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TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 28, 1931.

NEEDS INVESTIGATION

IT IS stated that certain police officers of the City of Las Vegas have been making a practice of requiring citizens to pay for the performance of duties for which the city already pays them, and of putting the money so secured in their own pockets.

The Age has long defended our officers against similar charges believing them generally unfounded and based on political or professional jealousies. This time the information comes so well authenticated that we are compelled to countenance the charges.

The police should not be permitted to impose any fines or charges whatever on individuals. If offenses are committed by citizens they should be tried and punished by the court. And the city should, and we believe, does pay sufficient salaries to the officers to have a right to their undivided efforts without any necessity of bleeding the unfortunate.

The Age suggests that it is quite time that the authorities investigate the police department and see if any of the officers are pocketing money unlawfully collected from citizens.

SEWERAGE PLANS

THE engineer of the city employed to make plans and estimates for the proposed extensions of the Las Vegas sewer system has reported on the manner in which the proposed bond issue is to be spent.

Briefly, it proposes to build a skeleton of main sewerage lines and a modern disposal plant first. This will be sufficient to serve a city of at least 15,000 people. Then laterals will come later where and when needed.

In view of the present conditions it is very desirable that new main sewers be built without delay. Any one of several of the large building operations being planned may be delayed by the inadequacy of our sewerage system. What, for example, will the new hotel at Seventh and Fremont, or the federal building on Stewart street, or the Masonic building on Third and Fremont do if additional sewerage is not provided.

And, more important yet perhaps, what will the many who desire to build homes in the outlying portions of the city do? We may fuss about the cost of things all we please, but if we are to build a city here we must pay the plumber.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

THE recent rains have again brought grief to those who are compelled to drive automobiles on some of our unpaved streets.

Everybody is about at the end of patience. Autos are all muddled. Some were so hopelessly mired down that they had to be pulled out by trucks.

Steps and porches and carpets and clothing were all splashed with mud. And the housewives are just frantic because of the mud tracked into the newly cleaned house.

And here we have been for two or three years jangling over this and that and making it impossible to carry out the improvements everyone wants.

The cost and inconveniences of one rainstorm is sufficient to justify the expense of street improvements. The loss suffered because of the condition of certain streets during one storm is enough to pay for pretty good paving.

GENTLE RAIN

THE skies opened up and replenished the water supply of the thirsty earth quite lavishly Sunday night.

Not that it is entirely unusual for us to have rain this time of the year, but because the entire west is suffering from deficient rainfall, the storm just now drawing to an end is of the utmost importance.

And we may look for a gorgeous renewal of our desert carpet of wildflowers in a week or two.

The government rain gauge registered seventy hundredths of an inch of rainfall for Sunday night, which is quite a splash.

MINING AWAKENING

THE news of what apparently is a find of a vast body of free milling gold ore in Eldorado canyon is of tremendous importance to Clark county.

Already the fever for gold mining is being felt over the country. And if the reported strike is confirmed by further development Clark county will witness a mining activity of the first magnitude.

TAX REFUNDS

THE Act passed by the legislature providing relief from the payment of penalties and interest on delinquent taxes will prove a real blessing for some taxpayers. Those who have already paid the tax including interest and penalties may have the amount of penalties and interest refunded to them by putting in a claim to the board of county commissioners.

But how is the county treasury going to compensate itself for the loss of those penalties and interest?

A New Yorker AT LARGE



By MARK BARRON
NEW YORK—One of the traditional privileges given famous show girls is that they may take vacations at any time. There is only one provision. They must spend their holiday in a prominent and smart resort like Atlantic City, Palm Beach or Monte Carlo.

This custom began about a decade ago when Helen Lee Worthing, a fragile blonde, and Phoebe Lee, a vivacious redhead, were two of the most talked-about beauties on Broadway. They were invited on a yachting cruise to Palm Beach, and finally persuaded their managers to allow them to leave the show for a few weeks.

In Palm Beach Miss Worthing donned a red silk bathing suit, and Miss Lee made contrast by wearing calico rompers. When they came on to the beach the town gasped, telegraph wires began buzzing, cameras started clicking and the Misses Worthing and Lee walked into temporary fame.

