

LAS VEGAS AGE

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HANSELL SAYS HE CAN

THE STATEMENT of Lou Hansell that if elected Mayor of Vegas he will see to it that there is an entire change in the police department of Las Vegas has been questioned on the ground that he will not have such power.
Hansell says that if elected he will see that Las Vegas has a change in the police department. We believe he can and will carry out his promise.

BIG BILL AND JIMMIE

"BIG BILL" Thompson has deservedly been consigned to political oblivion. For years past it has been evident that he was the complaisant tool of the gangsters in ruling the great city of Chicago. People at last have sense enough to try something else.
In New York Mayor Jimmie Walker is being called on the carpet by an outraged populace for about the same reasons which have relegated Big Bill to the limbo of obscurity. It would not be surprising if he also should soon be consigned to the rubbish heap. People will stand about so much then they get peevish and kick things over.

BIG GUNS

LAS VEGAS has been suggesting that the annual target practice of the big railway guns be held near here this summer. Army officers are investigating the feasibility and seem pleased with the opportunity offered here.
It appears that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a place where the annual target practice of the 14- and 16-inch railway guns can be held safely. One thing southern Nevada can offer is plenty of space devoid of population.
The guns would draw hundreds of people here. It is only very rarely that such great artillery is fired where the general public would have the chance to observe the effects. Excursions from both Los Angeles and Salt Lake would probably bring in big crowds during the ten days of the practice.

VEGAS A MECCA

LAS VEGAS is becoming the new Mecca of the world. Hundreds of people are coming every week to observe the starting of various features of the Hoover Dam work, and as the operations increase in magnitude the tide will increase to thousands a week.
Las Vegas will inevitably prosper greatly because of this army of visitors. In importance it probably equals the advantages of a great payroll. And the completion of the project will by no means end the vast influx of visitors. So long as the structure stands it will be a magnet drawing the world to it.

ZONING ORDINANCE

A DRAFT of a zoning ordinance has been presented to the city commissioners by a committee of engineers composed of J. T. McWilliams, C. D. Baker and Paul Hosman.
The zoning plan proposed at first glance seems rudimentary, there being three zones provided, residential, commercial and industrial. We have thought that the so-called commercial zone might be subdivided into different sections. For example gambling houses, billiard parlors, garages, automobile sales rooms, oil stations, hot dog stands, open air fruit stands and such might be welcomed in one portion of a street and be considered a detriment in another.
And in the industrial zone the various classes of industry could be segregated to the advantage of all. Some property might be damaged by a machine shop and might welcome a lumber mill. Soap factories and fertilizer factories might not mix well with laundries and electric shops.
It is not so complicated as it seems at first glance. Amendments made from time to time will be necessary whatever ordinance we adopt at the beginning.
The object of a zoning ordinance is sometimes misunderstood. In brief it is the protection of the higher class of property from the encroachment and proximity of lower classes. It tends to maintain the high character of choice residential or apartment house or hotel property and protect it from those things which would be harmful to it. At the same time it stabilizes and increases values in sections where property of the lower class is located by grouping similar lines together.

ROGERS, THE ANGEL

WE do not usually think of Will Rogers as an angel. He is far too human. But he has a habit of acting as a deputy angel of mercy for a divine providence in arousing sympathy for a stricken people.
Only recently he toured the country by airplane and was instrumental in raising many thousands of dollars for the drought-stricken south.
Now Will is in Nicaragua sleeping in a tent beside the ruins of the American embassy at Managua. And in a few days he will be back in the United States flying about telling

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WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — The capital corps of political news writers—and talkers, for some of them do a radio as well as a typewriter line of reporting—had a great time trying to figure out just why their 15-year colleague, "Teddy" Joslin, got that vacant White House secretarial job as press contact man.
Some of them, for Democratic papers, of course, wondered if Mr. Hoover had wanted a "candid friend" closely recalling that Mr. Joslin, as a reporter, had been a gloomy—and accurate—prophet on elections last fall.
That suggestion amused newspaper Washington mightily. No President during the Bystander's time here has ever been credited with any liking for candid friends.
Mr. Hoover in particular has created an impression of senselessness to criticism and a dislike for bad news that attached to him long before he became President.

