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SECRETARY'S VISIT

SECRETARY WILBUR has been a noble champion of the Hoover Dam project from the very day he entered the cabinet of President Hoover. One of the reasons why this was the natural and expected attitude of the Secretary of the Interior is that his chief, President Hoover, for more than ten years has been one of the most powerful influences in behalf of the Colorado river project, and his interest still is high.

While we were looking with some nervousness at the prospect of the work being delayed by the Arizona suit or feared that the power companies might not be willing to bid for the power a sum sufficient to finance the project, Secretary Wilbur was issuing orders to proceed with all speed. Not one day did he allow the things to drag. On the contrary he increased the speed far beyond what was thought possible and the project is now at least one year ahead of what might have been the case except for the secretary's vigorous action.

On his various visits here Secretary Wilbur has made some notable announcements of future plans. On his visit next week the Secretary may have some important things to say. At least we may look forward with interest to hearing his report of progress on the great project in which the west is so greatly interested.

WHY EXAGGERATE?

IT WAS hot in Las Vegas yesterday and the two days before that. On Wednesday the government thermometer registered 110 degrees properly exposed in the official shelter according to regulations.

Nevertheless we observed people about the streets and men working on buildings and in excavations without damage to their health. And, of course, while the government thermometer registered 110 for a short time in mid-afternoon, the temperature against the sides of buildings or in streets exposed to the sun was higher.

And someone is studiously sending out of the city reports that the thermometer registers 140 at Black Canyon. To represent that as the temperature in which men are compelled to work is little short of criminal. There may be certain spots where the sun beats down and stores its heat in the black rocks where the temperature runs high. But the general atmosphere is not much different from that at San Bernardino, or Fresno, or Sacramento, or Phoenix—in fact conditions are generally more liveable due to the absence of humidity than in those places.

It is our opinion that it would be a decided advantage to Las Vegas if people would stop playing up this "desert heat" stuff. Because there is not a summer when New York or Chicago or St. Louis or Baltimore or New Orleans haven't worse conditions of heat than we do here.

Sure, it's hot. But where is it not!

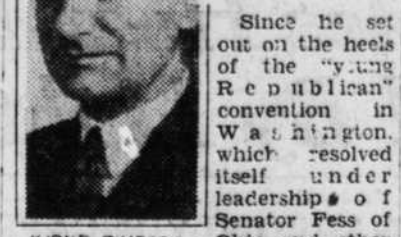
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

THERE are some provisions of the proposed new traffic ordinance which at first glance may seem stringent. For example, the limiting of parking on Fremont street between Main and Sixth to 45 minutes. Whether it is desirable to so restrict parking on the portion of Fremont street east of Third at this stage of development is a question worthy of consideration. And those who own property and business on that street should give thought to what they desire. The commissioners it is reasonable to assume wish to do what the majority want them to do.

One excellent provision of the proposed ordinance is that which provides a penalty for allowing dirt and other refuse to spill from trucks on the streets. Just now there is considerable excavation work and a little carelessness in loading will keep our paved streets covered with a coating of dirt and dust all summer.

THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — Most political commentators viewed the 1932 Hoover campaign for re-election as actually getting going with the President's swing around the circle in June.



Since he set out on the heels of the "Young Republican" convention in Washington, which resolved itself under leadership of Senator Fess of Ohio and other national committee chiefs into a "Who But Hoover" drive, the assumption that Mr. Hoover would follow through with at least one rousing political speech was to be expected.

You read Mr. Hoover's speeches at Marion, Springfield, even to the Republican editors in Indiana, and you discover the striking fact that he never referred to the grand old party at all.

He talked over the depression, its causes and means of abating its effect, with the Indiana editors, it is true; but not in a specifically partisan way. There was very little of the pre-campaign stump speech about even that effort.

COOLIDGE CONTRAST
By contrast, the remarks of former President Coolidge at the Harding memorial dedication ceremonies have a far more party political ring than anything Mr. Hoover said on the whole trip.

The Bystander was impressed by that when he read the "advance" copy of the Coolidge speech. Just for fun, he looked up the Republican campaign text book of 1924 and compared Mr. Coolidge in 1931 on accomplishments of the presidential term he divided with Mr. Harding, with Mr. Coolidge in 1924, accepting a presidential nomination in his own right. They were a lot alike.

The Bystander was most impressed by that part of the Hoover speech to the Indiana editors which talked of a "plan."

Mr. Hoover was poking a little fun at the passion for plans which has followed Russia's "five-year plan" idea. He thought the demand for "plans" at home might be an "infection" from that Russia propaganda notion.

KEEPING IN STYLE
So Mr. Hoover, to be in fashion, produced a 20-year "plan," designed to provide for the needs of a probable 20,000,000 increase in population in that time.

And this plan will be carried out if we just keep on giving the American people a chance," Mr. Hoover said. "They have already done a better job for 120,000,000 people than any other nation in history."

Which sounds like good, ordinary horse-sense. Yet hardly can it be classed as a partisan political utterance. The Indiana Republican editors will have a lot of trouble fashioning a Republican slogan out of it for the 1932 presidential battle.

NEVADA HIGH IN 'QUICK' OUTPUT

RENO, June 25. (AP) — Although showing a 31 per cent decrease in production, Nevada ranked second in states producing mercury in 1930, report by the department of commerce shows that production in this state decreased from 4,764 flasks of mercury in 1929 to 3,282 in 1930.

California was again the leading mercury producing state last year with 11,451 flasks, an increase of about 1,000 flasks over the preceding year. Texas was the only other state to show an increase.