It brought much publicity to the show, and ever since then producers send a couple of their most noted beauties to resorts where they will be seen and talked about.

NO END OF IT

One wonders if there is anything show girls haven't done for publicity. Ruth Urban gave a dinner with a be-ribboned pig as guest of honor. Joyce Hawley took a bath in ginger ale, but in the privacy that Anna Held took her milk baths. Jean Stewart kept a baby lamb in her room until the hotel manager found out about it. . . . Toodles



By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON—With Nicholas Longworth taken suddenly by death added problems of leadership in the new congress are piled upon shoulders of the three survivors of the Republican "four horsemen" of house control.

Tilson of Connecticut, Snell of New York and Hawley of Oregon are left with a heavier burden.

Already they faced extreme difficulties. Even if death does not further intervene to wrest the nominal Republican majority of one vote from them before the house actually convenes, delicate intra-party situations confront them to hold that vote in line.

All Longworth's experience, his skill at the intimate business of political diplomacy, his warm personal friendships with virtually all house members had been relied upon.

RUMBLINGS OF DISCONTENT

There were rumblings of discontent, even of a move to desert Longworth as the party candidate for speaker to succeed himself, before the seventy-first congress adjourned. Most on-lookers did not take them seriously.

They were viewed as moves in the game some of the western members have played to obtain relaxation of certain house rules against which they complain.

Ryan paraded Fifth avenue in a bird cage hat that enclosed a live canary. . . . Shirley Vernon played a game of strip golf at a Long Island club.

Helen Morgan adopted a baby, but the real mother reclaimed it. . . . Myrna Darby wanted a bronze sunburn to go with her blond hair, and died from "sun poisoning." . . . Patricia Salmon entered a dance marathon and got sore feet.

Ann Pennington exploited only her dimpled knees. . . . Eileen Wenzel tried to wed an Egyptian prince. . . . Marion Davies opened a rival night club to Justice Johnson's and they quarreled. . . . Mae Murray sat in a stage drape and refused to move until they gave her a job.

NAME CHANGERS

Frances Williams went A. W. O. L. and had her own fellow players demanding that she be fired. . . . Lillian Foster slapped a critic. . . . Jean Williams changed her name to Sonia Karlov and started speaking with a Russian accent. . . . Janet Flynn became Gina Galo and French.

Dorothy Knapp sued her manager because he fired her. . . . Betty Compton, married, honeymooned and divorced within 33 days. . . . Adele Astaire pals around only with royalty. . . . Hope Williams defied the Social Register.

Helen Kane always talks in a baby voice. . . . Nell O'Day allows six men to toss her through the air as if she were a football. . . . Jeanne Aubert fled through four countries to escape her husband's injunction to prevent her from appearing on the stage.

Longworth's earned reputation for fairness as presiding officer, never challenged even by the Democrats, was a factor counted upon in the next congress.

No experienced house member fails to realize that it will take extreme skill, even co-operation between leaders of the two parties, perhaps, to keep the next house from chaos.

DEMOCRATS HAVE PROBLEMS

On the Democratic side, sincere as is the personal regret among them all at the death of a colleague they have halted as friend, Longworth's death could not but increase the hopes of those who desire to take instant advantage of any break that might put the party in control of the house.

They have not been unanimous as to that. The Democrats have their own organization problems to face should chance throw the house into their hands. Minority Leader Garner of Texas, the almost certain Democratic candidate for speaker, is not without opponents in his own party.

There is a deeper trouble for the Democrats than that. It has to do with the seniority rule, long followed by both parties in the house in selecting chairmen for committees. Southern Democrats, because of less turnover, naturally gravitate into seniority positions.

At present if the Democrats were to organize the house, six or eight of the most important committee chairmanships would go to Texas under the seniority rule. Jealousy among northern and western Democrats whose votes actually make up a necessary majority for control is inescapable.

INSTITUTE TO MEET
CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 24. (UP)—The second quadrennial Human Relations Institute will be held at the University of North Carolina here during the week of May 3-9.

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 19 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-Knudson 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, excavation 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.

