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ANOTHER WINTER

THE way the temperature felt last night one would be justified in thinking that our second winter this season had arrived.

The weather of the entire west has been of the nasty variety for the past few days, quite in contrast with what we expect. Nevertheless, Las Vegas seems to have fared better than most localities, even sunny Southern California having had a touch of the rough stuff....And a shiver or two of earthquake.

THE TREMORS

THOSE who live in Southern California should be pleased that they have a little earthquake occasionally, instead of saving up for one big shake.

When there is a little tremor once every year of two the country is safe enough. But when these readjustments of the earth come only once in a hundred years or so they may be quite violent and annoying.

ROUGH STUFF

SPEAKING of earthquakes reminds us of the wrestling bouts the American Legion is putting on. Compared with wrestling, prize fighting is the sweet and gentle sport of little children.

And when one big fellow picks the other big fellow up, spins him around his head and slams him down on his back with all the force of four hundred pounds gravity pull plus the power of mighty muscles, the slamee is apt to stay slammed. And earthquakes are nothing at all in comparison.

A skinny guy like the Editor just can't help wondering how come the participants in a wrestling bout live through it.

Anyhow, wrestling is no business for a puny cuss.

MINING INTEREST

THERE is a nation-wide interest in gold mining which seems to be centering in Southern Nevada. There seems to be the smell of gold in the air—that is to the prospector. Every so often some strange impulse sends men into the desert and mountains looking for gold. And every so often a great new camp is opened up.

Just now the fever of discovery is in the air. Reports of new strike sare heard here or there. And some old districts like Eldorado Canyon and Searchlight, each of which have produced much gold, are showing up new ore bodies.

It is not unreasonable to expect that the certainty of cheap power in the near future will encourage prospecting and developing to such an extent as to put Nevada back on the map as a gold state.

VETERAN'S HOSPITAL

THE American Legion boys assisted by the chamber of commerce and other organizations, have prepared a brief setting forth the advantages offered by Las Vegas as the site for the proposed Nevada veteran's hospital.

The document is some fifty pages and covers every phase of the question from sites, soil and water, to climatic and health conditions, transportation, accessibility and regional convenience.

The fact that the Hoover Dam project gives preference to ex-service men and that during the next eight years of its construction there will be many hundred ex-service men employed here is one of the very best arguments in favor of locating the hospital at Las Vegas.

If the location is chosen strictly according to merit there seems hardly a chance that the government will build the hospital anywhere but Las Vegas.

Not that Las Vegas is better in all respects than other places. There are a number of mighty fine little cities in Nevada. But in this matter Las Vegas has the peculiar combination of those qualities which count most in the treatment and care of the sick.

THE TRACK MEET

TODAY the interscholastic track and field meet will be held at Butcher Field.

We frequently hear taxpayers grumbling at the athletic part of our educational system as unnecessary trimming to our schools. As a matter of fact, experience has proven that nothing develops the young folks in both mind and body as the athletic instruction now commonly given in the schools.

The writer has watched the growth in athletics of our educational system for the past fifty years. We must have the "Three R's" of course, but if we must begin cutting down on our schools lets chop off some of the fancy brain fodder and hang on to the athletics, which develops body and mind together. Training for a track meet is a pretty liberal education in itself.

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LIP IS BADGE OF ALFONSO'S ANCESTRY; HEREDITY EXPLAINS MUCH IN HIS CAREER

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE (Associated Press Science Editor) NEW YORK. (AP)—The last reigning Hapsburg lip goes into exile with King Alfonso. It is an under-shot facial member which by the laws of heredity indicates that Spain's king may not be headed for oblivion.

Lip Famed

The fame of this lip is its unbroken inheritance in one family for 600 years, but its virtue is as a symbol. It is the world's outstanding visible proof that the dominant qualities of great ancestors can live again.

Alfonso has these great ancestors in supreme degree, 1,000 years' inheritance of Castilian and Arragonese royalty, 500 years of Hapsburg emperors and 200 years of Bourbon kings.

This inheritance explains much in his royal career. It clarifies the fact that he still is one of the new princes of industry, a business man credited with building a private fortune worth \$15,000,000.

The facts of this inheritance have been analyzed by Frederick Adams Woods of Rome, formerly of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and of Harvard, and Albert Edward Wiggam, New York genetic authority.

Early Stage

The Hapsburg lip made its first appearance in history late in the fourteenth century in Cymburga, wife of the second patriarch of Hapsburg. Darwin was so impressed that he wrote:

"It would appear that in certain families some one ancestor, and after him others in the same family, must have had great power in transmitting their likeness through the male line; for we cannot otherwise understand how the same features should so often be transmitted after marriage with various females as has been the case with the Austrian emperors."

