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INFALLIBLE INDEX

THE CONDITION of a community's banks is an infallible index of the condition of the community business.

The statement of the First State bank of Las Vegas published in The Age of yesterday compared with the statement of a year ago must convince even the most skeptical of the trend of Las Vegas, of its growth and the general prosperity of business.

Another thing worthy of note at this time is that the First State bank has over 60 per cent of its assets in cash and liquid securities, which is at least twice the amount considered amply sufficient and four times the requirements of the state and national banking departments, which require a bank to keep 15 per cent of its assets liquid.

Since January 1, 1930, one year ago, the deposits, assets and cash reserve of banks generally have been going down. This has not been the case with the Las Vegas banks.

The First State bank has shown an unusual growth during the past year. Its deposits have increased almost half a million, \$458,032.53 to be exact, since the bank statement of one year ago.

Its loans have increased approximately \$100,000 during the same period and its liquid assets increased approximately \$600,000.

This official, sworn record cannot be interpreted otherwise than as representing the same proportional gain in the every day business of the community, coupled with banking ability far above the average.

As a matter of fact Las Vegas has been prosperous. The only distressing thing here has been the news from the outside world.

A USE FOR BOULDER CITY

IN FOUR OR five years Boulder City will have fulfilled its principal mission of providing living quarters and conveniences for those who are building the Hoover dam project.

Why not then utilize that city for Nevada's unit of the disabled veterans' hospital?

The fight now being made for an appropriation would most likely drag on for a year or two before money can be secured for a Nevada hospital. Then, with the long controversy usual in such cases over selecting a site, letting contracts and completing buildings, we may figure reasonably that it will require four or five years before the hospitalization is ready, under the most favorable circumstances.

It is perfectly reasonable to believe that the nine dormitory buildings, the many fine cottages, administration building and other improvements of a permanent nature could be adapted to the use of a government hospital at very little additional cost. In fact Boulder City, when its use in construction of the dam is no longer required, will be found well adapted to hospital use.

The altitude is 2,500 feet, about 500 feet more than Las Vegas. It has water system, sewers, sidewalks and all other civic improvements already provided.

The Age suggests that the adaptability for government hospital use of Boulder City, or at least so much of it as will not be needed for the comparatively small crew in charge of the dam, be given study by the Nevada

THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON—When it comes to devising political New Year cards for the other side, Henry T. Rainey, democratic leader in the house, discloses a remarkable technique.



HENRY T. RAINEY

He got out something as to what kind of a New Year card he was going to have wished upon them by their victorious political opponents in the house, they must have vanished after reading the Rainey greeting.

There would be, so far as he could help it, Rainey said, no democratic political sniping during consideration of what he called "the reconstruction bill."

ONLY A TRUCE
Once those measures are through the house, however, he put the Republicans on notice that they were to be kept continuously on the defensive.

"I expect to charge up the necessity for the unparalleled taxing burdens made necessary at this session to the policies in force since the expiration of the Wilson administration," Rainey said.

Now, there you are. As neatly put a plan of campaign as you could wish. Here is a truce promised so far as concerns getting through with "ameliorating modifications" as Rainey put it, the legislative program offered by President Hoover to get the wheels of prosperity off dead center.

But beyond that, Rainey deems it his job to see that the country is convinced before the presidential elections that all this reconstruction business was made necessary by Republican blundering.

Incidentally, Rainey was so much pleased with his original pose in the house as a presidential spokesman that he got an ironic sort of satisfaction out of doing it again.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

He referred to the measure put through before Christmas ratifying the Hoover one year moratorium on war debts as the "debt postponement bill."

"In calling it this I am observing the wishes of the President as expressed to me by the President," he added.

What all this party sparring is about, of course, is taxes. Raising taxes is always politically dangerous, yet they have to be raised.

From now until election it will be the business of party orators to explain that it was the other party, not theirs, which made tax boosts necessary.

MURDER CLUE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7. (U.P.)—A watch stolen by the man who slugged and killed Haskell Rosen, Wichita, Kan., pawnbroker September 13, 1930, was located today in a pawnshop here.

Edward Neal, 26, said he pawned the watch for John G. Hahn, 44. Both were held.

