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METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/2 and 7 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Zinc, 3.05 cents a pound. Bar silver, 30 1/2 cents an ounce.

Boulder Dam Project
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Death Penalty May Be Set For Attackers In Honolulu

NATIVES ARE AMONG JURY NAMES IN TRIAL

Extreme Penalty May Curb Sex Crimes in Pacific Playground Measure to Be Given Legislature At Its Session Monday

By DAN CAMPBELL (United Press Staff Correspondent)
HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 14. (U.P.)—Recommendation that the criminal statutes be revised to provide the death penalty for assaults on women will be made by Governor Lawrence Judd when the special session of the territorial legislature convenes next Monday, the executive revealed tonight.

Judd's report to the secretary of interior Ray Lyman Wilbur in which he promised to urge addition of a bill providing that those convicted on charges of attacking women would be hanged. The measure would be intended to decrease the number of sex crimes in Honolulu, brought to public attention after the arrest of Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue, social leader, her son-in-law, Lieut. J. G. Thomas, H. Massie, and two enlisted men of Pearl Harbor, on charges of first degree murder. They were arrested after the slaying of Joseph Hahahawai, who had been accused of attacking Mrs. Fortescue's daughter, Mrs. Thalia Massie.

The grand jury was scheduled to consider evidence in the case of Mrs. Fortescue and the three navy men Friday, but John Gilliland, city and county attorney, said tonight there was a possibility of postponement.

NATIVES ON JURY

Provided the trial starts within the next 30 days, the first jurors called will be from the panel drawn today, which is as follows:

Winfred A. Mai, Francis Hin Chiu, Harry Isame Kobayashi, Harry Ah Mai, James Kaheawalani Hakula, Jr., Archie F. Ewart, William L. Lee, Eben P. Low, Jubille Lukela, Donald H. McArthur, Frank Masctel, Jr., Charles A. McAngus, Daniel J. McCriston, Harold I. Pitzer, Manue J. Soares, Makato Aasaki, J. H. Taub, George R. Sims, Fred T. Williams, Kenichi Yamasaki and Samuel Zane.

As a part of its campaign to restore normalcy in Honolulu, the Chamber of Commerce tonight offered a \$1,000 reward for the capture of Daniel Lyman, 22, convicted of second degree murder, who escaped from Oahu prison New Year's eve.

STATE LANDS IN CLARK TAKEN

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 14. (U.P.)—Inability to meet the terms of their 50-year contracts caused settlers to turn 10,799.33 acres of land back to the state of Nevada during 1931, according to the records of T. A. Lotz, surveyor general and ex-officio state land register.

Lotz announced today that at the close of 1931 the state had 68,193.40 acres of state lands for sale, while at the outset of the same year it had only 57,394.07 acres. A little less than half of the lands now held by the state are in Honey Lake valley and in the eastern portion of Long valley in Washoe county.

Only 40 acres of state lands remain subject to entry in Clark county, Lotz pointed out, whereas there were 140 acres a year ago and 800 acres in 1929. The lands are being taken up rapidly, he said, by settlers who anticipate the benefits which will be derived from Hoover dam.

Lands subject to entry in the other counties of the state follow: Churchill, 846.54 acres; Douglas, 80; Elko, 3,459.68; Esmeralda, 40; Eureka, 2,275.81; Humboldt, 9,170.6; Lander, 3,601.48; Lincoln, 1,711.58; Lyon, 3,832.23; Mineral, 480; Nye, 2,600; Ormsby, 280; Pershing, 5,612.48; Storey, 520; Washoe, 31,936.50; and White Pine, 1,680.50.

FUNERAL IS HELD HERE FOR M. FRY

Mack Fry, 52, was buried yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Palm Funeral home.

He died Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock at the county hospital, following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a native of Georgia.

Hawaii Observer



Too much police laxity and too much department politics were blamed by W. F. Frear, former governor of Hawaii, for the present island crisis when he arrived in San Francisco from Honolulu. There must be a change in the police department before an improvement can be expected, he said.

OTHER CLUBS PRESENT AT ROTARY

Las Vegas Rotary club, under the leadership of O. W. Yates, program chairman of the day, yesterday heard an excellent program on community service. Chairman Yates arranged for representatives of each of the other service clubs in Las Vegas, the Mesquite club, Twenty-Three club, Lions club and Kiwanis club, to be present and take part in the program.

The Mesquite club was represented by Mrs. Marion Earl and Mrs. W. L. Olive, who furnished the music. Walter Hunsaker, president of the Twenty-Three club, spoke for his club, and Senator A. S. Henderson for the Kiwanis club, of which he is president. The Lions club representative was unable to be present.

Mrs. Earl, with Mrs. Olive at the piano, sang two charming ballads, "Love's a Merchant," and "For He Loved Her."