Time to "Look Around"

In any event, Joslin had an extraordinary opportunity to "shake down" at the White House before his press contact capabilities were put to any real test.
The day after he was sworn in, Mr. Hoover and party, including about a score of journalists, political writers and just plain reporters, as well as a formidable lot of camera men, still and movie, set sail for the Caribbean. Mr. Joslin stayed at home. White House Secretary Number One, Two or Three—whatever the relative rank may be among them—Lawrence Richey, went along instead.
Which seemed just a bit odd in view of the imposing press entourage participating in the presidential battleship joy ride. The place for presidential press contact work, you might suppose, would be with the President and the press.
Mr. Joslin started off well on his new role, at least in the eyes of his ex-colleagues of the press. He displayed no high-hat tendencies. On the contrary, he showed up at the press club for luncheon in the old-fashioned way, and was, of course, much congratulated.

Friendly

Joslin is a friendly, fun-loving chap who has all these years gotten a lot of day-to-day amusement out of looking on at and writing about the passing political show in Washington without being a part of it. To become a cog in the machine, not just an onlooker, is quite a change.
Obviously, however, no man can be as close to the great as is a White House secretary without necessarily partaking sooner or later of the isolation of greatness.
It is the business of Washington newswriters to tap every available possible source of information at all times of day and night.
It is much to be doubted that Mr. Joslin, or any other presidential

Proceedings In District Court

April 7th
Hon. Wm. E. Orr, District Judge, presiding.
Ida Schraga, plaintiff, vs. Phillip Schraga, defendant. J. R. Lewis, attorney for plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted. Custody of children given to plaintiff.

Hon. H. W. Edwards, District Judge, presiding.
Walerya Virginia Zasucha, plaintiff, vs. L. Z. Shurtliff, as admr. of estate of Richard Z. Shurtliff, deceased. Roland H. Wiley and Dan V. Noeland, attorneys for plaintiff; Roger Foley, attorney for defendant. Order entered that prayer of complaint be granted.

April 8th
Hon. H. W. Edwards, District Judge, presiding.
The State of Nevada, plaintiff, vs. A. A. Hinman, defendant. Julian Thruston, deputy attorney general, representing state; Chas. Lee Horsey, attorney for defendant. Argument on notice of motion to set aside. Information motion granted. Defendant given 2 p. m. this date to amend. New information filed at afternoon session. Demurrer overruled. Defendant entered plea of not guilty to cases No. 390 and 391. Trial of No. 390 set for April 29 at 10 a. m.; case No. 391 set for May 1 at 10 a. m.

Hon. Wm. E. Orr, District Judge, presiding.
T. A. Wells, et al., vs. Huck, et al. Hearing on demurrer. Wells & Cohen, attorneys for plaintiff; C. D. Breeze, attorney for defendant. Demurrer sustained. Plaintiff given ten days to amend.

Eugene L. Sadowski, plaintiff, vs. A. J. Schur, defendant. J. R. Lewis, attorney for plaintiff; E. F. DuPray, attorney for defendant. Hearing on notice of motion to move for order granting leave to defendant to file cross-complaint. Motion denied.

The City of Las Vegas, plaintiff, vs. Henry Kelly, defendant. F. A. Stevens, attorney for plaintiff; Frank McNamee, Jr., attorney for defendant. Case assigned to Hon. H. W. Edwards for trial.

Baby Cab Theft Latest Racket

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 8. (AP)—The promiscuous purloining of perambulators has developed into this city's latest racket. With the arrest of two North End girls, the older only 11, police learned that a woman had paid children at the rate of \$1 for each baby carriage stolen.

Cop's Package Was Whisky

PHILADELPHIA, April 8. (AP)—Patrolman McDermott was standing at 60th and Market streets one night recently. Up dashed a youth, shoved a package in his hands, and dashed away.
McDermott opened the package and found 18 1/2 pints of whisky.

Secretary Could Continue to Find It

expedient to rub shoulders in the cramped way of reporters between times. He may be off duty, or feel he is. Political reporters never are.

ing the people of the want and suffering there.
Will is a good fellow, but we wish he would not do quite so much flying. It makes us nervous. We saw him in a plane which lit on its back on the Las Vegas airfield once and we can't help picturing him in mind landing that way every time.
And we don't want to have to write any obituary for Will.

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. Kelsner and W. A. Bechtel, McDonald & Kahn, Morrison-Knudsen Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company. Amount, of bid \$48,890,299.00.
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, 2 1/2 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 B. G. Le-Tourneau, 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 13 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.