The total domestic output in 1930 amounted to 31,553 flasks, valued at \$2,478,789, a decline of nine per cent in quantity and 14 per cent in value. The average quoted price at New York was six per cent below that of 1929.

NEVADANS WILL MEET AT CONFAB

RENO, June 25. (AP) — Nearly 3,000 persons are expected to attend the second anniversary picnic of the Nevadans at Bowers' Mansion on June 28. The affair, at which District Judge Clark J. Guild of Yerington will be speaker of the day, is for all native Nevadans and their families.

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CALIENTE NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Edgar Nesbitt, postmistress of Hiko, underwent an operation last week at the Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Calif. Last report state Mrs. Nesbitt is doing well.

H. D. Peterson, of Salt Lake City, is spending a few days here on business.

Clair Foremaster, rancher of Alamo, spent Tuesday in Caliente.

Scotty Marshall and Mesdames Ben Henderson, Ella Girard and William, motored to Ash Springs Tuesday and enjoyed a picnic in swim.

Miss Mary Roper, day clerk in the engine house of the Union Pacific, returned from a two weeks vacation with relatives in Seattle.

John Conway, county commissioner and rancher, with his family spent Monday evening here visiting relatives.

Ed. Keele, local switchman, left Tuesday for a few days visit in Salt Lake City.

Lake Adams, Union Pacific engineer, returned from a ten-day business trip to Salt Lake City.

Allen's cash store has installed the most modern equipped meat market in Lincoln county. They will be ready to serve the public Saturday. W. A. Jones, of Tooele, Utah, will be in charge.

Bill Horn and Bob Hames of Delamar, were Caliente visitors Tuesday.

Joan and Mary Dotson of Las Vegas, spent Sunday here visiting their father and friends.

Mrs. William Lowt is confined to her home on account of serious illness.

Clarence Wadsworth and son Bert, are spending a few days in Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bishop, of Ely, passed through here Tuesday on their way home from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Edwina White returned from Salt Lake City where she attended the funeral of her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. White.

John Foremaster is driving a new ton and a half model 1931 International truck, being used for mail, freight and passenger service between here and Alamo.

Lee Ivie, who was injured Sunday in the blast at the Hoover dam was an old time resident of Lincoln county, having been employed at the Fornhorn Hope mine in the Cornet district before leaving for the Hoover dam. Mr. Ivie is a member of the Lincoln county American legion post Number 23.

Martin Lawson of the Grand cafe at Pioche, spent a few hours here Wednesday.

Lake Adams, who has been an engineer on the Pioche branch of the Union Pacific for the past five years, left Thursday for Salt Lake City, to make their home in the future. Mrs. Adams will accompany him. They will be highly missed here by their numerous friends.

Mrs. W. A. Liston arrived Tuesday from San Bernardino, Calif., to spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and children of Las Vegas, are spending

A NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By MARK BARON
NEW YORK — Not since the Elwell and Dorothy King murders has New York been kept so at large as by the Starr Faithful mystery. This beautiful, well educated girl was found apparently murdered, her body washed up on the shores of Long Beach.

Revelation of shocking and unbelievable events in her personal life intrigues people who must wonder at the hidden tragedies and adventures which have happened to so many people who calmly move through everyday events as if never a ripple upset their existence.

Yet Starr's case is not unique. She was one of the scores of men and women who seek some sort of sanctuary in the raucous whirlpool that New York offers, a refuge amid the noise and excitements of the big city.

In the end she became jaded even with New York. She wrote to a friend:

"Everything now seems so arid, blank, negative and futile that I wish some geographical phenomenon would wipe America off the map. I am more bored by my native land. If I were a man I would join the Foreign Legion and forget my past."

"Yesterday I swear I was completely overcome by my depression. New York seemed like a huge graveyard, and the skyline didn't thrill me a bit. It just looked like elongated dominoes and perfectly ridiculous."

WERE YOU THERE?
Like the Rehnstein and Vivian Gordon murders, most everyone in town seems to have been connected

man of Lincoln county, left Tuesday for Las Vegas on business.

James Hollingshead, returned Tuesday from a month's visit in Salt Lake City and Minersville, Utah.

remotely with the Starr Faithful case. Even this nervous correspondent found himself tumbled into the proceedings.

The day before she left for Hollywood, Miriam Hopkins gave a farewell party. It was more of a quiet literary tea with only a couple dozen people present. Carl Van Vechten was there. So were Katharine Wilson, Lily Cahill and Adrianna Dool, the actresses. Knowing there would probably be some sandwiches around, I dropped in, too, to say goodbye to Georgia's favorite blonde.

It was a nice party, and this was the day before Starr Faithful disappeared. That wasn't known until a couple of weeks later, when morning newspapers shouted in headlines that Starr had said that she was at the Miriam Hopkins party, and there she had met two strange men who fascinated her.

BLACKMAIL
Well, of course, everyone who had been at the party was questioned, and no one remembered having seen her there. As a matter of fact, the whole thing frightened this blushing violet so much that I could hardly pull myself together enough to remember I had been present.

Another thing that frightened anyone who is inclined to be nervous: The same day this information came out a Black Hand letter came to Harry Stoner, artist. He also was a guest at the Hopkins party, and the letter threatened to involve him in the case unless he left \$500 on a street corner in Harlem.

Well, it just about scared Stoner into a permanent case of miseries, and New York at Large isn't any too calm himself, hoping that the blackmail demand isn't a circular letter to be sent everyone at the party.

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