

LAS VEGAS AGE

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MORE OF ZONING

FOR several years zoning has been recognized as something that the city should adopt. We have discussed it with the City Planning Commission and at the chamber of commerce. The commission spent much valuable time on the subject and presented a report which at that time would have provided a very satisfactory basis for zoning had it been adopted by the city.

The failure to adopt a zoning plan has damaged Las Vegas greatly and leaves a constant threat to our homes and property of all classes.

When the new city board takes office next June its first duty should be to secure from some good authority a plan of zoning to fit Las Vegas. We suggest that they resurrect the old city planning commission and ask them again to assist in preparing a plan. The commission was at one time in touch with experts in zoning whose services might have been secured at a very small cost to the city.

ROUGH WORK

A LOT of Las Vegas folks attended the American Legion boxing program last night and saw, after the boxing, a wrestling match.

Quite a lot of people have not seen wrestling of the modern style. For the benefit of such we may remark that prize fighting is a sweet, kindly and gentle pursuit in comparison with wrestling as it is carried on in these days.

The marvel of the game is how human beings can stand so much pulling and hauling and mauling and slamming and still live. But wrestlers do live through tortures which would kill an ordinary man and they tell you they like the game and prove it by coming back for more.

BIG THINGS

HOOPER DAM construction will break many records for bigness in some matters of which we have not thought. For example the matter of drill steel. One steel company in Pittsburgh has contracted to furnish Six Companies, Inc., hundreds of tons of fine steel for use in drilling the rock for the tunnels, the foundations and other features of Hoover Dam. The contract is said to be the largest ever let for drill steel to be used on a single job.

PAINTING THE STREETS

FREMONT street is all painted up. There are strips newly painted on each side within which cars are supposed to be when parked. There are brand new red strips on the curbs at street intersections to keep cars away from the corners, and there are pedestrian zones painted on the street intersections within which pedestrians are expected to keep when crossing the streets.

Which reminds us that we have been doing altogether too much jaywalking in Las Vegas. Instead of going straight across the street intersections, too many people cut diagonally from one corner to another. Which confuses drivers of cars as well as other pedestrians and creates a real danger. And a practice which is still more dangerous is that of running out from between parked cars to cross streets in the middle of the blocks. Las Vegas has altogether too much traffic these days to make such a practice safe. It is pure good fortune that no lives have been lost because of the jaywalking habit in Las Vegas.

We will add to the peace of mind of drivers as well as to the safety of ourselves if we will help the officers to enforce the simple traffic rules they are putting into effect. And we can afford to take considerable care and trouble to prevent the killing or injuring of one person. So far we have a very satisfactory record. Accidents will happen, but we can prevent many if we will submit cheerfully to the regulations.

BURGLARS ENTER LUMBER COMPANY

Officers were still searching today for burglars who are believed to have entered the office of the Wolshek Lumber company here Thursday night and escaped with a typewriter and some small change. Deputy Sheriff Bodell is working on the case. Officers believe entrance was gained with a skeleton key.

DE MOLAYS OPEN MEETING IN RENO

RENO, April 17. (AP)—More than six hundred members of the Order of De Molay, representing fifty-nine chapters in Nevada and California, were given the keys to the city here today at the opening of the eighth annual convention.

Black Velvet Gown Has Silver Yoke

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Black velvet and silver metal cloth make an afternoon dress worn by Mrs. Whitney North Seymour. The blouse waist has a drop yoke of the metal cloth. Silver cuffs adorn the three-quarter length sleeves. With the costume Mrs. Seymour wears a small black velvet hat encircled by an ostrich feather which drops to the right shoulder. Her pendant ear-rings of onyx are set with silver.

Real Flowers Adorn Handbags for Spring

PARIS, (AP)—Smart Paris women are carrying real flowers in their handbags this spring. The flowers, which are tucked into one end of an envelope bag, match the lining of the bag and costume accessories in color. Pale pink carnations in a black envelope bag lined with pale pink are favorites.

Leave Your Address With Western Union

New Yorker AT LARGE

NEW YORK—Not long ago a brown one house near the East river was suffering from a common complaint in Manhattan—too many visitors during late night hours.

In those few "where can we go now" moments around three o'clock in the morning, squads of taxicabs jammed with riotous revelers, pulled up to the manse of Norman Bel Geddes.

They wanted to play games, and Bel Geddes had to put a stop to that. And he did the task very diplomatically. Instead of telling his friends to stay away, he invented a game too complicated and difficult for them.

In the beginning Bel Geddes invented the forerunner of midgeet golf. It was merely "pasture pool" played on a billiard table, and as it was so simple, he abandoned it. Then he devised a game based on horse-racing.

This offered a track of mechanical horses operated by electricity, and their runways were so fitted with shifting ballbearings that they offered a definite chance in the sweepstakes.

This game grew so popular that Gloria Swanson, Edna Ferber, Claire Luce, Peter Arno and Phyllis Haver maintained their own private stables of mechanical horses.

War Game—And Victory
Bel Geddes' home, which also is his studio, became the playground of Manhattan. So came into being his war game. This is played on a board about the size of a dining room table and represents the topography of a battlefield. The rules



By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — Conning over his memories of more than thirty years as senate press gallery executive officer, Jim Preston has stumbled on the extraordinary supply of political longevity that came into the Washington set-up in the 55th congress.

That was the Spanish war congress, 1897 to 1899. Perhaps that had something to do with it. But for whatever reason, the 55th produced a lot of men who later held high place not only in the legislative branch of government, but in executive, judicial and even diplomatic posts as well.

