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FIREMEN RESENTFUL

AN odd thing has happened. The members of the Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department, who have for years been giving their services, ruining their clothes, and risking their lives fighting fires in Las Vegas, have passed a resolution "resenting the platform of any municipal officer seeking which means making a paid department of the present volunteer department."

Which, it seems, is the first time on record that an organization, especially one which has performed services so valuable as has this, ever resented a proposal that a little something in the way of compensation well earned, should be paid them.

COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT

SOME controversy has arisen as to how the office made vacant by the resignation of Assemblyman Finney may be filled.

Attorney Fred S. Alward, the remaining Clark county assemblyman, calls our attention to Chapter IV, Section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, which reads:

"In case of death or resignation of any member of the legislature, either senator or assemblyman, the county commissioners of the county from which such member was elected shall appoint a person of the same political party as the party which elected such senator or assemblyman to fill such vacancy; provided that this section shall apply only in cases where no general election takes place between the time of such death or resignation and the next succeeding session of the legislature."

From which it seems quite clear to the Age that, should there be a special session of the legislature before the next general election, it will be the duty of the county commissioners to appoint a Republican assemblyman to succeed Mr. Finney for the unexpired term.

A BAD SITUATION

THE evils of lack of zoning are well illustrated by an incident which has just occurred.

A short time ago a fine home in a good residential district of Las Vegas was sold by the owner for a very satisfactory price. Owners of surrounding homes were pleased to see the recognition of increasing property values in their neighborhood, which the sale reflected. It was really gratifying to see property in such demand.

Then—the news leaked out that the property had been bought by a company for use as an undertaking parlor, and elation vanished. Indignation and distress took its place. The owners of homes in the neighborhood found their property which they had nurtured as the ideal location for homes, was not so desirable as it had been.

They are not protesting against undertaking parlors. They are just as necessary as any other business. But we do believe that the owners of property in that neighborhood, or any other residential section of the city, should have the right to decide whether an undertaking parlor is desirable for that particular location.

At any rate the new owners of the property promptly attempted to establish the character of their purchase by placing a sign and sending a load of caskets to the place, so that, should the city board really decide to do something about zoning, it would be of no effect as against a business previously established.

Heretofore such examples as that cited above have been comparatively few. From now forward they will be many unless a real zoning ordinance is adopted and will result in untold destruction of property values.

And right now absence of adequate zoning is driving more capital out of Las Vegas than any half dozen other things put together.

Zoning is something which needs study. In a small city like Las Vegas it is feasible to zone very definitely as to various classes of business and industry, as to residences, hotels, apartments and all. It may cost something for expert advice. But once being accomplished, owners of property in any particular block or section can pretty well decide what classes of enterprise they will welcome.

OLD THEATER HIT BY FIRE

BUTTE Mont., April 15 (U.P.)—Fire in the old Empress theater tonight forced the Montana Standard, a morning newspaper, to move from its plant next door, to the plant of the Butte Daily Post. The theater building, a historic landmark, had not been used for years, and was empty when the blaze was discovered. None was injured in the conflagration, although the business district was threatened for a time.

Jaw Broken In Searchlight Fight

M. W. Wall, Searchlight resident, is in the Las Vegas Hospital suffering from a broken jaw. According to doctors in attendance, Wall is said to have been hit on the jaw with the butt of a rifle in a fight in the southern city.  
It was necessary for the doctors to wire the jaw bones together. The nature of the break made the task of getting the broken bones together a difficult one. Doctors report Mr. Wall progressing in a satisfactory manner.

Nearly all members of the Duke university baseball team this year are sophomores.

RADIO CAMERA PUTS OUTDOOR SCENES ON AIR



This portable television "camera" has broadcast views of speeding trains and other scenes, using only sunlight for illumination, in successful tests.

By C. E. BUTTERFIELD (Associated Press Radio Editor)  
PASSAIC, N. J., (AP)—Speeding trains and other outdoor scenes have been seen via radio in television tests under way here.

With no other aid than the light of the sun, a television "camera" has been pointed out of the window of the laboratory, and a large sign two blocks or more away recorded with sufficient clarity to distinguish the letters to the sign.

At other times, the camera has been set up alongside a railroad track, and a passenger train "televised." Windows of the cars of the "pushing" train could be made out in the receiver.

These tests, part of the development work of the Jenkins Television Laboratories, are being made to determine how extensive will be the range of television when it is taken outside the studio.

Hastens Radio News Reels—Naturally, another objective is to hasten the day when football, baseball and other outdoor sports can be recorded for sight broadcast direct from the scene of action. The engineers say that even now the full range of a baseball diamond can be taken in, but due to lack of detail it is not possible yet to make out the features or see the fast moving legs of the base runner.

The "camera" used for the daylight pickup resembles the talking movie machine used for photographing outdoor scenes with sound. There is the usual lens which must be focused just like that of any camera. It differs in that the film is replaced by a photoelectric cell, and in place of the reels for the film there is a large scanning disk in front of the photocell to break up the light rays passing through the lens. These tiny dots of light are scanned into electric current by the photo cell.

