

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## ONE WHITE SPOT

TO ONE who has been away for a few days it is a pleasure to come back to Las Vegas. In Southern California we cannot help but observe a spirit of pessimism quite contrary to the usual mental attitude of that people.

Under the urge of the Hoover Dam project and with the certainty that an additional supply of water can be obtained from the Colorado River the California glumness will disappear.

But when we get off the train at Las Vegas we find another atmosphere. Hope fills the air and evidences of accomplishment are apparent on all sides.

Just now Las Vegas is the White Spot of the country. Not a very big spot, perhaps, but a spot which is spreading so fast that it soon will attract men and money from all over the country. And in sympathy with Las Vegas, Southern California will soon be taking a place in the procession to march forward with her old vigor.

## OUR WORST DRAWBACK

LAS VEGAS, with all her fine achievement; with all the growth and improvement of the past two years; with all her splendid promise for the future, has one serious drawback.

It is a drawback which should not much annoy us, but which, unfortunately, causes us much grief.

It is the faculty which a very few of our people have, of putting the most discouraging face on every proposal; of sneering at every new enterprise and of gloating with glee over every failure.

The element of which we speak, is not sufficiently strong or numerous to accomplish anything of a constructive nature even if they had the desire. But they have already been instrumental in driving many thousands of dollars of money away from the city and of delaying many much to be desired improvements.

The knockers can't stop the forward march of Las Vegas! But how they do annoy those who are making earnest efforts to get things under way?

## CELEBRATING

OUR FOURTH of JULY celebration has already commenced if the intermittent popping of fire crackers which we hear in Las Vegas is any indication.

Just naturally, having been a fire cracker kid himself, the Editor hates to register a kick. We really hope to have the kids enjoy one regular day of Fourth of July celebration on the Fourth of July.

In the meantime, since it is contrary to the city ordinance and a most dangerous practice, the shooting of fire crackers and fire works of all kinds should be frowned on.

We can hardly expect the police to spend much time reproving the kids who are jumping the gun on our Fourth of July. But parents can very reasonably see that the children, if they must shoot fire crackers, go out of town and away from buildings to do so.

Las Vegas has been extremely fortunate in her freedom from fires during the more than 26 years of her existence. Let's all cooperate in keeping the fire hazard this year to the lowest possible minimum.



## WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—The supposed ambitions of Governor Amos Pinchot of Pennsylvania for a try at a presidential nomination as a progressive Republican has attracted special attention to his battle with the legislature over congressional redistricting of the state.

He is not the only governor involved in that same sore of warfare. But more may hinge on the outcome for Pinchot, as Washington observers figure it out, than for the others.

The theory is that a deadlock in Pennsylvania may cause the whole state delegation to the party conventions next year to be elected at large, by state-wide vote. Ordinarily most of them would be selected in their respective congressional districts. Convention representation is based on congressional apportionment, with added delegates at large for senators.

If Pennsylvania, or any other state where there is reduction in congressional representation under the current census, fails to redistrict, the traditional way of electing members of the house is for all to run at large.

The same rule, presumably, would apply to national convention delegates, and it is supposed that Pinchot might have a better chance to have the Pennsylvania bloc pledged to him next year under such circumstances.

'CITY FELLERS' VOTE  
However that may be, John Cochran of Missouri filled pages of the Congressional Record last session with statistics compiled for him by the library of congress experts on the rural-urban division in the last house.

He credited Pennsylvania with 15 rural and 21 urban districts. Obviously, regardless of the Pinchot angle, a deadlock on redistricting might make it possible for the Pennsylvania "city-feller" vote to gobble the whole show, in congress or the conventions.

There is a similar row in Cochran's own state and in several others. Just how difficult a problem these redistricting contests are going to be for the republican and democratic party managers this winter, when the national committees meet to get ready for the 1932 party shows, is not as yet discernible.

WEIGHTY POSSIBILITIES  
It is clear, however, that aside from the more or less academic national interest in these legal and constitutional questions about redistricting that have been raised in New York and elsewhere, the mass effect of deadlocks, inter- or intra-party, could become mighty important by next convention time.