This Hapsburg strain entered Spain with Philip the Handsome of Austria, who married Isabella, daughter of the great Ferdinand and Isabella, friends of Columbus.



Alfonso's badge of heredity, the Hapsburg lip, dominant in one family over 600 years, is often a symbol of great qualities inherited from remote ancestors. Top left, Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, right Alfonso, below Alfonso and distant kinsman showing same lip. Studies arranged by Albert Edward Wiggam of New York.

Alfonso's coolness in the face of assassins might have come from dozens of ancestors who mostly fought for their lives and crowns for 500 years.

Business Ability Modern business acumen, such as Alfonso's, goes by the name of acquisitiveness. It has been popular to trace this quality as a refinement from ancestors who roved sea and land rough-handed. If that is a good source, Alfonso's ancestry has plenty of good roots. Among his forebears, along with the prudent, the good and the wise, were others of whom Dr. Woods notes "their jealous greed for power and domain."

The Bourbons came to the Spanish throne in 1700 in the person of Philip V, grandson of Louis XIV of France. Canning is rated as their dominant trait.

Heredity credits an unusual mother as the explanation of Alfonso's character. She transmitted a man-jerky of good things from an ancestry which included a few of history's blackest characters.

Heredity Analysis Heredity's analysis of Alfonso still stands as true of his future as when written by Dr. Woods in 1906.

"The present regent, Alfonso's mother," he stated, "has a character too well known for nobility and virtue to need any comment here. Thus Alfonso XIII, the present king, may be watched with considerable interest.

"With father and mother both normal, though father consumptive, two grandfathers weak and eccentric, one of whom was physically degenerate, (possibly one of them some unknown subject of Isabella II), one grandmother, Elizabeth of Austria, excellent, and a third and fourth generation pedigree, full of vices and depravities, to possibly revert to, and with one great grandparent, Charles of Austria, one of the noblest and most brilliant princes that ever lived, and a bringing-up of the most careful sort, it is indeed difficult to predict what the future king of Spain will be like."

RENO WARNING GIVEN PLAYERS

RENO, April 24. (AP)—Tinhorn gamblers, keep out of Nevada! That is the warning which city, county and state peace officers are spreading to the fraternity. They have not published any bulletins, issued any statements through the press, or mailed any letters, to that effect. But they have let the world know through the grapevine system among gamblers, that "something" men had better watch their step if they plan to come to the "last frontier state."

"The boys had better turn their games on the square, that's all," said Mayor E. E. Roberts of Reno. "We won't stand for any crookedness."

"And what's more," he added, "if we catch anybody running a crooked game, we'll send him to the pen for life."

Peace officers now mingle with the crowds in the gambling halls, to "look things over" and see that a man gets a run for his money. Many of the larger gambling houses have notices of reward posted to anyone finding a crooked game in the place. The gambling men admit the percentage to the house is large enough without dishonesty.

DRUMM LOSES IN DEATH SUIT

Mrs. Cora Smith has been awarded \$3,000 by Judge Clark Guild in her suit against A. D. Drumm, Jr., of Fallon, for the death of her husband in an automobile accident in which Drumm figured. The suit was settled by stipulation, reports the Appeal.

M. A. Diskin represented Mrs. Smith and A. L. Haight was attorney for Drumm.

USES 7-YEAR PLAN

DALTON, Ga. (AP)—W. W. Seaton, winner in a profitable farming contest of Georgia, uses a seven-year rotation scheme to build up his land. The plan is as follows: First year, wheat or oats, second with grass and clover; second year, same; third, hay; fourth and fifth, pasture; sixth and seventh, corn.

WRAPPING SAVES MONEY

WASHINGTON. (AP)—There is a right and wrong way to wrap packages, the bureau of standards has discovered, after studying methods used in 34 department stores in 17 cities. The study is expected to result in an annual saving of \$10,000,000.

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. Keiser 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, 10½ 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.

A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON NEW YORK. (AP)—For a chance blaze of local publicity I loved a few of their exclusive huzzahs for a native writer. Ordinarily it needs a Russian with a name of twenty syllables to pry the fawners loose from their round tables.

They know they can continue talking about themselves to him. As he doesn't know what in thunder they are talking about, he smiles, listens and doesn't mind.

When Roark Bradford of New Orleans and points south came to town, he had all the literary kibitzers on hand with garlands, greetings and the keys to the city. His first night here was spent at the Dutch Treat club show, and the second night he came around to see for the first time, his brain child, "The Green Pastures."

This play, taken from his "Old Man Adam and His Chillun," has been running for more than a year, but Bradford just now got time to come up and see it.

