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ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 27, 1931.

FEDERAL AUTHORITY

YESTERDAY the United States government took upon itself supreme authority over the Hoover dam area by establishing the "Boulder Canyon Project Federal Reservation." The matter was accomplished through compliance with a state law providing for such action in certain cases, Section 2895 of the compiled laws of Nevada, 1921.

The government has taken similar action in certain other large projects, such as Muscle Shoals and Panama Canal.

By its action the government assumes the entire responsibility and expense of law enforcement within the reservation. It takes from the district court a burden of criminal prosecutions which would during the next eight years prove a heavy expense. And it avoids any conflict of laws or regulations which might readily arise if the county were compelled to police the district.

The creation of the reservation will doubtless enable the authorities in charge to administer the regulations with all the rigor they think necessary. At the same time it will doubtless create a feeling of restraint and a certain resentment on the part of the laborers on the dam who may imagine their rights are being interfered with.

On the whole the "reservation" idea will work to the advantage of Las Vegas, which will doubtless profit through the very severity with which all regulations are enforced. It is noticeable that people are restless under restraint, which is given by some as one of the principal reasons why the prohibition act is not better enforced.

And it is quite likely that when the Boulder City people seek entertainment they will come to Las Vegas.

SHOULD TELL THE PEOPLE

IT WILL NOT be sufficient that the city commissioners approve a general plan of sewer construction. Before the people are asked to vote bonds they will want to know just what part of the adopted plan the board is going to put into effect first—what they intend to build with the money voted.

Lack of that knowledge is the chief reason why the sewer bonds were so decisively defeated at the last election.

Now, if there is any good reason why the people who will have to pay the bills should not be fully informed we would like to know it. There is nothing in the sewer proposal which must be covered up so far as we know. And the people are quite within their rights when they expect to be told just what is to be done with the money.

And The Age is confident that when the new administration tackles the sewer problem they will take the people fully into their confidence.

THE WATER RATES

TOMORROW afternoon the Public Service commission will consider the schedule of water rates proposed by the Las Vegas Land & Water company.

Las Vegas has been the most fortunate of towns in its water supply. The water is as good as that of any city in the country—far better than most. We have been permitted to use water from the mains without restraint or restriction, which accounts largely for the beauty of the city. And finally the charge for water all these years has been less than in any city we know.

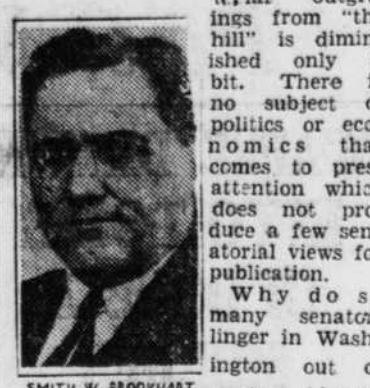
So, we may safely say the people of Las Vegas have the most kindly feeling for the Las Vegas Land & Water company, and in protesting have no desire either to cause loss to the company or to avoid paying fair rates.

However, it is obvious that some of the proposed rates are not equitable, nor in proper proportion to other rates. Such, we



WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON, May 26.—It is a matter of months now since congress quit; yet the flow of senatorial outtings from "the hill" is diminished only a bit.



Why do so many senators linger in Washington out of session time? They all seem to have homes. At least they all set themselves down as residents of this or that town in their home states. Yet, unless there is business to do at home about getting re-elected, a lot of them seem to prefer Washington between sessions.

PUBLICITY ON TAP

The easy availability of senators and house members also helps the two party national committee publicity set-ups a lot. They never seem to have difficulty finding somebody to sponsor statements. Along toward the first of June young Gerald Nye of North Dakota was the only senator remaining in Washington who seemed to have immediate senate business afoot. He was carrying on with his campaign expenditures quiz. But there were other senators whose reasons for remaining in Washington were not so obvious. There was Borah of Idaho, revealed in almost daily interviews on many subjects. There was Smith Brookhart of Iowa, talking of Mr. Hoover's unavailability for the 1932 nomination. There was Tom Walsh of Montana, being interviewed frequently. There was Charlie McNary of Oregon, talking not at all for publication, but supposed to be cogitating further farm relief legislation.

BASKING IN LIMELIGHT

What is the lure of Washington that keeps so many lawmakers here when the congressional school is out on a probably long vacation? Why don't they go home? Have they lived so long in Washington as not to feel at home anywhere else; or is it because that Washington date line is the best national sounding board of political publicity?

PARROT CAN SNORE

LONG BEACH, Cal., May 26. (U.P.)—Mrs. Alice M. Smith has a parrot named Pollyanna that can sing, spell, snore, shake "hands" and eat with a spoon. When the radio plays, the parrot sings with it. Pollyanna, whose brilliant plumage is green, red and yellow, spells "Polly," "rat" and "dog"; demonstrates how members of the family snore; extends her claw in friendly greeting when visitors arrive, and insists on having a spoon when her meals are served.

