on any proposition before

Past Perfermances

Statistically considered, the proscount largely for that situation.

> ADVERTISE IN THE AGE IT PAYS

MAIN CONTRACTS

price \$455,509.50.

Los Angeles.

follow as scon as possible.

COMMENTATION LINES-

to Boulder City now in operation.

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT-

HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

Resume of Present Activities and Those

of the Near Future on Greatest En-

gineering Project of the Age

The principal contract was awarded March 19 at Denver to 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.

The contract covers tunnels, penstocks, outlet works, spill-ways, coffer dams, excavations for main dam, main dam con-

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD-Main line to Boulder City, 22

GOVERNMENT RAILROAD-Boulder City to dam site, 8.6 miles

GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY-Boulder City to dam site, 101/2

miles of 22-fact highway, under construction by R. G. Le-Tourneau, Inc., subcontractors. Contract price \$329,917.15.

Excavation for water tanks-Contract let to Butterfield Co.,

Tanks for water system-Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing

Residences-Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room

cottages were opened at Las Vegas office of the Reclamation

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,

te. Administration buildings, dormitories, garages, etc., to

POWER SUPPLY-Transmission line from Southern California

under construction by Southern Sierzas Power Company.
Substation—Earl Roche, General Construction Company of
grading site pear dam for Southern Sierras Power

Telephone Lines-Line from Las Vegas to Boulder City was

built by So, thern Nevada Telephone Company and is now in

Telegraph Lines-Joint Western Union and Union Pacific line

To be installed by the government and includes turbines, alternators, switchboards and transformers.

under construction by Lewis Construction Company. Contract

struction, valves and gates, and power houses.

miles, completed. Cost estimated at \$800,000

Scouts Gordon Death Theories

The mystery stery writers never fail in solving murders. What could ney do with a real case such as the laying of Vivian Gordon, Broadway butterfly, whose body was found along a lonely road a few days after she offered to testify in New York's vice inquiry? Both the slayer and he molive remain a mystery. van Dine, creator of Philo Vance detective stories, was asked to say smiled, there in the President's what he thought about the crime toom of the senate, as the gavel fell and prepared the following "Steps Toward a Theoretical Solution of Vivian Gerdon's Murder."

> By S. S. VAN DINE (Author of the Philo Vance Murder Mysteries)

NEW YORK, April 6. (P) - An analysis of the aspects of the Vivian Gordon murder would seem to infrom the first emotional conclusion of the public mind.

Looking beneath the ra her obvious facts of the case, one theory which emerges is that Vivian Gordon was the victim of a purely personal, and perhaps a passional

We might even tentatively recon-truct the attitude of mind of her To wit: Some man desired Vivian Gordon's death as a result of wrath, passion, or vengeance. But because of his association with her. he feared to do murder last sus-

Hand-Made Alii However, when she offered to ex-ose the police he had a hand-made alibi, so to speak, and took immedate advantage of his opportunity; for he knew that the first reaction of the public would be to blame the police who might fear her exposure. Such cases of crimes deferred until an opportune moment arrives are common in the history of crimi-

The psychological clues pointing to this theory cannot be wholly ignored. Vivian Gordon's body was placed in a spot where almost immediate discovery was inevitable; whereas a murderer who did not want the body found could have made a much better job of hid-

It appears almost as if the mur-Inbrief, he pointed up to his alibi too neatly and too obviously - he tion. was a trifle too eager to cast sus-

Hlogical Aspects The crime, therefore, instead of

baing a logical result of an obvious cause, shows the illogical clements | From Democratic national trench-of a mind attempting to build a es, down the street, rumbled an imand effect.

Blue Moon Murder," which I have just written, I used a similar murder, treated from the reverse angle. in which the detective unearths the the official conduct of its suspicion pointed too directly to- san drive for good government. ward the person whom the mur- in Washington, national agencies

might be considered in formulating out notice. No effort a concealment a theory of Vivian Gordon's death, of partiain motives marked their First: strangling, or garotting, is publicity handouts. not, and has never been, a popular Efforts to read in o this reaction

which met first in May. However, psychologically wrong method of standard-hearer in 1932 would be a to defeat his purpose.

> Predatory animal bountles paid by Montana last year totaled \$9,336.

Sleuth-Writer Tammany Tangle May Sway Presidential Race



Three times Franklin D. Rossevelt (left) has nominated Alfred E. Smith for the presidency in Democratic conventions, and now political strategiets believe Rosaevelt's can prospects for the nomination may be affected by the invaligation of New York City's administration.

