



**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
 May 5—Maximum 101; Minimum 57.

**METAL MARKET**  
 NEW YORK, May 5 (AP)—Lead, spot New York 4.00, East St. Louis 3.80; Zinc, East St. Louis spot and future 3.25.

**Boulder Dam Project**  
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## TRAGEDY, HOPE MARK TRAIL BLAZERS OF AIR

British Pilots Die; Two Injured When Airplanes Crash

Japanese Aviator On U. S. Hop Ready For Next Leg of Trip

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 Death and tragedy, hope and ambition reigned yesterday over aviation in the four corners of the world.

Death struck three British fliers on two continents. Among the three was Captain Glenn Kidston, millionaire aviator and sportsman, who set a new record of six and a half days for a flight from England to Capetown, South Africa. Kidston was killed in Van Reenan, Natal, Africa, when his plane crashed in a storm.

T. A. Gladstone, pioneer British commercial flier was killed with him in the crash.

A hundred miles east of Port Arthur, in Ontario, Canada, Lloyd Newburn, a pilot, was killed and Earl Hodgson was seriously injured.

At Farnborough, England, Flight Lieutenant H. R. Waghorn, British Schneider Cup winner in 1929 was seriously injured when his plane crashed.

On the other hand, Bert Hinkler, noted Australian flier, took off yesterday from Toronto on his flight by east stages, across the Atlantic to Africa.

Seiji Yoshihara, Japan's foremost pilot, landed at Nemuro, Japan, and was prepared to take off on the third leg of his goodwill flight to the United States across the North Pacific ocean.

## CAMPUS QUEEN



This winsome miss, posing at the entrance of the University of Washington library, has won the title of Queen of the University. Not alone for her beauty, but for her personality and participation in college activities and athletics.

## INSPECTION OF SEED ASKED BY VALLEY RANCHER

Says Utah Weevil May Spread Into Valley Ranches of County

\$45,000 in Seed May Be Grown on Virgin Valley Ranches

Gratifying statistics of agricultural production in Clark county and the Virgin valley specifically were made public yesterday when J. Lewis Pulsipher of Mesquite, appeared before the board of county commissioners and suggested that plans be made to establish inspection depots on the highways leading into this county from Utah as a precautionary measure against any advance of the alfalfa weevil.

**\$85,000 CROP**  
 The alfalfa hay crop at the present time in the Virgin valley totals more than \$40,000 per season, Pulsipher said, and the seed production business which is being rapidly developed, should soon be better than \$45,000.

The great menace at this time, the rancher declared, was the weevil which already has worked its way into Lincoln county to the north, and down Meadow valley wash, about fifty miles yet, intervene between the danger zones of Utah and the bordering Lincoln county, to the highly productive acres of the valley area.

Clark county alfalfa seed is accorded a high rating. It is understood, having brought better than the top price of twenty cents last season. One shipment classed as A1 fancy grade seed sold for twenty and a half cents, when the highest figure quoted by the U. S. Bureau of estimates was only twenty cents.

**WEEVIL IS MENACE**  
 All of this potential industry would be entirely lost, Pulsipher said, if the weevil once gained access to the Clark county fields. He suggested a station fifty miles north of the Virgin valley on the Arrowhead highway and said that it was his belief that such a station and maintenance of inspectors would cost under \$5,000.

It was tentatively arranged that J. H. Witwer, district extension agent, be requested to ask for a conference with the state quarantine officer and that a joint meeting of the officers, members of the county farm bureau and the county commissioners be held to make definite plans for crop protection.

## The Age Goes Daily

The Age has entered the daily field and is now issued daily except Mondays. The business strength of the city now justifies the existence of a morning daily. The Age has long been ready to increase its issues from three to six times a week, and has been deterred during the past two years only by the feeling that the time for this important step had not arrived. We were reluctant to place any additional burden during the times of stress, upon the businessmen of the community. We believed it wise to bide our time patiently until business conditions fully justified the step.

That time has arrived. Las Vegas today is prosperous as never before. The uncertainties which for many months wrapped her future have been swept away. The city has entered upon an era of substantial prosperity quite in contrast with the frothy real estate boom of more than two years ago. Those forces, which inevitably will build here an important inland city, are moving.

For more than 26 years The Age has served the people of Las Vegas. For almost that entire time under the management of the present owner and editor, The Age has given its efforts without stint, sacrificing its own financial interests frequently in so doing.