It is quite conceivable that platform issues like prohibition could turn on that point, or even that candidates for presidential nominations might rest thereon.

OLD OIL WELL STILL RUNS  
SAN ANGELO, Tex., June 10 (U.P.)—Though drilled more than eight years ago, the No. 1 Santa Rita oil well, Reagan county discovery well and forerunner of oil development in eighteen West Texas counties, is still a producing well, pumping eight barrels per day.

HEN ADOPTS PIG  
SALEM, Ore., June 10 (U.P.)—A black hen after setting for weeks on a glass nest egg, gave up in disgust and took a newborn pig to mother. The pig is harbored every night under the chicken's wing.

FIRE LOSS 25 MILLIONS  
HARRISBURG, Pa., June 10 (U.P.)—Fire loss in Pennsylvania during 1930 totaled \$25,000,000, according to the Bureau of Fire Protection. The bureau announced that its survey showed that 82 per cent of the fires were preventable.

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## CALIENTE NEWS NOTES

Al Cox, mining man of the Comet district, accompanied by his three sons, spent Monday here on business.

Levi Blad, business man of Panama, spent a few hours in Caliente Tuesday on business.

W. H. Smith, freight agent at Cedar City, was in Caliente Tuesday on business.

Harley Woodworth, Union Pacific employe, accompanied by his family returned Tuesday from a few days visit in Los Angeles.

Carmen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amante, was married Saturday June 6 to Harley Amos, a business man of Long Beach Calif.

Mrs. George Senter was a charming hostess at a delightful party given at her home on Spring street on Monday evening. Five hundred were enjoyed by the following guests: Mesdames Geo. Jeffs, J. L. Denton, P. W. Duffin, L. L. Burt, J. Sherwood, Frank Pace, H. M. Fieldson, R. Stanchiff, R. J. Aoklin, A. W. Arrowsmith, W. W. Smith, C. O. Scansell, R. F. Dula, D. Wing, W. E. Fernley, F. S. Dewey, J. A. Ryan, F. A. Kuckmeisler, Sr., B. E. Forbes, C. L. Wadsworth, F. Nicholson, C. A. Lundgren, W. C. Ray, F. H. Denton, L. C. Denton, W. W. Stockham and Al Larson. Prizes were won by Mesdames Ray Stanchiff, first, A. W. Arrowsmith, second, W. W. Smith, consolation. Mrs. D. Wing of Missoula, Montana, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Senter, was given the guest prize. Daily refreshments were served. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Barton Collins arrived Monday evening from Cheyenne, Wyo., to spend his summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. James Patterson.

B. M. Prescott, of the Union Pacific traffic department in Los Angeles, spent Tuesday in Caliente on company business.

W. A. Ray, George Jeffs, Mr. and Mrs. George Senter, Mrs. D. Wing, W. Martin, W. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Duffin, C. D. Patterson, Hans Olson, Sr., Tom Dixon, Stella Gratto, A. A. Barr, and C. E. Cornelius, will leave Thursday morning for Ely, Nevada, to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Masons.

TELESCOPE TO SPOT SMOKE  
DETROIT, June 10 (U.P.)—Detroit is soon to have a \$350 telescope, perched on top of the 47-story Penobscot building, to detect smoke offenders. The telescope, which is to have a 20-mile range, will be presented to the city by the Civic Pride Association.

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## A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON  
NEW YORK—Fashion is back in style, all the new summer evening dresses revealing, embroidered edges of what was thought to be a lost institution.  
Fred Allen says his arms are so tired because he had to help Eugene O'Neill lift his new play off the boat.

The nothing-to-do idlers have become so bored watching subway excavations that they are attending the television demonstrations in Apollon hall.  
Babe Daniels is an expert fencer. She also likes swimming and golf.  
Andrew Mellon's sleek black yacht has been anchored off Beechhurst in Long Island sound. It costs \$50 just to start its motors.