Results May Determine Democrats' 1932 the failure of the recent, her is meeting of the Democratic national Lineup—Roosevelt's Fate Linked with New York City Quiz

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON, April 6. (49) national political screen, a new conventions. confusing shadow has been nominated by Franklin Rossevelt

Tammany Hall's stewardship of York City's governmental life has been challenged for investigation by the narrow margin of Reblican control of the state legis-

On the outcome of that inquisiion, still far in the future, may dent of the United States.

That party strategists in Washintra-New York political development was evident almost instantly. wanted the body to be found, issature to authorize its investiga- vote to Herbert Hoover.

relationship between cause mediate return fire harking to disclosures of the Harding administra-

In Albany, Republican sponsors of the move to explore the clay's processes of municipal government and true culprit by the very fact that hailed their action as a non-par i-

of the two great parties dismissed

murder, in addition to emphasizing man intimately allied with Tamhis allbi to a point where it lended many Hall. Otherwise, Tammany have initiated the move of the Demas a national issue would fall to the ground.

In 1920, 1924 and 1923 former Gov ASHINGTON, April 6. (3) — Alfred E. Smith was Tammany's favorite son at Democratic national Each time he was once a bitter for of Tammany.

Smith in the successful effort each ime to unite the opposing factions of the pany, up-state and city, be What Smith's expectation or do-

sire may be as to the 1932 nominapossibly turn the nation's decision what was construed as an effort t as to who shall be the next presi- save the state electoral vote in hi he virtually drafted Roosevelt fror ington recognize this possible na- what amounted to political retire tional significance of a seemingly ment for the gubernatorial fight. battle with his Republican opponen On the heels of action by the leg- Smith lost New York's electors

the Republican national com- Roosevelt a factor in specula ion a mittee turned its publicity guns on to 1932 Democratic presidentia Democratic Tammany Hall and on timber. Two years later he repeated Franklin D. Roosevelt, up-state but rolling up a majority of aroun Tammany - supported Democratic three quasters of a million over governor of New York.

Charles Tuttle, his Republican op Charles Tutile, his Republican op From Democratic national trench- ponent for the governorship an originator in that campaign of th Tammany issue.

But about one-third of Roosevelt' non-Tammany, normally Republi can territory. Tultle's cry agains Tammany apparently fell flat as at

And Governor Roosevelt becam leading figure in discussion of Dem ocratic presidential possibilities fo There are two other points which that idea of non-partisanship with- 1932. Like Smith he never has pub disclosed an ambition to ge that nomination

Appraisal of what might lie befor a drive to come later for Smith's Such a decision could rest only on renomination in 1932. Several known

> For one thing, Governor Roose velt is supposed in Washington to ocratic state committee of New York which had much to do with

committee here to act on Chairman Roskob's call for a committee show lown on prohibition and economic arty planks for 1932.

For another, there is a dis inc cozevelt movement in souther: open in Georgia, less weilefined in other territory, that was nti-Smith in 1928, some of it to e point of "Hoovercratism."

Still another point is the gestures at least mutual respect exchangd between the New York governor the recent get-together in both parties. Those Republican ir-regulars form an obviously vulnerpoint in the party defensive attle lines now shaping for 1932.

On the face of this recapitulation stands out that the forthcoming gislative investigation of New ork City's municipal administraon might make or break Demoratic presidential nomination hopes It might present Governor Rooseelt to the country either as too losely allied with Tammany, or as n independent figure so powerful s to compel Tammeny support. Or it might thrust out of the 1932 cture entirely any New Yorker nless it be Owen D. Young. Other Democratic 1932 potentiali-

es, men like Governor Ritchie of York. Maryland, Senator Robinson of Aransas, Newton Baker of Ohio and ena or Lewis of Illinois, will watch hat inquisitorial grilling of New ork City's Tammany - sponsored dministration with a degree of inerest measured only by the degree their own presidential ambitions. may hold the secret of their idividual political destines

Essex Institute Gets

SALEM, Mass., April 6. (U.E)-The like I used to get down south institute here has acquired cripts of John Greenleaf Whittier,

ract which Ticknor & Fields made why he was given it. with Whittier for publication of his most famous work, "Snowbound." Customers' Guide The publishers agreed to pay the poet 10 cents on each copy sold, and was estimated Whittier netted

Arizona Ruins Tell Story of First Citizens

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 6. (U.P)-A brown men who enjoyed life on a civilized scale at a time when ancestors of present day Nordics were savages-is being uncovered by this

Excavation and restoration of the Pueble Grande ruins, six miles from the city limits, is under way as a municipal project. Work will con-inuc until the picture of prehistoric life is as clear to laymon as it now

is to archaeologists. It is the only municipally owned and administered ruins of the kind in the United States and when fully reconstructed will show a chapter in the life of an ancien community, now buried ceneath this city.

