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TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1931.

REGISTER AND VOTE

TODAY is the last day for registering for the City election May 5. Whether you are greatly interested or not, you should register if entitled to do so and then you can cast your ballot as seems best.

The principal trouble with our elective system is that too many fail to do their duty on election day. The franchise is a right for which we would fight to the death if an effort were made to take it from us. But, having the right safely settled, only about fifty percent of us take the trouble to exercise it on election day.

If we all voted every election day there would be fewer of us finding fault with the way our governmental affairs are handled.

SIGNING THE CONTRACT

EVENTS of no small historical interest occurred in Las Vegas last Saturday and yesterday when Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and Mr. R. F. Walter, chief engineer of the Bureau, affixed their signatures to the contract whereby the government is pledged to pay out more than forty eight million dollars for the labor of constructing Hoover Dam.

The contract is a good sized book which represents the culmination of years of work by many men. When one thinks back to the many difficulties of the project, one marvels that the ingenuity of man could bring it to this state of accomplishment.

The building of the great dam will be no more remarkable than the creation of the project first in the minds of men.

HOTELS COMING

WITHIN the next few months Las Vegas will, very probably, find herself the proud possessor of several new hotels.

The most pressing need of the city today is hotel accommodations. And if we think our present accommodations inadequate, we will find that the rapidly increasing demand will make the situation worse before it is better. We must have several high class hotels to accommodate the rising tide of visitors who will be coming here during the next few years.

We are beginning to understand that our great prosperity in the near future will come from the thousands of sightseers constantly attracted to Las Vegas. And we must have plenty of hotels if we would reap the harvest.

LAS VEGAS ROSES

LAS VEGAS is revelling in roses these days. For the past three or four weeks the bloom has been increasing and now is about at its height.

Roses grow in Las Vegas with comparative little care, but they well repay in greater size and perfection whatever attention is bestowed on them.

When you build that new home plant plenty of roses about it, especially the climbing varieties to clamber over the house.

BOULDER CITY BORN

BOULDER CITY will be officially "born" tomorrow when Postmaster Finney opens the post office there.

As yet there is no city—only a series of shack and tent camps. But in a few months there will be a well ordered city of several thousand people there engaged on the many phases of Boulder Dam work. And the little post office opened in a shack now will become, in a few months, a really important one.

ASSEMBLYMAN RESIGNS

J. L. FINNEY has resigned his office as assemblyman prior to taking the office of postmaster at Boulder City.

There probably will be no need for an assemblyman in his place until after the next general election.

However, should there be a special session of the legislature in the meantime, the vacancy can be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners.

SEWER BONDS

THE question of voting sewer bonds in the amount of \$160,000 will be placed on the ballots for the city election May fifth.

There is no question about the need for the extension of the sewerage system. But it does seem that those who are asked to vote the bonds should be given full information of the sewerage system. But it does seem that those who is to be spent.

The trouble is that the engineers in charge of the plans have made no investigation and no report as to what is needed and where, or as to the cost.

If it can be done full information on those things should be given to the voters before the election.

Leave Your Address With Western Union

Las Vegas and Reno See Return of "Roaring Day," Under New Wide Open Gambling Law



Las Vegas and Reno are going after the title of "America's Monte Carlo" since the state legislature legalized gambling. Mayor E. E. Roberts is shown (left) besides a chuck-a-luck game. The "fare" game that never closes is shown above, and roulette wheels like the one below are clicking in many casinos.

Las Vegas and Reno are looking for a return of the "roaring old days" when clicking of the roulette wheel and curt calls of the "bank" dealer crowded gambling houses and resorts here with "free spenders."

Cold business-like plans to commercialize the newly legalized "wide open" gambling, which has operated here for years without much subterfuge, are under way.

What they may lose to sister cities of the state, or possibly Arkansas or Idaho through divorce laws enacted here, they plan to regain by becoming the American Monte Carlo.

Reno has prospered under restrictive legislation, and boasts of having doubled its population in the 21 years in which open gambling and later legalized liquor selling were banned. If never has taken either law very seriously.

Three federal prohibition officials have been assigned to the state of Nevada. Periodically they descend upon Reno but the coming of the agents usually has been heralded so quickly that few of the resorts suffered.

Gambling has not been subjected even to those slight interferences throughout the years of Reno. A step or two off the main street and the chance visitor, if his hair is graying, could look again upon scenes he saw 30 years ago.

The rattle of the spinning wheel, the cries of the craps or chuck-a-luck players, the perspiring crowds about the tables and the impressive "look-outs" perched high above the fare tables, bring back memories of the days when every American metropolis had its "Gamblers' row."

Only the long bars are missing. The despondent loser or exuberant winner can get the drinks, but no too conspicuously.

The half dozen more prominent places along the main street of Reno have been tacitly recognized

and paid a certain revenue to the city, while dozens of "peep hole" establishments have catered more to feminine seekers of the "cure," as the divorce decree is known, who shun publicity.

Now Reno has decided to depend less on "cure-seekers" and go after spenders who do not avoid newspaper cameras.