Buried Village Of Stone Age People, First Discovered, Found in Germany



COLOGNE, Germany, April 8

The first complete village of the men of the new stone age has been uncovered in Lindenthal, a suburb of Cologne.
Five thousand years old, it tells a story not much different from that of the middle ages a few hundred years ago.
Around the entire village was a moat about seven feet deep and 16 feet wide. Beyond it was a palisade of piles.
"Pieces of broken pottery were found in the bottom of the moat," says Dr. Fritz Fremersdorf, director of the excavations, "indicating that this moat existed at the time of the village."
"Although our scientific excavations began only on August 1, 1930, the results thus far surpass all expectations. Pottery of this neolithic period has been found scattered all the way from the Balkans to Belgium and Holland, but no complete settlement had previously been brought to light."
"The foundations of many of the huts are complete. The buildings were made of mud and plastered with mud and curved in the shape of kidneys. Surrounding these are holes for wooden piles, proving beyond doubt that wooden huts once stood here."
"A few rectangular plots also have been uncovered. One was almost 70 feet long, with parallel posts running lengthwise inside. It had neither hearth nor other evidence of civilization."
Much pottery has been found, all made before the potter's wheel was known. There are large quantities of the tools of the new stone age men, hand mills, flint knives, arrow heads and hatchets and the bones of animals made into tools.

King Sees Magic Tricks

ROME, April 8 (AP)—G. B. Romano, postal clerk of Palermo, engages in conjuring and illusionist tricks in his spare time. His fame has spread so far that he was called to the Villa Savoy, the residence of King Victor Emanuel, where he gave a performance before the royal family. The King presented him with a gold watch.
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Nicaragua Quake Is Called Step In Nature's Mountain-Building Job

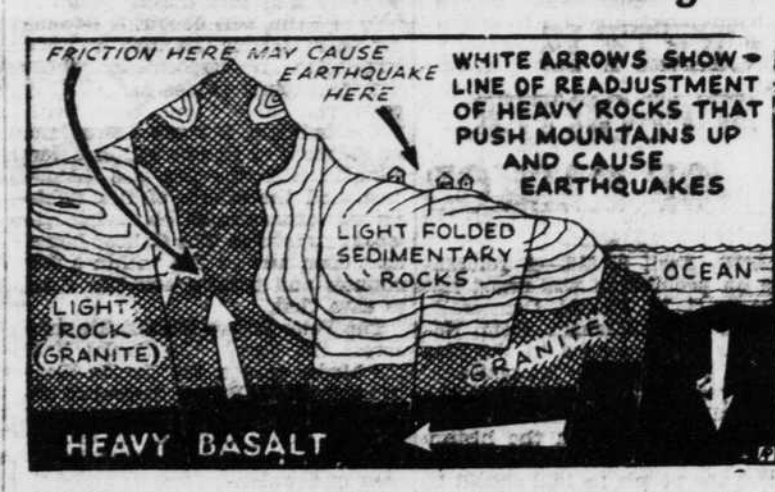


Diagram shows how displacements of foundation rocks of continents probably cause earthquakes. Arrows show direction of rock movements.

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—The earthquake that destroyed Managua, Nicaragua, was just one of a series of accidents in nature's gigantic mountain-building contract. It was a minor accident in nature's program but for humans it spread death and devastation.

The Rockies in North America, the Andes in South America, and the mountain chain that links them across narrow Central America all are still "under construction," says Father F. W. Scholz, seismologist at Georgetown university.
Accidents on this construction job take the form of earthquakes. Recent earth shocks in New Zealand and Mexico were accidents of the same sort, he says.
Nature follows different building methods than human contractors. She pushes mountain ranges up from below instead of hoisting material to the top and adding it there. Generally the pushing-up process is smooth and continuous, but when the machinery jams there is an earthquake.
This mountain-building never ends, Father Scholz explains. As fast as the ranges rise, wind and weather tear them down. Then nature has to do some rebuilding. All along the Pacific shore from Alaska to Chile this process goes on.

The force of gravity on a mountain top and at sea level is the same. That means that weight of the rock mass of a continent balances the weight of the rock mass beneath the adjacent ocean.
Geologists hold that the rock masses beneath the sea and deep under the continents are basalt, the heaviest rock known, he says. Lighter rocks such as granite and sandstone lie on top of the basalt foundations of the continents.
Pressure on the basaltic rocks under both oceans and continents is equal, for weight above is equal. The two masses are in balance.
But as wind and weather wear down the mountain-tops, the balance is upset, he points out. The mass of the continent becomes lighter than the mass under the ocean. The downward push of the undersea mass forces the deep basalt rocks to "flow" over beneath the continental mass, where the pressure is less. This pushes up the lighter rocks that form the mountains.

