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CONFIDE IN THE PEOPLE

THE PEOPLE of Las Vegas will be ready, willing and glad to vote bonds for extensions of the sewer system just as soon as they are given complete information as to what is proposed.

Mayor Cragin and the new board of city commissioners just about to come into office have a serious responsibility placed in their hands. That is to adopt a proper and equitable program for financing and constructing main sewer lines, an adequate disposal plant and the necessary lateral sewers.

Then the people must be taken into confidence and given the details of the program so that there can be no misunderstandings nor disappointments.

It is obvious that people will be peeved if they are induced to vote sewer bonds and then learn that no provision is made for laterals to serve the property. If it is the best plan to build the lateral sewers under the assessment district plan whereby the cost is charged to the owners of property to be served, very well. But that should be explained to the people.

And then, whatever method of financing the lateral sewers is adopted, whether by bond issue or assessment district, that work should proceed at the same time as the building of the main sewers so that, when the money is spent, the city can be served.

The plans for the sewer system as completed by Benham Engineering company appear very complete and satisfactory to the layman. Yet it is quite possible that a little discussion and consideration of conditions now developing might show that some changes are desirable.

The Age believes that no time will be lost if we proceed deliberately and with full understanding of what we are doing. In truth, it appears that such would be much the quicker and more certain way.

Sewer extensions are needed right now and the need will be much more pressing six months hence. Therefore let's be sure of each step and not waste time needlessly.

HORSE OPERA

WE HEARD last night a mention of "Horse Opera," and were somewhat mystified until conversation developed the fact that reference was made to the usual Monday night "Western" picture at the movie house.

These young folks certainly do put new meanings into language as well as new language into familiar things.

SIGNIFICANT MOVE

THE TEN-YEAR lease just closed by the J. C. Penney company on a fifty-foot front store room on Fremont near Fourth street is indicative of the growth of the city and the trend of business.

It has been the opinion of many that Fremont and Fifth streets would mark the heart of the business district of Las Vegas in the near future.

However far-fetched that might have seemed five years ago, it is now fast becoming an accomplished fact. The move of J. C. Penney company is the strongest possible proof of the business trend.

FEDERAL BUILDING

WE HAVE been told that plans for the new federal building in Las Vegas would be ready for bids during June.

June is almost with us. The Age believes that we are about to observe some real activity in the federal building matter within the month.

As we have said before, the government moves with the utmost deliberation in most things. But it is about as sure as fate, once the official cogs are properly meshed.



WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON, May 25.—One hardly could expect the army under the youngest—and perhaps the handsomest—high command, civil and military, is known, not to be treated to a few innovations. Youth, even comparative youth, will be served.

Thus, with those respective civil and military leaders in mainly pulchritude in Washington official life, Pat Hurley, war secretary at 48, and Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff and fourth general at 51, in the saddle of authority over army affairs, something is bound to happen. I did not expect to see these dashing horse soldiers once the corps d'elite in any army, bore the brunt of the happenings.

They have been, in effect, unsaddled; whiffed to the limbo of the past with their romantic memories of galloping and gallantries.

GASOLINE AGE
By fiat of General MacArthur, approved by Secretary Hurley, the cavalry ceases to be horse soldiers. Modern firearms have eliminated the horse as a weapon, and as a means of transportation he has generally become, next to the dismounted man, the dullest of this army engineer, backed by an engineer president, and a highly modernistic war secretary.

There remains, to be sure, "some special cases of difficult terrain." General MacArthur finds, where the horse may still afford the best mobility, but a little "cavalry (horse)" will be retained to take care of that and the rest of the one-time beau sabreurs will become "cavalry (mechanized)" in which the horse and mule will have disappeared entirely.

Alas, gone the swagger \$60 boots with the clanking silver spurs; gone the pink whipcord riding bloomers of strange pattern; gone the flashing sabers and the thunder of hoofs as the squadrons swept down at the charge.

They have all been gassed, gas-engined or gas-gunned. The uniform of the "cavalry (mechanized)" will need its overalls.