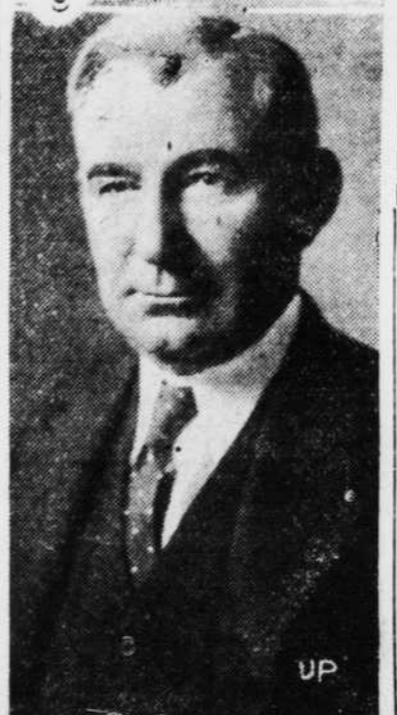
The Age will continue to promote the best interests of Las Vegas, and will continue to advance in value to its readers and its advertisers.

Above all, we shall strive to be accurate in our portrayal of the local and general news, and we shall be earnest and sincere in our advocacy of those things necessary to build here that of which we long have dreamed.

"Las Vegas, The City of Destiny."

## Status of Sewerage Bonds Issue Uncertain; May Ask Recount to Determine Vote

### General Dawes?



No, but he bears such striking resemblance to the former Vice-President that people continually mistake him for Dawes. He is Col. Walter Garrison, California state director of public works.

With the final and complete count of yesterday's city election showing a heavy preponderance of votes for E. W. "Ernie" Cragin, for mayor; W. B. Mundy and W. C. German for city commissioners, there will arise today the question of what is the standing of the vote on the sewer bond issue.

Official tabulation from the nine precincts showed a vote for the bonds of 737 and a vote against the bonds of 895. This is taken from the wording of the ballot which says that if the "no" is crossed out the vote has been cast FOR the bond issue and vice versa.

It is understood that in four of the nine polling places, the tabulation boards counted the unmarked "no's" as against the unmarked "yes's"; in the remainder of the precincts it is said that the clerks counted the cross-offs for either yes or no and so added them. Many voters did not mark this portion of their tickets.

There was much conjecture last night as to what would be the outcome and if a recount would be necessary to definitely decide whether the highly important issue had carried or lost.

Last minute enthusiasm simmered down to slightly better than an average vote, 1994 persons having gone to the polls with a list of registered voters at 2997.

Standing of the candidates was:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
E. W. CRAGIN	188	198	191	122	232	285	240	121	162	1739
LOU HANSELL	40	20	20	20	27	36	28	19	22	232
PHIL BETTELHEIM	39	19	23	18	39	42	47	22	23	272
W. B. MUNDY	181	199	183	123	217	269	219	117	163	1671
W. C. GERMAN	172	193	186	126	226	280	239	122	161	1705
FOR BONDS (Yes)	60	126	138	71	84	95	76	44	43	737
Against Bonds (No)	133	52	51	43	149	128	151	77	111	895

## POLICE CHECK NEW CLUES IN DEATH

SAN DIEGO, May 5 (AP)—Detectives here were checking the story of a cutlery store proprietor, Ferdinand Grah, who said that last Thursday he sold a keen double edge hunting knife, six inches long to a man who strongly resembled Moss, a sweetheart who has been held for questioning by police in connection with the fatal stabbing of Hazel Bradshaw, pretty twenty-year-old telephone operator, San Diego's fourth girl murder victim in recent months.

Grah said the purchaser owned a similar knife in Georgia. A check of nine months in jail, once lived in that state and he admitted today he was once convicted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon at Atlanta and had served nine months in jail.

Garrison, a sweetheart of the girl, is reported to have threatened her life recently.

## FATHER JAILED WHEN FAMILY PERISHES

GREELEY, Colo., May 5 (AP)—James Foster, forty-nine year old salesman, was held in jail here tonight for questioning in connection with an incendiary fire that took the lives of his wife and three children early today.

Foster was accused of the crime by his eleven year old daughter, Mildred, who died late today.

"Daddy did it. He woke us up, threw gasoline on our faces and lit a match to the room," the girl told police.

Mrs. Myrtle Foster, 40, the mother, also accused her husband of setting fire to the home. She died three hours after the blaze. She said her husband poured two gallons of gasoline on the beds and ignited the room.

Darlene, nineteen months old daughter of the Fosters, was burned to ashes before Mildred could bring assistance.

Another child, Geraldine, 3, died at a hospital almost at the same time her mother succumbed. Foster denied taking any part in the fire and told officers his wife started the fire. He claimed she had been acting strangely. The inquest has not yet been set.

## WILL CONSTRUCT STORAGE PLANT

Plans for the erection of a concrete building to be used as a storage plant on south Main street by the Consolidated storage company were announced last night. Temporary storage space may be provided, during construction of the new plant, in the building now used by the Clark county wholesale company.