The late Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin was the only veteran of the 55th congress in the house of the 71st. The last of them have died except for Vice President Curtis and Senators King of Utah and Swanson of Virginia. None of the senators of the 55th is left.

Yet there were two other future vice presidents, Fairbanks and Sherman, in that house. With them served five other men who were to become speakers of the house, Cannon, Henderson, Reed, Gillett and Clark.

Senators-To-Be
At least twenty-five house members of the 55th ultimately became senators, men like Bankhead, Underwood, Dooliver, Curtis, Gillett, Smith of Michigan, John Sharp

are those of a battle, and it often takes several months' playing to decide which side wins.

It is too intricate for smart Manhattaners, so about the only ones who show up for the contests these days are army and navy officers. Bel Geddes is an expert at this. He is a constant student of war tactics, yet he is really an ardent pacifist.

Bel Geddes early left Adrian, Mich., stopped over in Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles — then came to New York to revolutionize commercial art. Today he may be designing new stage settings, sketching ideas for new types of furniture, motor cars or airplanes, planning modernistic buildings, arranging window displays or inventing new games. He is probably the most versatile of all our artists.

His first job was as bus boy on a Great Lake steamer, and next he tumbled into vaudeville, as "Zedsky, the Boy Magician."

He has an unrelenting temper, and he sleeps in the same room in which he works.

He Forgot \$5,000
He hasn't the slightest idea of money value. Some of his plans save thousands of dollars, yet he will turn right around and waste everything he saved on some other project.

His real name is simply Geddes, but he married a girl named Belle and attached her name to his own. He is only 37 years old, and he sleeps very little. He both works and plays at full speed, and is very absent-minded. Once he sold an idea for \$5,000, but forgot to go and collect the money.

Williams, Newlands, Theodore Burton, Joe Bailey, even James Hamilton Lewis who sat then from Washington and is just back for his second senator tour from Illinois.

Two future members of the supreme court, Moody and Pitney, were in the house of the 55th.

It also knew two future governors of New York, Odell and Sulzer, and McClellan, who was to be mayor of New York City.

There were three members who had been or would be cabinet officers, Moody, Teller and Chandler.

Wide Influence

This is but a rough summary of the important national figures who were a part of that 55th congress. There were many more who continued for years to wield great influence in national affairs, men like Mark Hanna, Shelby Cullom, William Allison, Jim Mann.

The habit of long service in the house is still strong. Almost half the membership of the house of the 71st had served at least ten years, five years, when that congress ended.

There were nearly fifty men with eight terms, a total of 16 years, behind them.

Yet it is doubtful that any other congress in recent times, at least, made so deep an imprint upon national affairs through the continuing activities of its members as did the 55th.

CUTBERTH PLANS TO LOCATE HERE

W. G. Cutberth, formerly a prominent portrait photographer of San Francisco and Los Angeles is in Las Vegas and plans to locate here. Cutberth is at the present time operating at the Oakes studio on Fremont street. The photographer arrived here from Hawaii where he recently operated a studio in Honolulu.

HOOPER 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-Knudson Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company. Amount of bid \$48,890,998.00.
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. 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 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.

APPRAISERS HERE FOR TAX SURVEY

P. Y. Gilson, and his assistants, making a tax survey for the Union, Western and Southern Pacific railroads and other public utility concerns operating in the state of Nevada, arrived here today to begin work in Clark county.

They recently completed a survey of White Pine county assessments and property valuation which entailed a thorough checking of the assessment roll and other county lists. The survey is being conducted by the combined utility companies as a step in their purported war for state tax adjustments. Gilson is well known in Tonopah, Goldfield and Carson City where he has been active for several years.

BOSTON, April 17. (AP)—The rising tide of motor vehicle popularity has failed to remove the century-old shop of Boston's only downtown blacksmith. Cornelius Cronin still wields his five-pound hammer at his forge in his Creek Square horse-shoeing establishment. Moreover, business is good, according to Cronin.

INDIAN TONGUE ALMOST EXTINCT

NORWICH, Conn., April 17 (AP)—The beautiful rhythmic tongue of a once-powerful Indian nation is virtually extinct among the last of the Mohicans.

No one among the 70 remaining on the reservation at Mohegan, near here, can speak more than a few words of greeting, according to Chief Peegee Uncas, descendant of a long line of rulers who held sway in western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Chief Uncas believes the only Mohican who can converse freely in the tribal language is William Dick of Wisconsin, descendant of another Mohican who migrated to that state after the Mohicans withdrew from the Five Nations. Dick lives at Stockbridge, named for the old home of the tribe in Massachusetts.

Malola Kallil, Hawaiian swimmer, has a younger brother, Manuella, who appears to have a brighter future than Malola, 1930 national A. A. U. quarter mile free style champion.

LISTING SERVICE IN NEW LOCATION

The room listing service, which started business here several days ago, has moved from 125 South Third street into the Waters building, located at 124 North Second street.

In addition to renting rooms they have extended their service to include apartments and houses as well. According to the managers, business is good and they have placed many people into rooms in private homes that without their

Sun Beau, fifth in the second Agua Caliente handicap, went to the post at odds of 1 to 2, the shortest in the history of this or the Coffroth handicap, which it succeeded.

service these renters would have been unable to have found lodging.

The larger hotels of Las Vegas are cooperating with this service and are turning over to them their nightly overflow so that in the future people coming late to Las Vegas will have a possibility of securing a room for the night.



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