DOUGHBOY STILL HUMAN
Even General MacArthur, looking ahead with visions of wars founded on his own colorful and intimate participation in that last one, admits that the infantry remains the decisive arm.

Nobody has yet devised a way to mechanize the doughboy. He will still march to war, if there are any more to march to, singing as of old:

"The infantry, the infantry,
With the dirt behind its ears;
The artillery the cavalry,
And the blanketed engineers,
They couldn't lick the infantry
"In a hundred thousand years."

SUPERINTENDENT HERE
F. Edgar Mineer, superintendent of schools in educational district No. 1, was a visitor here Saturday.

CONFEDERACY'S CAPITAL IS AWAITING GRAY'S REUNION
Commands Grays
MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 25. (AP)—A city resembling a huge amusement park rather than the rustic cradle of the Confederacy that they knew will greet Confederate veterans when they gather here for their forty-first and last reunion June 2.

THOUSAND NEW KUNNELS, SUH, IN 25 YEARS MIGHTY NEAR TOO MUCH FOR KENTUCKY, SUH

FRANKFORT Ky., May 25.—Mass production of Kentucky colonels in the last four years has created an over-supply. It is estimated there are enough of them now to officer an army of 3,000,000.

So there's a move afoot to have the governor hand out his commissions more sparingly. An organization to be known as the Kentucky Colonels' association plans to take out incorporation papers, adopt insignia and formulate a code of ethics for the colonels.

Recent administrations have been generous with their commissions, but Gov. Flem D. Sampson has broken all records in his three and a half years in office by commissioning 589 men, women and children as colonels on his staff.

Lieut.-Gov. James Breathitt, Jr., has thirty-six colonels on his staff, appointed when the governor, of opposite politics, was out of the state.

Then E. C. Walker, president pro tem of the senate, appointed nineteen colonels one day when both the governor and lieutenant-governor were out of Kentucky.

It is estimated that one thousand colonels have been appointed in the past twenty-five years.

Governor Sampson also has appointed enough admirals to direct fifteen fleets. His "navy," like his "army," is all officers. In addition to fifteen admirals he had one rear admiral, three commodores and one colonel of marines. Practically every stream in the state has an admiral, and some of them were left high and dry by last year's drought.

The Kentucky Colonels' association hopes to revive an old custom of giving colonels' commissions only in recognition of outstanding public service, either for the commonwealth or for the nation.

Some of the colonels are Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormack, congresswoman from Illinois; Clarence D. Chamberlin, trans-Atlantic flyer; Graham McNamee, radio announcer, and Bebe Daniels, film star.

W. S. Gilbreath, executive vice-president of the Detroit Automobile club, was designated a colonel in recognition of his activity in behalf of good roads, particularly the Dixie highway through Kentucky.

Northwest Apples Held Big Factor In Coast Shipping
SAN FRANCISCO, May 25. (AP)—The apple crop of the Pacific northwest will be responsible this year for much of the tonnage to leave Pacific ports during 1931, in the opinion of John Allison, British shipping expert.

"Pacific coast shipping depends on the fruit crops of the northwest and California for a large part of its business," Allison said. "The fruit crops of the western coast are largely responsible for the more firm condition of shipping in these states in comparison with shipping on the Atlantic coast."

Relic of Old Capitol Given to Monroe Kin
WASHINGTON, May 25. (AP)—A bronze tablet from the historic old brick capitol has been presented to Mrs. Rose Gouverneur Hoes, great-granddaughter of President Monroe.

Recorded on the tablet are lines telling of the inauguration of Monroe March 4, 1817, on the steps of the old brick building which stood across the street from the present capitol.

The old building has been destroyed to make way for the Washington beautification program.



The ranks of Kentucky's colonels, typified above by W. S. Gilbreath, executive vice-president of the Detroit Automobile club, are being increased so rapidly by Governor Flem D. Sampson (below) that the honorary officers plan a protective organization.

Sea Heroes' Gold Star Mothers Will Bow Heads In Ocean Rite

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Two hundred and thirty Gold Star mothers and wives who lost sons and husbands at sea in the World war will hold memorial day services in mid-Atlantic this year.