## Baseball Results

BY UNITED PRESS	R	H	E
San Francisco	6	6	1
Hollywood	5	6	5
Batteries—McDougall, Hendersca and Baldwin; Turner and Severeid.			
Seattle	0	4	0
Portland	3	6	1
Batteries—Zahneiser and Cox; Bowman and Fitzpatrick.			
Los Angeles	4	8	0
Missions	3	8	1
Batteries—Petty and Shultz; Gillette and Brenzel.			
Sacramento	3	10	1
Oakland	4	10	2
Batteries—Vinci, Chesterfield and Koehler; Chebus, Hurst and DeBarry.			

## THREAT BRINGS RENO WEDDING

LOS ANGELES, May 5 (AP)—A proposed elaborate church wedding at Beverly Hills was cancelled in favor of a quiet ceremony last week at Reno because of a note threatening the prospective bride, it became known today.

This was the explanation of the elopement Friday of Miss Louise Little, daughter of a prominent Hollywood family, with O. T. Johnson, jr. son of a pioneer Los Angeles family to Reno.

The bridegroom's father advised police that a note had been received by the girl demanding \$5,000 on a threat of scandal. The couple decided to wed at once. The bride's parents attended the Nevada ceremony.

State Highway Engineer S. C. Durkee arrived last evening and registered at the MacDonald Hotel. He is making an inspection of Clark County State highways today.

## OFFICIAL IS LOCATED; DEAD

CHICAGO, May 5 (AP)—Fred E. Butsky, Kane county auditor, who was hunted on charges of embezzling \$64,000 from the county poor farm, was found dead tonight on the roof of the Port Dearborn hotel. He had committed suicide.

His body was found shortly before midnight and he had shot himself, police said.

Findings of the body followed publication of stories that officials had found a trust fund of \$111,000 which was established by Butsky Monday, the day on which warrants were issued charging him with embezzlement and forgery.

The trust fund was attached late today by Geo. D. Carberry, state attorney for Kane county. Butsky's \$25,000 home and his sixteen-cylinder car also were attached. The stolen money had been derived by sale of produce from the county poor farm.

## Companion of Asa Keyes Will Be Heard on Prison Parole Request

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., May 5 (AP)—The parole application of Edward Rosenberg, serving a one to 14 year sentence for conspiracy with Asa Keyes in the Julian Oil scandal, will be heard by the state board of prison directors on May 16, it was announced today.

It was also announced that Mrs. Hattie V. Larson, Los Angeles real estate dealer serving a 10 year sentence for fraud, will be released on parole at the end of July.

## WOMAN BREAKS ROBERTS WINS FROM PRISON RENO CONTEST

BOISE, Idaho, May 5 (AP)—Authorities tonight were on the trail of a recently pardoned prisoner as the probable accomplice of Mrs. Lydia Southard who escaped over the wall of the women's state prison near here late last night.

Mrs. Southard was serving a term of from ten years to life for second degree murder in connection with the poisoning of her fourth husband. She is believed by prison officials to have had outside assistance in her escape.

Evidence of the mysterious deaths by poison of her three former husbands and a brother-in-law of the first of them was introduced in her trial.

David Minton who was pardoned last month from an automobile theft sentence, was identified as the purchaser of an automobile here yesterday, in which authorities believe, Mrs. Southard made her escape.

## CLARA'S ROLE IS GIVEN TO NEW STAR

HOLLYWOOD, May 5 (AP)—Ill in a Glendale sanitarium, Clara Bow for the second time this year has been replaced by a newcomer in a picture in which she was to star.

Two physicians issued the statement that Clara's nerves were threatened. They insisted that she take a long rest and said it would be dangerous for her to attempt to continue working.

Peggy Shannon, red-haired like Clara, was chosen for a play now ready for production.

Just like Sylvia Sydney supplanted Miss Bow after the latter became ill following the grand theft trial of her former secretary, Daisy DeBoe, in which much was said about Clara's private life.

Recently a tabloid newspaper publisher in Los Angeles was arrested on charges of sending obscene matter through mails in connection with his publication's story of the alleged love life of the actress.

## LOCAL MURDER ONLY A FIGHT

What promised to be a deeply veiled murder mystery early Monday morning turned out to be a family spat in the tent city on north Fifth street.

When neighbors of A. L. Kennedy, called the sheriff's office and reported that they were sure a woman had been slain and her body secreted in a clump of mesquite, the officers made a hurry-up inspection. The "murder mystery" faded when it was found that the affair had been only a family quarrel and that the woman screamed as she rushed from her tent into the brush. Early this morning the same woman is reported to have packed and left for Los Angeles by motor bus.