"It suits me fine," he told us. "It's just what I had in mind; just exactly as I wrote it."

Sen of Tennessee Bradford had been something of a literary genius for three years, but New York, not that it really matters, is just discovering him.

His "Child of God" won the O. Henry prize in 1927. His "O' King David and the Philistine Boys" brought out an original type of negro folk stories, followed by "John Henry." His prose has the sing-song quality of spirituals.

Bradford is a stocky fellow of medium size and quiet demeanor.

OPEN SCHOOLS FOR INDIANS WILL CONTINUE LINCOLN MINE

RENO, April 24. (AP)—Indian children of Nevada attending school up to the eighth grade will be placed in the regular grammar school in the district whenever possible, according to word received here on the bureau of Indian affairs' new policy.

The admission of Indian children into public schools so they may have the experience of growing up in contact with American normal life is being speeded up all over the country by the Indian service. The supervisor of education recently made a tour of many western states, including Nevada, and the new policy for this state was adopted.

SEEKS SEA ANIMALS Leningrad (AP)—The Leningrad State Trade department will send picked hunters and six vessels to Arctic waters this summer to bring back live walrus and other sea animals for the local zoological garden.

LIQUOR IN CHURCH SAN FRANCISCO, April 22. (AP)—When police here discovered fifty gallons of liquor in the basement of the Church of the Nazarene they investigated and arrested Charles Abulch, next door restaurant owner. They found that the church basement extended under the restaurant.

HELL ROARING PAGEANT TOMBSTONE, Ariz., April 24. (AP)—A pledge of financial support from the state has made possible definite plans for presentation of "The Hell-Roading," a pageant of Tombstone's hell-roaring days of the 90s when it was the largest and wildest city between El Paso and Los Angeles. October 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been designated as the time for presentation of The Hell-Roading.

LAWYERS LIKE DIVORCE WAR

By EARL H. LEIFF (United Press Staff Correspondent) RENO, April 24. (AP)—Reno lawyers are almost jubilant today over Nevada's recent victory in the "divorce war" among the legislatures of several western states for the title of "the divorce capital of America."

They now almost entirely discount the competition of Idaho and Arkansas, although the latter still holds a menace and a threat. The legal lights of Reno are earnestly wishing success to the Arkansas Ministerial association in its attempt to refer the 90-day divorce law to the voters of that state.

The Reno Chamber of Commerce triumphantly displays letters received from two very much discouraged lawyers of Arkansas who want to come to Nevada. One attorney of Hot Springs, Ark., wants to hang out his shingle in Reno and a lawyer in Little Rock wants to come to western Nevada to engage in ranching.

Interest in Nevada's divorce laws was greatly stimulated with passage of the six-weeks divorce bill by the 1931 legislature. The Reno Chamber of Commerce received 10 inquiries from prospective divorce seekers during March as compared with 21 in January and 17 in February. This is in addition to the hundreds received by the lawyers and bar association on which no tabulation was made.

EDUCATE COPS IS THEORY OF CHIEF BERKELEY, Cal., April 24. (AP)—Police men of the future will be classed as professional men, educated in schools of police administration and expert in apprehending criminals and preventing crime.

This is the prediction of August Vollmer, nationally known police chief of Berkeley and the "father" of schools for those who plan to make police service their life work.

Not only has Chief Vollmer been prominent in establishing such courses in institutions of higher learning throughout the country, but his proteges also are organizing them on the Pacific coast.

The first school of police administration to be launched on the west coast will be opened at San Jose State college in September by Assistant Professor George Brereton, former Berkeley police officer and graduate of the University of California.

In offering the course, Assistant Professor Brereton says: "The object of this two-year period of training is to provide a course of study not heretofore offered. It is not planned to develop specialists in any one of the more highly technical fields, but rather to instruct the student in the basic elements of the profession. It is believed that at least some of the courses will offer additional or new information to those already in the police profession."

Students enrolling in the school must satisfy certain physical and mental requirements. A mature age is desired and more than the average weight and height is necessary, Brereton says.

Included in the courses are such studies as history of police, police administration, police practice and procedure, identification, criminal justice, criminology and gunnery.

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT Hon. Wm. E. Orr, District Judge, presiding.

Harold P. Imbach, plaintiff, vs. Ethel N. Imbach, defendant. Decree of divorce granted. Ham & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff.

In the matter of the estate of Guy Everett Gray, deceased. Roger Foley, attorney for said estate. Will testamentary with the will annexed issued to petitioner, Josephine Robinson.