Cupidity seems to be more popular in Reno than Cupid.—Toledo Blade.

The trouble with most open minds is that they are open at both ends.—B'nai B'rith Messenger.

may assume, will be willingly adjusted by the company.

The main question as to whether the rates as a whole are fair to the rate payers and at the same time provide the company with a fair return on their investment remains.

The Public Service commission will, we believe, make a full and complete analysis of the rates so that those who pay may know the necessities of the situation and the company may at the same time be assured of an income proportionate to their investment.

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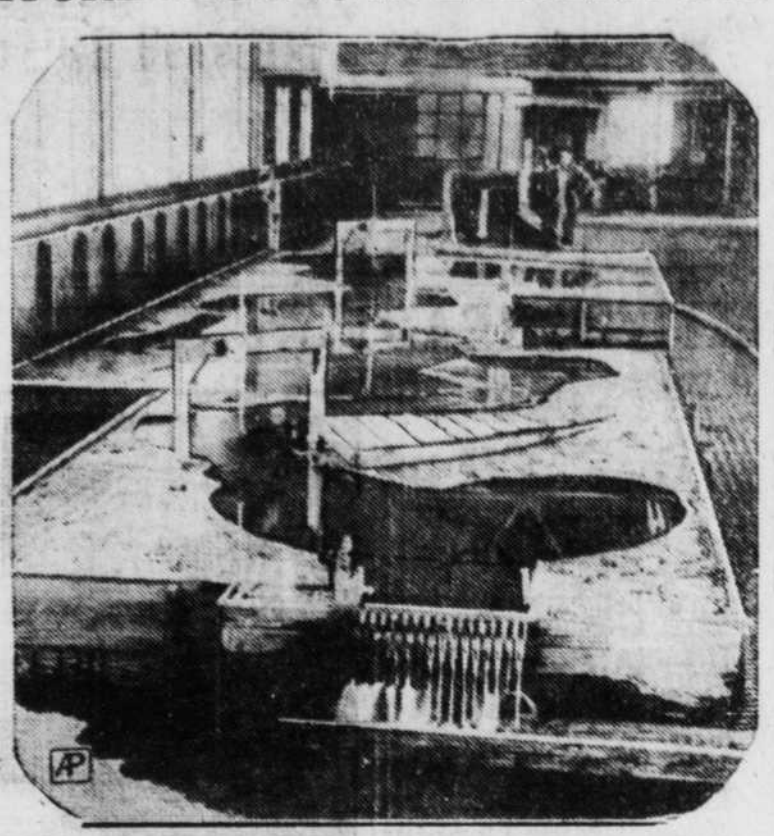
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ENGINEERS OUT-GUESS "OL' MAN RIVER" WITH MINIATURE FLOODS IN LABORATORY

VICKSBURG, Miss., May 26. (U.P.)—The Mississippi river system's trouble zones are being reproduced in miniature for scientific observation. The waterways experiment station, constructed by the Mississippi river commission at a cost of \$350,000, houses the miniature sections of the great river by which flood control problems are worked out. Science is expected to benefit materially from the experiments conducted here, and the government will be saved large sums of money as engineers learn in advance a nature will react to their plans.



Seeking to forestall the Mississippi river's rampages, engineers are solving flood control problems at the waterways experiment station at Vicksburg, Miss., by producing miniature floods on models of troublesome sections of the river.

Models as required for the solution of any river problem can be built in the experiment hall. These models are built to scale and of materials identical with that of the particular section of the river under observation.

Precise measurements are made, and by mathematical formulas the observed effects are applied to the full-size project. The completed model gives the impression of a large map come to life.

Water for experiments is supplied from an artificial lake of forty acres, two hundred feet deep. Forty cubic feet of water per second may be supplied to the river models.

The first experiment in this great hydraulic laboratory was conducted by Lieut. Herbert D. Vogel, who is in charge of the station, in the presence of engineers from each river district and notables from Washington.

Storage water from the reservoir was released in a miniature flood on models prepared by experts under the direction of Brigadier-General T. H. Jackson, president of the commission, and Lieutenant Vogel.

One of the tests was on a design of the proposed lock and dam No. 37 near Cincinnati, O.

Tests were also made of the effect of different forces of water on the materials used in general flood control work in the Vicksburg district.

The new spillway near New Orleans is being studied to determine what effect flood water will have on the railroad tracks crossing the spillway.

One section of the Mississippi river being studied is that part near New Madrid, where caving of banks presents a peculiar problem. Another test will determine whether or not the river will cut through a neck of land in the vicinity of Greenville, and if the cut-off occurs, the effect on other necks.