Paris, April 10. (AP)—Seven of the world's largest sugar exporting countries, including Cuba, reached a definite agreement tonight on limitation of sugar exports over a period of five years. They also decided to appoint an international sugar council of twenty-one members, three from each country.

The agreement is the result of negotiations over five months under the direction of Thomas Chadbourne, originally chairman of the American committee on sugar accord for Cuba. Briefly the plan provides for a graduated limitation of exports of sugar to go into effect when the price reaches two cents per pound.

Out-of-state tourists, numbering 759,023, spent \$12,879,955 for gasoline and oil in southern California, the state department of agriculture announced.

The "average farm" in Lane county, Kans., comprises 850 acres, on which 4,000 bushels of wheat was grown in 1930.

Another notable thing about this hotel is that Ben Hecht and Charles McArthur maintain a whole floor as a stable for young and promising writers. They are allowed to live there free until Hecht and McArthur get ready to write a play. They the proteges must find new quarters until the Hollywood vs. New York playboys emerge from the place with a new opus.

The parade through the lobby affers infinite variety. There pass salesmen, both famous and obscure novelists and playwrights, artists, chorus girls, "ghost" writers, radio singers, race track followers, newspapermen prize fighters and sometimes people who really work for a living.

Depression Note
Two young men who turned out to be salesmen were talking shop as they sipped their coffee at a West Fourteenth street counter.

"I'm not selling any shirts these days," one of them moaned. "People just aren't buying. They're wearing their shirts until they fall off in shreds."

"Yeah, this depression is terrible," the second one sympathetically agreed. "My candy bar business has gone to the dogs."

"I quit my job today," commented an interrupter. "I've been standing around street corners a long time and I don't mind having a box of apples in front of me."

Boot Hill cemetery, oldest burying ground in the Texas panhandle, will be fenced for protection against souvenir hunters.

Life insurance averages \$23 for each person in Italy as compared with an average of \$1,000 in United States.

The federal government is spending \$500,000 for a new quarantine station and incidental buildings at New Orleans.

Eye Research Work Bringing Fame to Nation

King of Siam To Be Examined at Wilmer Institute

BALTIMORE, Md., April 10. (AP)—Research in diseases of the eye, which has put the United States in the forefront of ophthalmology, is under way at the Wilmer institute of Johns Hopkins hospital where the afflicted King Praja Dhipok of Siam soon will be examined by Dr. William Holland Wilmer preliminary to an operation in New York.

Both Tarkington and Charles A. Lindbergh are among the distinguished patients treated by Dr. Wilmer who, during the war, was responsible for the eyesight of A. E. F.liers.

Research to broaden the field of eye knowledge is carried on at the institute which is the ophthalmological department of Johns Hopkins hospital and the central structure of the corresponding department of Johns Hopkins university.

In general, research is progressing with respect to the chemistry of the eye, with radium as it is related to the eye and with specific diseases about which insufficient knowledge now is available. Chemical research especially deals with a study of the blood in relation with the eye and a hint of the direction of this work is contained in the statement that it has been thought "the blood may have some relation to cataracts."

Cataracts are the affliction of the King of Siam. Records of the institute also show that large numbers of persons suffering from cataracts also have diabetes.

More adequate knowledge also is sought regarding trachoma and the specialists concede that little is known of the disease called glaucoma. With radium the Wilmer institute staff hopes to aid industrial workers whose eyes have been injured by flying particles. Radium is expected to hasten absorption of scar tissues and thus to restore clear vision after such injury.

Marines Reported Killed in Attack

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 13. (AP)—The United States marine headquarters here said they had received no official report which would confirm dispatches to Panama City that Marine Lieutenant Darrah and Sergeant Taylor had been killed in a bandit attack at Logtown, north-eastern Nicaragua.

Reports that Captain Harlin Puffer had been killed in an ambush near Logtown Saturday were officially confirmed.

Broker Promise Started Burke

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10. (AP)—What caused Fred Burke, notorious gangster arrested in Missouri and extradited to Michigan to face murder charges, to turn to a criminal "career" on a big scale? Harry Arthur, former city detective here who first arrested Burke in 1918, has a theory.

Burke, then known as Thomas Camp, was sent to St. Louis to answer a forgery charge when Arthur arrested him.

"He told me," Arthur said, "that the officers there assured him the charges would be erased from his records if he would join the army. He did, and went overseas with a machine gun company."

"When he came back, they arrested him on the old charge, and he served two years for it."

Burke told men he was "plenty sore" about the broken promise and said he was going to be as tough as they come from now on."

Dashing Tenors Giving Crooners New Competition

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13. (AP)—Coloratura tenors will be the new stars of the radio firmament, if the observation of E. R. Quisenberry, Pacific coast director of artists for NBC, are correct.

Mammy singers and blues crooners are passing or changing their style as the vocal vogue shifts, he believes.

"Styles in singers of popular songs change rapidly, now that network programs familiarize an entire continent with each new voice," Quisenberry says. "The direct antecedent of the crooner was the 'mammy singer.' Then crooning came to replace the mammy-theme with love interest. Now the high-pitched tenor voice, almost falsetto yet wholly legitimate in its tone, is rising on the radio."

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