A. J. Schur, plaintiff, vs. W. M. Pechart, et al., defendants. E. P. Dupray, attorney for plaintiff; Ham & Taylor, attorneys for defendants. Hearing on demurrer and motion to strike. The motion of the respondent Schur to dismiss the motion made by appellant is denied on the ground that it is not the proper procedure; ruling on the motion to dismiss the demurrer reserved until the court has considered the motion to dismiss the action, which will be set for hearing Monday, April 27, at 10 a. m. This is motion of appellant to dismiss the action.

April 24. Effie M. Huck, plaintiff, vs. Charles W. Huck, et al., defendants. T. A. Wells and Louis Cohen, attorneys for plaintiff; C. D. Breeze, attorney for defendants. Motion to strike denied. Hearing on general and special demurrer and order of court re same.

Madga Seifang, plaintiff, vs. Arthur L. Seifang, defendant. Roland H. Wiley, attorney for plaintiff; T. A. Wells, attorney for defendant. Motion to renew motion granted.

J. As. Bary, et ux., plaintiffs, vs. Las Vegas Development Co., et al., defendants. Roland H. Wiley, et al., counsel. Order entered confirming action of the receiver in selling property.

USES WOODEN LEG BASTIAN, Va., April 24. (AP)—W. W. Sargent has a chicken with a peg leg. One of the chick's feet was frozen off last winter. Sargeant's 10-year-old daughter, Louise, fashioned a wooden one in its stead.



A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON WASHINGTON — Almost every one but Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth herself—and, of course, the Republican political powers of the first Ohio congressional district—"nominated" the late speaker's widow to succeed her husband in the house.

The issue for congressional windows which started with election of Mrs. Julius Kahn of California to fill the place long held by her husband, made that a natural bit of what-nex speculation.

The most authoritative pronouncement as to Mrs. Longworth's own attitude came from her brother, a declaration that she would not seek public office.

Yet it failed to satisfy Washington leaders who have known Mrs. Longworth since she was Princess Alice at the White House.

Mrs. Longworth has been an integral part of Washington official set all her adult life, and it is hard to think that the sudden death of Speaker Longworth could also remove Mrs. Longworth instantly and completely from the official life of the capital.

Interested in Politics More than that, Mrs. Longworth has been credited for years with an interest in and understanding of the game of national politics greater perhaps than that of any member of her family unless it was her illustrious father.

Even young Theodore Roosevelt, who alone of her brothers has elected politics as his life avocation, is yet a bit of an amateur in comparison to his sister.

It is quite conceivable to capital leaders who have known her so long, however, that Mrs. Longworth may not desire a place in the house.

She has always shown a keener interest in senate than house doings, although her husband was a power in the house and versed in every whim and mood of that body. Only on rare occasions when something unusually dramatic and interesting was in progress in the house was Mrs. Longworth to be seen in the speaker's family pew in the gallery.

By contrast, she was almost always among those present in the gallery of the senate whenever anything of note was stirring there.

Personality Counted Nicholas Longworth held his district in part by his own personality. In more recent years the prestige of the speakership helped him materially. He was not much of a hand at doing Washington chores for constituents.

Mrs. Longworth is not of the plodding, chore-doing type either. Perhaps she would like a senate job. But the next Ohio senate chance will be in 1934 with Senator Fess no doubt running to succeed himself. That does not look promising.

Still, Alice Longworth has been a notable figure in Washington's official life for 34 years. What other interest could she find now?

RISE IN PRICES IS SEEN BY PACKER

PASADENA, April 24. (AP)—Business will be much better when commodity prices reach bottom and find their level, according to Charles H. Swift, of Swift & Co., famous Chicago packers, visiting here.

America is at the threshold of better business and economic conditions, Swift said. "Falling commodity prices have made business conditions trying the past two years. When commodity prices reach bottom and find their level, business will be much better. Indications are that prices have found their level, or very close to it, and that better conditions are beginning."

"It will not be necessary for prices to spurt upward again in order to make general business better. It will be sufficient if they find a level, so that business men may know better where they stand. In fact, it would be unfortunate if prices went up again to the speculative heights of a few years ago."

As long as commodity prices were falling, business conditions in a great many lines of endeavor were found to be uncertain, Swift said. Business was hesitant, afraid to buy lest further drops in prices meant further loss of profit but other loss in addition. Once business is assured that bottom has been reached and that listings have reached their level, conditions will be stabilized, buying will increase and confidence will be greater, Swift said.

START WORK ON STATE HATCHERY

RENO, April 24.—Lumber and other material have been ordered and construction will start immediately on the first unit of a branch fish hatchery at Smith creek in Lander county, where extensive fish cultural activities are being planned by the state fish and game commission, says the Journal.

The new plant will have a fry capacity of 400,000, and egg eyeing capacity of 1,800,000. Morrill said.