Lieutenant Vogel spent a year in Germany and other foreign countries, studying this particular field of hydraulics, before taking over the experiment station here.

FLOATING GAMING BARGES REAPING OFF SHORE PROFIT

LONG BEACH, Cal., May 26. (U.P.)—While the question of whether a county's authority extends out to sea is being settled in court, gambling ships have renewed their activities off the coast.

The Johanna Smith and Rose Isle are reported to be doing a thriving business as hundreds of people from Los Angeles and surrounding cities flock to the floating casinos.

A previous attempt to operate the ships resulted in the arrest of 15 members of the Johanna Smith's crew and action being taken against 15 members of the Rose Isle crew is also pending in court.

On the outcome of these cases will depend the policy adopted by county authorities who are puzzled as to just what procedure to take against the gambling ships.

Gil Chesterton laments the lack of inns in the United States. The complaint of the Democrats is that there are too many out.—Minneapolis Journal.

Americans have more time-saving devices and less time than any people in the world.—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

STATE OFFERS INVESTMENT GUIDANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26. (U.P.)—"Twelve commandments" for prospective purchasers of stock were made public today by Raymond Haight, state corporation commissioner.

1. Obtain accurate knowledge of the company or persons offering securities.
2. Remember there is no cause for hurry. Take your time, demand references and investigate.
3. Question your bank, the Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, your lawyer or businessmen in whom you have confidence and who are not connected with the enterprise as to what they think of the proposition. The corporation division should also be asked if the company or person offering the securities is acting under permit or license.
4. Remember that the success of one or more companies in a particular field does not assure a like success for other concerns entering that field. Such comparisons should be discounted and, as a rule, should be disregarded.
5. While bondholders have a prior claim upon the earnings and assets of a company do not forget that the value of bonds is lost if the security is impaired.
6. Do not accept without investigating the statement by a promoter or stock salesman that return of principal and payment of interest or dividends are guaranteed.
7. Remember there is no such thing as a safe investment, and that such statements are merely expressions of opinion.
8. Promise of dividends should be disregarded. Dividends are payable when earned and declared. Honest promoters, brokers and agents do not make such promises.
9. Printed agreements should be studied carefully before being signed. Representations by agents which are not in the written agreement may not be binding upon the company.

10. Beware of the "lipster sheet" whose single purpose is to unload cheap stock at greatly inflated prices.

11. Look out for the high pressure salesman who uses the telephone when urging you to buy securities of well known companies. His ultimate plan is to switch you into something worthless or nearly so.

12. If you have been victimized or are doubtful as to the genuineness of any securities offering, report the matter to the fraud department, division of corporations.

PRINCESS WINS CROSS

THE HAGUE, May 26. (U.P.)—Holland's crown princess, Juliana, has just been presented with a cross for meritorious service by her father, the prince consort, in his capacity as president of the Dutch Red Cross.

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A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MAR KBARRON
NEW YORK, May 26.—There are times when Manhattan almost drives one insane, but there are so many good things about the city to compensate. A few reasons why we always rush back to New York when we go away:

Two skylines which are the most inspiring man-made sights in the world. One is downtown, as viewed coming up the harbor. The other is along Fifty-ninth street, as seen from Central Park.

Irvin S. Cobb's sarofal explosions as he strolls along Fifth Avenue.

Mayor Walker's wisecracks, and George Jessel's toastmastering.

The chile con carne, cooked with green peppers and tomato sauce, in an Eighth avenue lunch wagon.

Tea dances in Madison avenue hotels, especially on week-ends when exquisite girls come down from Smith and Wellesley colleges.

The excitement and color of the pushcart market in Delancey street.

View of lights on the New Jersey shore as seen from Riverside drive. Notably the fiery effulgence of Palisades Park.

Seeing America first: from the one hundred second floor of the Empire State building. As a matter of fact, you really can't see much unless it is a remarkably clear day. Most of the time the view from up there is obscured by mist and clouds.

ENCHANTMENT
The inexplicable enchantment of Tallulah Bankhead, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, Hop Williams, Dorothy Parker and Rita Weiman.

The clowning of Jimmy Durante, Joe Cook and Fred Allen.

The hobo "jungle" at the foot of West Forty-seventh street, where vagabonds cook mulligan stew over camp fires.

That futuristic sensation of riding on West street's two-deck boulevard.

Eugenie Leontovich's marvelous performance as the age-weary ballet dancer in "Grand Hotel."

The comic opera riffs staged periodically by communists in Union square.

GOOFY FUN
The six-day bicycle race and wrestling matches in Madison Square Garden. Recommended for those who like their fun goofy.

The parade of beautiful and smartly dressed women along Fifth Avenue every afternoon.

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