## LICENSE BOARD GRANTS SOME PERMITS

The board of county commissioners with Sheriff Joe Keate and District Attorney Harley Harmon yesterday sat as the license board for the purpose of passing on applications for gaming licenses. POLICIES CONSIDERED.

There were some consideration of policies which the board shall pursue in granting licenses. By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the board will not countenance a gaming license in force and that any license, the owner of which does not comply with the requirements of the board in this and other respects, will be promptly cancelled.

Sheriff Joe Keate, chairman of the board, reported that he had made examinations of the premises for which the licenses are asked. It was brought out in the course of the discussion that certain proprietors have been under suspicion of selling liquor on the premises for which gaming licenses are sought and the board received assurances on that point from certain of the applicants.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED**  
 The following applications were approved by the board:

Oscar E. Klawiter, three games for a new casino to be built on the Los Angeles highway three miles south of Las Vegas and opposite the property of the Las Vegas Country club. A well is being drilled there preparatory to the construction of a \$25,000 gaming casino and dance hall.

Dougherty & Cloud, for one roulette, one twenty-one and one poker game, at Charleston Park resort. The games will occupy the old Fred Pearce cabin on the right of the road as the resort is approached.

Carl M. Lynch, one roulette and one poker game on Hobson street, Searchlight.

Ralph Jones, crap game, on Hobson street, Searchlight.

**BOARD ADJOURNS**  
 T. J. Settle & C. G. Baker, for one crap and one twenty-one game at resort known as Texas Moon on McLurin property at Four Mile spring.

Midway Amusement company for one crap game, eleven miles south on Boulder Dam highway on what was formerly Jericho Heights.

T. J. Warren, one roulette game for a proposed \$60,000 casino to be built at Railroad Pass.

The slot location for two games and two slot machines at Nevada Gardens, on property formerly called the Blue Heaven, four miles southeast of Vegas, was held up pending further investigation.

The board adjourned to May 20.

## GUN PERMIT IS GIVEN CITY MAN

Permission to carry fire arms was granted yesterday by the board of county commissioners to J. M. Still, night postoffice clerk, after Sheriff Joe Keate had recommended the action.

A suggestion from a Searchlight resident that a constable in that town be given a salary was laid over for future action. The meeting was the regular fifth of the month session of the board.

## NEW PLUMBING FIRM OPENING

S. J. MacMahon is the head of a new plumbing and heating firm just opening at Fourth and Lewis streets. Mr. MacMahon comes from Reno where he owned the Albany Plumbing and Heating company for 14 years, and is a practical plumber and heating engineer.

Being a nationally and locally licensed plumber, he is preparing to handle all types of work, and will be open for business night and day, in addition to carrying a complete line of supplies.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Arnold Wasserman, an employee of Six Companies, Inc., was operated on Monday night at the Las Vegas Hospital for appendicitis. Wasserman is reported to be resting easily.

## Three Youths Die in Air Crash After Airplane Falls Into Spin

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 5 (AP)—Three youths are dead as the result of a crash near the Asheville-Henderscville airport, when their airplane failed to come out of a spin and fell 1000 feet.

The dead were Graham Gardner, 18, who was licensed as a pilot several days ago, Paul Yowell and Sam McMillan, all of Asheville. They were killed instantly when the single motored biplane went into a spin and crashed while Gardner was attempting a "wing-bar."

## SHOTS IN CLOUD MAKE MAN MEEK

A man giving the name of W. A. Strickland was in jail today after he had been caught by city police officers. Strickland allegedly was annoying Al Drew. He was arrested, but at police headquarters made a break for freedom. Patrolman Ernie May fired a few shots into the air and Strickland soon surrendered again.

Dr. R. D. Balcom of the Ferguson-Balcom Hospital has been in Los Angeles and is expected to return to Las Vegas Friday.

## PAY CHECKS ARE STOLEN

Merchants and business houses of Las Vegas were on the lookout today for pay checks made out by the R. G. LeTourneau company. Boulder construction road contractors, which had already been signed and were stolen sometime during Monday night.

The stolen pay checks are numbered from 827 to 942 inclusive, all of which are signed, and blank checks numbered from 943 to 1000 inclusive.

Payment was immediately stopped by the company and all business houses warned that the checks had been stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Southworth of Reno were in Las Vegas on business yesterday.

## VISITS HERE

Mrs. Jane Burns, former resident of Las Vegas, accompanied by son Neil and Miss Georgia Itzold, are here from Los Angeles for a visit with George Burns.

**BACK FROM NORTH**  
 Charles Lee Horsely returned home from Reno and Carson Monday morning. He has been in the northern part of the state on business.