Sometimes friction develops in the pushing-up process. The strain from below gradually accumulates against the resistance above. Then the resistance is overcome suddenly and there is a sharp shock that jars the whole vicinity. That is an earthquake.

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Most of his time is spent traveling, seeking oddities in the obscure corners of foreign lands. It was he who was impetuous for Reinhardt's "Miracle," the Chauve Souris, Sascha Guitry and Yvonne Printemps. Duse, Bernhardt, the Dolly Sisters, Tex Austin's rodeos, Joe Beckett and dozens of other fighters, Noel Coward's shows and Cole Porter's music. He likes Spain the best. Once while sitting in a Madrid cafe he was approached by Diaghileff and Stravinsky, who gave him a fan which both had autographed.

He started his career as an actor in America, and then went to London to become a manager. Once, when he owed several million dollars, he went bankrupt. He has paid off every penny of those debts. It is a comeback that is famous in banking circles.

He was the first to discover that Arnold Bennett is also an excellent water color artist. He has an incomparable library on pugilistic subjects.

What! No Breakfast?
He doesn't eat breakfast, play golf or drink whisky. He is a connoisseur of wines. He likes scallops and treacle pudding.

He thinks Noel Coward and Rip are the only two men in the world who can write a complete musical show without aid.

Cochran is a cosmopolitan. He belongs to Berlin and Paris as much as he belongs to London and New York. One surmises that Madrid or Barcelona is his favorite.

He uses the telephone as much as Ziegfeld uses telegrams. He talks between London and New York almost every day, and when traveling from one to the other he telephones from the ship.

When no other manager in the world would have anything to do with Gordon Craig, he offered to give him a theater and capital to do with as he pleased.

He is very punctual, never seems hurried and never raises his voice. His best friend is Max Beerbohm.

Old Cow Bell Found
MARBLE FALLS, Tex., April 8 (AP)—Walter Giesecke, a pioneer rancher, has found a cow bell lost by his father during an Indian raid in 1869. The bell bore his father's initials and was lost following an Indian attack.

H. G. Wells and Augustus John also are his pals.

Col. Frank J. Baum, commanding officer of the 805th Coast Artillery (Railway), stationed at Fort MacArthur, Calif., is in Las Vegas seeking a location for gun fire practice with some of the big railway mounted guns this summer.

Mr. Baum was attracted here through James Cashman and the Chamber of Commerce who extended an invitation to the army officers to hold their annual practice here this year.

The requirements can be met here, it is believed. Yesterday Col. Baum was shown various sites along the railroad where it is feasible to put in a siding for the guns and where danger is minimized.

One feasible site is at Valley siding ten miles north of Vegas. There a range was tentatively selected so that the firing would be over the mountains to the northwest, the target to be located in the valley somewhere near the road between Corn Creek and Panamint Valley, distant 22 miles from Valley siding.

Col. Baum, a veteran artillery officer of the World War, is naturally chock full of interesting facts and figures about his big babies. The range would be over the railroad where it is feasible to put in a siding for the guns and where danger is minimized.

The charge of powder is 450 pounds and the projectile weighs 1,560 pounds. The projectile on its flight reaches a height of 20,000 feet.

Many things are taken into consideration when firing these guns. Two observers are stationed as range finders and the location of the target accurately determined by triangulation by the gun officers far out of sight of the target. Then, of course, wind, temperature, moisture, etc., must be allowed for. And, since the World War experience with big guns, it has been found that it is necessary to allow for the motion of the surface of the earth in its revolution about its axis.

Should the gun practice be held here, about fifty shots will be fired, an average of five each day for ten days. Sixty men and 15 officers will be brought to man the guns.

The gun practice if extensively advertised will attract many people to Las Vegas since it is only on very rare occasions that an opportunity is given the public to witness firing with 14-inch guns. Excursions by railroad and motor bus probably would be run each day from both Los Angeles and Salt Lake City.

If the arrangements are carried out as Col. Baum hopes they may be, the guns will be ready for action here on July 4.

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