Camera is Portable—The camera is mounted on a tripod with wheels to make it portable. A number of trailing wires connect it with a transmitter just like the microphone used for outdoor sound broadcasts. The device operates on what is known as the scanned photoelectric cell system. That is, light from an outside source is reflected onto the cell through a lens, a method not unlike that used for ordinary photographic work.

Its efficiency depends entirely upon the sensitivity of the photocell. The tests have been under way for some time. They are similar to those conducted at Schenectady, N. Y., by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, in which he pointed his "camera" at a highway bridge and picked up automobiles as they crossed the span.

Suits Filed In District Court

Filed April 14  
Henrietta Reese Wratten vs. George Edward Wratten, for divorce. The parties married at Dunkirk, N. Y., April 19, 1907, and there are no minor children and no community property.  
The complaint alleges extreme cruelty as cause of action. Harmon & Salter appeared for the plaintiff and Ham & Taylor entered an appearance for defendant, permitting a decree to be handed down on the 15th.

Filed April 15  
Philip Gehman vs. Charlotte A. Gehman, for divorce. The parties married at Boise, Idaho, April 15, 1925. There is no community property and but one minor child, Phyllis Gehman, 12 years of age.  
The cause of action alleged by the complaint is insanity of the defendant. It is alleged that shortly prior to September 23, 1928, defendant became insane and was committed to the Idaho State Hospital for Mental Diseases at Blackfoot, Idaho; and that she now is insane and confined in said hospital by reason thereof.  
Plaintiff prays for a decree of divorce and the custody of the child. C. D. Breeze is attorney for plaintiff.

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 W. A. Bechtel, McDonald & Kahn, Morrison-Knudsen Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company. Amount of bid \$48,890,999.00.  
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 E. 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.

A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—Except for two or three house members from Maryland and Virginia, with constituencies that border on Washington, it is a little hard to see why activities of the half-dozen or so daily papers of Washington should be of so much concern "on the hill."  
Washington itself being voteless, presumably only a handful of commuting government workers from Maryland and Virginia could react at the polls to what they read day by day in local papers.  
Yet the fact is that the legislators are highly sensitive to the attitude of the Washington local press. That developed sharply in connection with the campaign of Chairman Will Wood of the house appropriations committee to defer certain salary increases for large numbers of federal employes on the hard times plea.

**The Other Side**  
"How are you going to explain your vote (back home) if you increase the salaries of these people who are already well paid and have steady positions in these trying times?" Wood demanded of the house. "There are millions of men and women who would take one-half of the salaries of these federal employes, who work fewer days in the year than most people in outside employment."  
"What are we little jumping-jacks going to do when the big Washington papers are all telling us what we have got to do?" countered Bian-ton of Texas.  
"I realize that every paper in this city is opposed to my position," Wood said. "It is for commercial reasons, and commercial reasons alone."  
The more money is paid to the thousands of federal employes in the city of Washington, the more money will be spent in mercantile establishments in this town. It means more money to be paid out for advertising in the columns of the various newspapers.  
"Oh, gentlemen, think a moment! We should be just to the people who pay the taxes."

Victorious Citizens  
Now, those are hard words as to Washington's newspapers. Mr. Wood probably would think twice about applying them to any group of Indiana papers. To the Bystander's way of thinking, also, the plea overlooks the fact that federal workers in Washington pay federal taxes—and get no vote.  
The Wood theory in proposing to stifle for another year the government clerk salary adjustments originally legislated for in 1923 as a sort of involuntary federal contribution to hard-pressed taxpayers, is a bit unusual.  
Why not start with higher federal salary groups? With congress, say?

A job as senator or representative brings in around \$15,000 a year, all told, exclusive of mileage. The average salary of government clerks in Washington in 1930 was placed by Mr. Wood himself as \$2,100. About one-third of the 150,000 clerks involved are in Washington.

MARK BARRON ENTERTAINS YOU IN HIS COLUMN

NEW YORK—A young woman novelist drew some of her royalties and decided to go to Hawaii for material for her next book. Before leaving she called up a man, a not very successful writer, and suggested that they have a little farewell dinner together.  
The novelist insisted that it be her party and that she be allowed to pay for everything. Having no money and not having dined for a couple of days, the man quickly agreed to meet her at one of the more expensive restaurants.  
Once there he began ordering items from the high-priced menu until it seemed that he had decided to feed a whole bread line. After sailing through a gargantuan line-up of caviar, oysters, fish, steak, dessert and coffee, the fellow leaned back full of food and jole de vivre.  
"My dear," he began, "thanks for a grand party, and I do hope you have a marvelous time in Hawaii."  
"Well," she said as she paid the huge total on the dinner check, "you can keep your good wishes. I don't think I can go to Hawaii now."  
East Side Boy  
The typical east side boy (the one who grows up in the tenement district) is not so different from the typical boy of Terre Haute or Houston. A survey shows his favorite game is baseball, but he doesn't get much chance to play it in the narrow and crowded streets. Instead basketball and indoor baseball are the popular substitutes if there is a free gymnasium in his neighborhood.  
Where once they wanted to be a cowboy or policeman when they grew up, now they want to be an aviator or engineer. Lindbergh and Byrd are their favorite heroes, with General Pershing, Henry Ford and Ben-