Phoenix acquired title to the ruins several years ago, named a com-mission to direct resoration and research and appointed Odd S. Haligh as the archaeologist in charge. Localed on an ancient canal, the ruins already have contributed to the store of knowledge concerning these who lived in the sou hwest covering the ruins, proves conclusively that the people who inhabited the dwellings lived several thousand -perhaps as many as 19,000-years

That these prehistoric "apartment house" dwellers were civilized is proven by the present of the canal and other eviednce that an intellicently operate system of irrigating farm lands was in general use.

Pottery as an industry existed also while the dwellings, fundamentally similar to modern city apartments were admirably suited to the climate then prevailing in this section

MARK BARRON



NEW YORK - Taxi drivers are trange fellows, but they are the adventurous ones who really get the thrills and adventure out of New

for the pure zest of it. There isn't much money in piloting a cab around the town at five cents a mile. Powhatan Luigi is a negro who came out of the hills of North Carclina and somewhere acquired a rickety, tinny cab that makes a good deal of racket, but gets where it's

going and in a hurry.
"My name used to be Elijam, but that was back in the hills," he said. "I figured I should get an American name if I was coming to the city, Whittier Manuscripts so I looked in a history book and found Powhatan. I like it here except I miss hot water corn pone

Commander Robinson is a hug Oak Knoll collection of manu- giant from Haiti, and he cruises

with his cab along Central Park West. His name is really a name, The collection includes the con- and not a title. He has no idea

He likes to hunt out strange tav-

erns an dresorts. Then he picks up a lot of bored couples from swanky nore than \$10,000 under the con- apar ment houses around Central Park. They want to see "something different" and he takes them to mysterious little taverns along the waterfront, or to hidden amusement places along dark alleys of Harlem. He ac's as both chauffeur and body-Richard is just driving a cab tem-

porarily. It's a good job, but he has to be moving on. For 15 years he has been "toughing" it all over the world, working at odd jobs and never staying anywhere long. He came from Jamaica and talks

with a British accent. He has been stranded "on the beach" in Buenes Aires, Caracas, Shanghai, Bangkok and Mobile In Gibral ar he lived in a lodging

house that rented rooms for 18 cents a week. Philadelphia is the coldes: town in the world toward bums, he says, and Baltimore the most hospitable. Atlantie City, Miami, Havana and other such resorts are "polson" to the fellow trying to beg a square meal.

Clean Shirts Pay

Richard has a philosophy of his own about "toughing" it. A ragged and dirty bum can never get a job or a meal, he believes. So when he is tramping around

this country he mails a couple of clean shirts ahead and when he gets to a new town there they are waiting for him. He changes his linen, gets a shave and a shine. Then, he says, it is always easy to get help. Centrary to tradition. Richard says. small towns are not hostile to strangers if they look respectable. It is a simple matter to get a job in Sandusky, Lexington, Marion or Waxahachie. This is because all the home town boys rush for some big city as soon as they can break away. New York is the only port Richard can't get away from. "I'm toughing it about eight months a year," he explains, "but when I get any place I always turn around and head for Manhattan. You can stay

"George H. Bowler of Littlefield, been in service. It is a 1½ ton ca- ing on this road the truck daily is your home and then you are riz. owns this Chevrolet truck pacity job and is called upon to made detours which were full of afiald to leave. But you can come which travels approximately 200 carry 1,000 pounds to 31/2 tons de- chuck holes and dust which is hard and go in New York all the time and still feel that it will always be

"When I'm here I always want to up a total of 138,000 miles," accord- per hour on the highway and dirt at 123,000 miles and the driver get away, but once outside Sandy ing to word received by E. W. Fuhr, road sand seems to do it so easily claims the truck will be good for Hook and I start yearning for a glimpse of the Battery again,"

138,000 Miles in Desert Run ...



This Chevrolet truck has been driven 138,000 miles in the desert near Las Vegas, Nevada, and is still running strong. The driver stens along at fifty miles per hour through torrid summers winters, through

One hundred and thirty-eigh. Chevrolet Motor company, in a let- speed excessive.

miles every day from Littlefield to pending on the requirements of the on any equipment. Mesquite, Bunkerville, Glendale and merchants for whom Bowler hauls. Mesquite Bunkerville, Glendale and Instituting to the distance of 50 miles and return, and has run It is driven at a rate of 50 miles at 123,000 miles and the driver up a total of 138,000 miles," accord- per hour on the highway and dirt Pacific regional manager of the that the driver does not think the 50,000 more without repairs."

thousand miles and still running.

That's the story of a Chevrolet Chevrolet company of Las Vegas.

The truck on the run between Las Vegas.

"The truck has had only two else every day were paved, the baltruck on the run between Las Vegas.

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"The last overhaul job was done here when you get back.