MOAPA VALLEY NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Eleanor Syphus of St. Thomas went to St. George recently for medical care. She is remaining for a few days in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eugene Perkins and Mrs. Vera Whipple will attend leadership week sessions in St. George this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stucki of Santa Clara returned Saturday to their home, following a visit here during holiday week, at the home of Mrs. Stucki's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tobler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waymire will spend Thursday at Boulder dam site. Their guests on this trip will be Mrs. Raymond Holmes of this city and her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Lewis of Long Beach, Calif.

Col. J. G. Scroggum and Col. L. J. Miller were here Sunday on business connected with their dude ranch, now opened at St. Thomas.

Mrs. George Davis of Las Vegas is here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson.

Miss Onie Hardy of Mesquite is visiting here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stephens.

Fred Woolley of Salt Lake City visited a few days this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary L. Wells. Mr. Woolley is en route to California, where he will spend the rest of the winter.

EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE
"It's a hard winter when it snows, and it's a hard winter when we don't have no snow to shovel."

MEASURE MAY SAVE CHICAGO

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 7. (U.P.)—The Illinois state senate passed a bill today to reorganize Cook county's taxing machinery and thereby "save Chicago from financial anarchy."

The measure will be rushed to the house in the hope that within a month or two first steps may be taken to put Chicago's tottering government back on its feet through emergency loans, pending collection of nearly \$400,000,000 in back taxes.

INDIAN TRIAL IS SET FOR FEB. 15

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 7. (U.P.)—Golney Seymour, young Apache Indian who is accused of murdering Henrietta Schmeidler, Columbia university student, will be tried at Globe, Ariz., Feb. 15. Federal Judge Albert M. Sames announced today. Miss Schmeidler came to Arizona in May, 1931, to study Indian ways at close range. She lived alone on remote White River reservation and associated freely with the young braves. She was murdered June 18.

Knows Pigeons



Pigeons know C. R. King of Hayward, Calif., but better than that, King knows pigeons. His long experience as the head of his own pigeon loft was recognized in Honolulu, where he was invited as a judge in pigeon shows. Now he has gone to Louisville, Ky., to judge fancy birds in the blue grass country. He appears here returning from the islands on the Maul.

DENIES MOONEY REPORT ON FILE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (U.P.)—Attorney General Mitchell today met the senate's demand for the suppressed Wickersham commission report on the Mooney-Billings bombing case with the flat assertion that no such document was in his archives.

"He reported, moreover, that the experts' inquiry into the famous California case was done without the authority of the commission, which never considered it," said Chairman Geo. W. Wickersham would attempt to get a copy of the report from its authors, Zeehalah Chafetz, Jr., Walter H. Pollak and Carl S. Stern.

The United Press learned the report is still in existence, and that it condemns the prosecution methods used by state authorities against Mooney and Warren Billings.

FERGUSON NAMED TO ELKS' POST

Dr. F. M. Ferguson was last night elected to the office of Esteemed Leading Knight at the meeting of Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468, B. P. O. E. The election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Leonard Blood.

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PILOT'S BODY IS RECOVERED

ELKINS, W. Va., Jan. 7. (U.P.)—The body of Lieut. E. H. Bobbitt, Jr., 24, army pilot, missing since Christmas, was found today in a thickly timbered section of the Cheat mountains.

The body was badly burned and still strapped in the cockpit of the plane. Two men, Carl Realer, 40, and N. S. Simmons, 55, campers near Valley Head, found the wreckage of the plane. They had been searching for several days.

When word was received here, state police set for Valley Head to bring the body. They expected to find some one train. Valley Head is about 51 miles from here.

Bobbit was seen last when he reported the plane at Underdown, Pa. Chances were and took off for Mt. St. Paul, Va. He was flying from the field, Mich., to Hot Springs to visit his parents.

Alphons from Washington and Hot Springs had joined in a search from the air for the missing pilot. Hundreds of persons tramped through ravines and thickets in the Cheat mountain district in an attempt to find the flier.

The search by air was abandoned because of weather conditions. State police during the search had been within one quarter of a mile of where the flier's body was found and had turned back. It was learned they were planning another expedition tomorrow when word of the discovery reached here.

MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (U.P.)—The father of his country, standing up in a rowboat, isn't art. A common or garden variety of summer squash with soil clinging to its bottleneck, is, according to the Manhattan pundits of painting.

Miss Mary Tannahill looked lovingly at the vegetable as it came to her kitchen table last summer. She persuaded the squash to pose before it reached the cooking pot. Result—a medal for "the best water color at the annual exhibition of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors, on today in the Fine Arts building.

If Judge Lewis L. Fawcett, presiding over New York's new matrimonial court, wants a free lunch any time, he can accept any number of invitations that poured into him today from husbands who "just want to talk it over."

The judge, who has sat for ten hours a day since his court opened a week ago, has received hundreds of telegrams and letters from disconsolate spouses (or should it be "spice," as Christopher Morley insists?) all begging for "just five minutes—or, better, come to lunch with me," and all expressing the pathetic hope that the judge knows some cure-all.

And what a row Roy Chapman Andrews, fossil hunter extraordinary, stirred up the other day when he said woman's place is in the home and not in jungle or desert. Today's latest reply to him, by women who fly anonymously to the

rescue of their courageous sisters, is to hurl at his rugged head the following names: Mrs. Garg Akely (Africa); Mrs. Martin Johnson (Africa); Frau Gula Pfeffer (if you don't know who she is, why she spent years among African nomad tribes, alone); Elizabeth Dickey (Brazil); and Elizabeth Steen (who trailed Col. Fawcett into the central Brazilian jungle).

Ernest Ryder, he said his name was. Taxicab man. Business is poor.

"I'm writing a book," he confided as he dropped a reporter at his destination. Who's a good publisher? I had a letter printed in an evening newspaper, but didn't get any money for it. Still, they printed it. My book is all about the troubles of a taxi driver. I've been hawking for ten years. Today I took in four dollars. I think writing ought to pay better."

"Or," he added as an afterthought, "D'you think maybe I better take it down to Judge Seabury? It tells a lot about the graft in this business."

And the New Yorker recites the story of a taxi driver who, during the recent holidays, sang carols with his greasy passengers, including "Good King Wenceslas."

Cost of education in Manhattan: 82 cents a lecture. Figures compiled by New York university. Cost of year's schooling, \$340.

That's not for board and lodging, however, nor for racoon coats.

SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY

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HOLLYWOOD—It is no simple matter to make a child actor cry—when he is supposed to.

Especially when, as in the case of Dickie Moore, the youngster has a s worked for three or four years with motion picture people.

The mock seriousness of directors usually doesn't fool him, accustomed as he is to the bantering on a motion picture set.

A scene was being made in which 5-year-old Dickie Moore must cry on Chic Sale's shoulder. Dickie was unable to get into the proper spirit. He couldn't cry as though he meant it.

After several attempts, Director Archie Mayo held a whispered conversation with young Moore's mother. Then he ordered a "take." In the midst of it there was an interruption as Dickie's mother pushed her way onto the set. As she started to say something, Mayo shouted:

"Mrs. Moore, please get off the set, and stay off! I'll do this without your help!"
The moment was one of agonized wonderment for the little actor.



DICKIE MOORE

He had never heard his mother talked to that way before. Calmness as he is to trickery, real tears began to fall.

TEARFUL CONNIVANCE

The scene was shot, effectively and properly, due to the connivance of Mayo and Mrs. Moore. It's in "Old Man Minnick."

A similar method was used to draw tears from Jackie Cooper for a scene in "The Champ." He was in a pake and not a work spirit, and badly faked his crying.

King Vidor, at the end of an afternoon's hard work with Jackie, called him a "punk actor" and said he just had heard the picture would never be finished because Jackie Cooper was so terrible.

The desired effect was accomplished. And Director Vidor later apologized and rescinded his remarks.

PAGE ONE STUFF

Another newspaper story is in the making and two famous page one murder cases of not so many years ago are the basis for it.

They are the Snyder-Gray and Hall-Mills cases. Incidents from both have been incorporated into "The Famous Ferguson Case," which Courtney Terrett, "Red" Terrett when he was a reporter covering these stories, wrote.

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