Proceedings In District Court

Hon. Wm. E. Orr, District Judge, presiding.  
April 11th  
O. A. Kimball, plaintiff, vs. Alice Judson Kimball, defendant. Ham & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff; Guy Baker, attorney for defendant. Hearing on notice of motion for suit money, etc., and order of court. Held in Gubler, plaintiff, vs. The County of Clark, State of Nevada, a municipal corporation. McNamee & McNamee, attorneys for plaintiff. Decree granted quieting title as prayed for in complaint, to property commonly known as Clark county experimental farm.  
E. A. Wolfshke, doing business as Southern Nevada Lumber Co., plaintiff, vs. J. M. Heaton, et al., defendants. Ordered that defendant Heaton be given to and including the 30th day of April in which to answer. E. F. Dupray, attorney for plaintiff; Chas. Lee Horsey, attorney for defendant. Heaton.  
April 15th  
Ruth K. McLellan, plaintiff, vs. Aiden McLellan, defendant. Decree of divorce granted. Fred S. Alward, attorney for plaintiff.  
J. Warren Woodard, C. M. Howser and May Howser, his wife, plaintiffs, vs. County of Clark, State of Nevada, a public corporation, et al., defendants. Ham & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff. Decree granted quieting title as prayed for in complaint.  
Henrietta Reese Wratten, plaintiff, vs. George Edward Wratten, defendant. Harmon & Salter, attorneys for plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted.  
In the matter of the estate of Dorcas Fairlene Kampling, deceased. Chas. Lee Horsey, attorney for estate. Ordered that final account be approved, estate distributed as prayed for and administrator discharged from his trust.  
ny Friedman as second choice.  
Mystery stories and aviation adventure thrillers are their best liked literatures. Frank Merrillwell is unknown to them, but they do like O. Henry, Mark Twain, Horatio Alger and Ralph Henry Barbour. Pugilistic Woes  
It was the crying corner of our favorite coffee tavern and the young prizefighter from Jersey, with no urging whatsoever, was pouring out his tale of misfortune.  
"I'm a conscientious fighter, I am," he assured us, "and when I went in this racket I looked around and studied what the public wanted. I figured Dempsey was more popular because he's a slugger, and Tunney wasn't so popular because he's a boxer and doesn't go in for punching."  
"So I let science and boxing go hang, and studied how to use my fists. Feinting and timing didn't mean a thing to me. I went in there and traded fingers with the other mugs until one of us dropped."  
"Well, it's no good with the referees we have now. I guess I'll have to learn all over. I walk out in the middle of that ring and knock these chumps spinning. Then the referee won't start counting until he stops rolling. By that time he's recovered and gets on his feet again."  
"Yes, sir, I'm pure science after his, Me and Einstein."

LACK OF LONGWORTH'S GRIP UNSETTLES HOUSE

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON, April 15, (U.P.)—The death of Speaker Longworth of Ohio brings added confusion to the political uncertainty which surrounds the seventy-second congress as no other in the nation's history. Desperately as both parties will need their every vote, the absence of his personality after six years as speaker of the house is perhaps of even wider significance than his own vote on organization in the new house would have been.  
Longworth was the fifth house member to die since the elections last November.  
It was the unquestionable great personal popularity of Longworth with the rank and file of the house, regardless of party lines, that was an intangible asset for the Republicans, perhaps transcending in importance even the one-vote nominal party majority they still have in the house.  
**Night Have Stemmed Tide**  
It might have served to stem a tide of irregular Republican revolt that some Republican leaders have dreaded. It might have helped shape the compromise proposals on house rules which those leaders already are offering their disgruntled western colleagues.  
It might even have brought some Democratic votes to the aid of Republican control had Democratic harmony, the delicately balanced alliance between the industrial east and the agricultural south, failed to stand the strain to which it will be put.  
With congress out of session, it is impossible to calculate closely all the repercussions Longworth's death may have. Even house leaders of the two major parties will be unable to tell with a certainty until time has elapsed to permit exchange of views.  
**Three Vacancies in House**  
There now are three vacancies in the house due to death, two Republican and one Democratic. Two of these, seats to which the veteran Cooper of Wisconsin and Aswell of Louisiana had been re-elected, represent no probability of party lineup changes when the special elections are held.  
Longworth's own seat is held doubtful because last November, after years of majorities always above 20,000 and once as high as 50,000, he rolled up a scant 4,000. It was a Democratic year in Ohio last year. It may be still.  
Another Ohio factor enters the picture. The state elected a Democratic governor last year. It will be his function to call a special election in Longworth's district.  
While speculation as to what the actual party line-up in the house may be when it convenes is seemingly futile now, due to the possibility, if not the probability, of other deaths before that time, it is possible that Governor White of Ohio might hold the key. By withholding his call for a special election in the event of a probable Republican victory, he could in effect cast a Democratic vote on house organization.

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