When Chester Morris went to Europe he rode a freighter. The voyage took thirty-three days.  
When Jack Kerns was manager of Dempsey he would always say "Why Willard can't lick ME!"

A BORGIA  
Lucretia Borgia's last name is really Borgia. She is a descendant of the historic Italian family. She likes parlor entertainment, her favorite being a burlesque of Amneris in "Aida."  
Corinne Griffith says she is going to study voice culture while in Europe. Gloria Swanson taxied over to the North river to see her off.

Colonel Lindbergh has been working in a shop in Long Island putting new pontoons on one of his planes. A small fire started in the shop and Lindbergh put it out by himself. The incident was kept out of the newspapers until now.  
Pay Wray is married to John Monk Saunders, once a New York

reporter. Another Gotham newspaperman, Jack Kirland, is wedded to Nancy Carroll.  
Lady Wimborne has three personal maids—English, French and Spanish. How we get around!  
Mr. Zero, who runs a soup kitchen for Bowery unemployed, was born in St. Helene, Quebec.  
Tallulah Bankhead's newest and most satirical impersonation is that of a woman movie gossip writer interviewing Marlene Dietrich.

ONE NEVER KNOWS  
Doris Kenyon told us last fall that she didn't think she would ever make another movie, but she couldn't be sure until the opportunity offered. She sailed for Europe the other day and when she comes back she will return to the Hollywood lots.  
N. B. C. broadcasting studio has a piano which has been autographed by hundreds of celebrities.  
Ruth Chatterton was born in New York on Christmas eve.

Sands point, far out on Long Island, is rapidly replacing Great Neck as the summer colony for theatrical and literary celebrities.  
The first man ever to swim the English channel now captains a fishing vessel off Montauk point.  
The colony of barges in the East river has entirely disappeared. When the spring they all begin their trek up the Hudson to the Erie canal.

Only cars with private chauffeurs are allowed to park in the Broadway district during the before-midnight hours. This really isn't a discrimination in favor of the wealthy. The chauffeurs are compelled to remain with their cars so they may remove them in a hurry in case of fire or other emergency.

Paper Reports Rebel Victory  
FORT WORTH, Tex., June 10 (U.P.)—Mrs. W. T. Atkinson, resident here, has a copy of an extra issued July 23, 1861, by the Southern Guardian of Columbia, S. C., containing an account of the Confederate victory at Bull Run in which Mrs. Atkinson's father, William L. Moyer, was a member of the southern force.

MILLION BOTTLES OF BEER  
DETROIT, June 10 (U.P.)—The state of Michigan expects its residents to drink at least 1,200,000 bottles of "home" or "alley" beer next year. That estimate is based on an analysis of the anticipated \$2,000,000 revenue the state expects to collect through its recently enacted malt tax.

EIGHT-PAWED CATS BORN  
OLD FORD, Pa., June 10 (U.P.)—An eight-pawed cat recently presented its owner, Terry Rensa, with a litter of eight-pawed kittens. The mother cat and the two kittens which survived are creating much attention. Rensa said that there had been eight-pawed kittens before but none lived.

Road Builders Pick Detroit  
DETROIT, June 10 (U.P.)—The American Road Builders' Association has chosen Detroit for its international road show and exposition next January. More than 35,000 road builders are expected to attend the exposition, which will be featured by exhibits of large modern road-building machinery and equipment.

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OXFORD TIGHTENS LAWS ON MOTORS  
OXFORD, England (U.P.)—Regulations concerning the use of automobiles by undergraduates, similar to those controlling the driving at American universities, will be put into effect this fall at Oxford University.

WOLF BOUNTY \$50  
PORTLAND, Ore., June 10 (U.P.)—Apparently the howl of the timber wolf is still heard in Oregon forests. Since October the hides of a dozen wolves have been received by the state game commission for bounty payments. Hunters make about \$50 on each kill, which includes a bounty of \$25 from the state, \$5 to \$10 each from the county where the kill is made, and sale of the hides from \$10 to \$25 each to fur buyers.

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