HEARING DATE WILL OBSERVE DAY OF HEALTH IS POSTPONED

Postponement of the hearing on applications of the Nevada Trucking company, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad and H. H. Feele before the Nevada Public Service commission was announced today. The hearing will take place May 8, 1931, at Carson City.

EXCHANGE OUSTS FINANCIAL HOUSE

NEW YORK, April 27. (AP)—Another financial casualty among stock exchange firms intensified unsettlement in security markets for a time today, but share prices recovered substantially before the close in trading.

ARIZONAN SAYS WIFE SHOT HIM

TUCSON, Ariz., April 27. (AP)—Thomas K. Marshall, 60, who in 1904 after being graduated from the University of Arizona, married his instructor in Latin, French and botany, was shot five times early today. He told police his wife did it. Mrs. Marshall, 63, a semi-invalid, surrendered to police at her home, but refused to talk about the shooting.

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States of America, do call upon all Governors of the states of the Union, and all Governors of territories and possessions of the United States to declare to their people that May Day should be used wherever possible as Child Health Day, for the consideration of all public and private measures by which the health of our children may be conserved and advanced. I especially commend for consideration on that day "The Children's Charter" as set forth by the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE, at the City of Washington this seventh day of April, in the year of our (SEAL) Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the one and fifty-fifth.

By the President: HERBERT HOOVER
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, for a number of years, it has been customary within this State to issue annually, a Proclamation regarding Child Health Day and Child Health Week, and

WHEREAS, no effort is too great to be put forth in safe-guarding the sacred heritage of childhood, which is the golden period of opportunity to build sturdy lives, and

WHEREAS, the boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow, therefore, the protection and conservation of their lives and health is a sacred duty and trust, and deserving of the utmost careful thought and attention.

NOW THEREFORE, I, F. B. BALZAR, Governor of Nevada, do hereby confirm the appointment of Mrs. Ebba D. Bishop, as Chairman of Child Health Day to be observed on May 1st, 1931, and I

hereby proclaim the first week in May, 1931, as Child Health Week, and to invite and urge all our people to participate in the celebration of the achievements of the present health plans, and to cooperate with those agencies which are now working for the conservation and welfare of the children of our State and Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nevada. Done at Carson City, this 15th day of April, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-one.

F. B. BALZAR
Governor.

LEAVE FOR HOME
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rumph left yesterday for their home in Rawlins, Wyoming, after spending the winter as guests of their son Fred Rumph.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Harvey Parvin has accepted a position with the Las Vegas Pharmacy.

STUDENTS GO TO CONTESTS

Eight Las Vegas high-school girls leave this morning for Reno where they will represent the local school in the Home Economics contest conducted annually by the University of Nevada.

The students will travel in two cars, and will be accompanied by Supr. Maude Frazier and Miss Doris Nesbitt, head of the Home Economics department.

Second year students include the Misses Lavina Whitney, Betty Fulton, Virginia Chavez and Peggy Gates; first year students are Helen Chavez, Laurel Ward, Helen McG., and Sophia Potter.

Local teams have never failed to bring home a large share of the prizes and awards, and Las Vegas High is looking to these representatives to maintain the honor of the school in the contest which will be conducted Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

A LETTER

Las Vegas, Nevada, April 27, 1931.

MR. A. E. CAHLAN, Editor, Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my telephone conversation with your self this afternoon, wherein I asked you to retract the statement of the "Hansell-Bettelheim Ticket," I am again asking you in writing that you do this in your paper of the 28th inst.

I wish to make it plain to you and the Public at large that I am in no way aligned with any other Politician or Politicians in the present City Election and stand only upon my own feet and along the lines of my PLATFORM which was published in both the local papers.

Yours very truly,

PHIL BETTELHEIM,

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE

TO

MERCHANTS

And All Persons in Business in the Las Vegas Area Having Telephone Connections

Forms Will soon Close for the Annual Edition of the

SOUTHERN NEVADA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

If your business advertisement was NOT included in the last directory, Call The Las Vegas Age at once—Phone 7—and our representative will be glad to call.

Leave Your Address With Western Union