They will be members of the second pilgrimage to European battlefields arranged by the war department.

By congressional amendment, women who suffered loss of their sons or husbands at sea have been invited to join in this year's pilgrimage, and the departure of the first delegation May 27 is timed so that they will be in the middle of the Atlantic on Memorial day.

Flowers will float on the grim gray waves, bands will play and "aps" will sound.

In the group of gold star mothers and wives will be women whose sons or husbands were on the mystic ship "Cyclops," which disappeared in 1918, with 293 men aboard, without leaving a trace of her fate.

Following the boat ceremony the women will turn their faces toward France, where they will participate

in the program arranged for them and the other war mothers who came to visit their sons' graves.

Only 1800 women will make the overseas journey this year, as compared with 3500 who went last. The quartermaster general, who has charge of the pilgrimages, does not anticipate a big delegation in 1932, but the year following, being the last, will probably see many women making the journey.

The women are making the trip this year in sixteen parties, the last boat leaving New York August 19.

WORKING WIVES HIT SALT LAKE CITY, May 25. (AP)—Working wives whose jobs could be filled by men or single women were assailed by Miss Lucy M. Van Cott, dean of women at the university of Utah. "It is a wife's business to stay at home and to create a 'homey' environment for her family," said Miss Van Cott. "If women are dissatisfied with their home work and insist on being working wives, they had no business getting married."

A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON
NEW YORK, May 25.—The New York equivalent of the Paris gigolo is a hard working fellow. Usually he gets only entertainment, except very little monetary gain, except good will in a business way.

In Paris a matron desiring to be accompanied by a personable young man hires a gigolo. He is attentive to her, accompanies her to dinner, the theater and cabarets and dances with her. In return he gets a salary and his expenses paid.

There are a few of this type in local salons, but New York has a distinctive type of gigolo (although that name really shouldn't be applied to him) of its own. He is different, in the first place because he actually works at some sort of minor but honorable job, usually in Wall Street.

He is well educated, flaunts an excellent wardrobe, speaks interestingly on any topic, dances well, always knows the right thing to do at the right time, is acquainted with the right sort of people and has his work so arranged that he can have leisure at practically any time he wishes.

SQUIRES FOR DAMES
Such a young man is much in demand, especially in the more exclusive circles of society where acceptable men are scarce.

Society women, it seems, move about and do much more than the men. They are engaged during the day with charity bazaars, bridge teas, luncheons, sports events, musicals. In the evening there is the opera, theater, dances and dinners.

To attend these events they must always have a young man to squire them about, and as there are so

many events on their program it is necessary for them to have several escorts during one day.

In times the New York type of gigolo, as described above, he doesn't receive any pay, but he always is on a party where all bills are paid by the host or hostess.

Therefore he gets in on all the good times for no more expenditure than his time and the cost of keeping up his wardrobe.

Besides the pleasant life he lives, he profits in another way. In serving as knight gallant to socially prominent dames and debutantes he meets people important to him that he couldn't meet otherwise.

PLEASURE PLUS BUSINESS
If he is in Wall street, his social wanderings may put him in touch with customers. If he is an artist, author or musician, he may find a Lord Chesterfield who will sponsor him in his career.

He really isn't a gigolo, but his business and social careers are so interlocked that he could never tell where one ends and the other begins.

There was a time when society delegated all such honors of the secret only to titled adventurers. For a few years Park avenue was practically a bread line for lords, dukes, princes, earls, caliphs, shahs and their brother nobility.

It was a grand circus until a few suspicious investigators discovered that a large majority of the titles were bogus. The revelation brought considerable embarrassment to more than one member of the Social Register who had been dining titled guests.

Since then titles have been worth a dime a dozen. Society has gone back to home-grown products for escorts.

so doing admit that they have failed to instill proper discipline during the early years when a child's behavior is moulded.

SPEND WEEK-END
Mrs. Albert Prehner and daughter, Mrs. Martin A. Bunker, Jr. of St. Thomas spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Stowell Whitney, Mrs. Pat Miller and Miss Edith Prehner.

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