Walter Hunsaker, recounting some of the community service for which the Twenty-Three club may claim credit, stated that the old box car which the boys fixed up two or three years ago, has furnished a home for some needy family ever since. The club also has donated some 40 or 45 books to the public library and is regularly giving one new book each month. The club members do not assume to carry on community work in so large a degree as the older clubs, the speaker said, but Twenty-Three is performing a service by preparing the young men between the ages of 20 and 30 years for more efficient service in later years in the older clubs.

Hunsaker suggested also that a community club council with a member from each of the service clubs could be of great value to the community in coordinating the work of the various bodies.

Senator Henderson, president of Kiwanis, asserted that the Kiwanis club is doing a fine job.

FORMER L. D. S. MISSIONARY DEFENDS RACE

W. J. Flowers Blames Outsiders For Woe Of Pacific Isles Spent Some Time With Hawaiians; Tells of Upright Attitude

W. J. Flowers, United States Commissioner in Las Vegas, resided for 42 months in the Hawaiian Islands as a missionary for the L. D. S. church, leaving there in 1911 for the United States. While there he lived with the natives, learned their language and customs, sang their songs, ate their food, cared for their sick, buried their dead, taught their children, and met them on a religious footing. He visited almost every island in the group and became closely attached to them. He is in a position to know the Hawaiian race and to speak authoritatively on their characteristics, morals and standards.

By W. J. FLOWERS (Former L. D. S. Missionary in Hawaii)
Upon seeing flaring headlines depicting the recent attacks by Hawaiians upon white women in the Islands, I cannot help but attempt to correct the erroneous impression many Americans are going to receive regarding one of the most peaceful, kindly and moral peoples on earth, the Hawaiians.

These people, for centuries one of the most rigidly upright and exacting moral races of the world, strictly adhering to taboos affecting their private and social lives and customs, cannot have changed so fundamentally, even under the often degrading influence of the whites, in the few years since I left them. The newspaper stories now being published about them as a race are rankly unjust and misleading.

The Hawaiians, as a people, are devoutly religious, minding their own business, simple, and of high character and morals. They respect the whites, live to themselves, and retain many of their old customs.

It must be remembered that Hawaii is the melting pot of the Pacific. The population is now a mixture of original Hawaiians, the Chinese, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipinos, Australians, Polynesians, negroes, and many other races. Many of these foreign people are quarrelsome and troublesome. During my stay in the Islands, I did not know of a single murder or sex crime committed by a real Hawaiian.

It is common knowledge that such vices as did creep among the natives came from the whites and other foreign races. These people brought to the peace-loving islanders, alcohol, disease, crime, and vice, some of which in small measure crept among the natives.

The Hawaiians are so strictly held to their customs and moral codes that in comparison, restraint among white people might be considered as practically non-existent. The present trouble is reported to have been caused by the wives of the military being mistreated by natives. While in the Islands, I had sufficient experience with the soldiers and natives to doubt the veracity of this recent publicity. At that time the natives were grossly mistreated in many cases by the soldiery. It was my own experience to defend native women from the unjust approach of American soldiers in Hawaii.

The real life and characteristics of the natives may be best realized by listening to the real Hawaiian music. The life of the people may be understood from the strains of "Aloha Oe."

FINEST RACE

I take the trouble to mention these things, for sometimes we Americans think we have all the virtues, and that the others lack them. If most of us could travel extensively, we might learn much of value in foreign lands. I take the liberty of saying this because of my intimate association with the Hawaiians and my extreme love for them leads me to speak, and I shall continue to speak, in behalf of one of the finest races on earth.

Ski Girl Linked in Dempsey Rumor



Miss La Von Vincent, right, to whom Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, reportedly was engaged, shown with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Snow Vincent, Salt Lake City. Both principals denied the rumor but they have often been seen in each other's company. Both girls have taken up skiing in a big way and are now making twin leaps.

WEATHER SCALES OFF BALANCE SOUTH SUBMERGED BY HEAVY SNOWS NEW ENGLANDERS PICK POSIES

CHICAGO, Jan. 14. (U.P.)—America's weather scales balanced something like this tonight: Twenty degrees below zero at Butte, Mont.; one hundred and four degrees above (in the sun) at Altoona, Pa. Snow-plows snowed in on Rocky Mountain highways; roses blooming at Lakewood, O. A record-breaking "heat wave" in New York City with thermometers at 64—a veritable blizzard and two degrees below zero at Valentine, Neb.

Heavy snow at Portland, Ore.; temperatures in the seventies at Atlanta, Memphis and Little Rock. W. H. Mathews of De Pere, Wis., eats a head of lettuce planted in his garden last September; Nebraska game commission pleads with citizens to leave food on snow drifts to keep wild birds from starving. Coastless citizens pluck pansies and pussywills at New Haven, Conn.; New Mexico Indians almost terrorized by exceedingly deep snow covering their reservations. Outside activity practically stopped at Lander, Wyo., with 26 degrees below zero.

MASONS PLACE NEW LEADERS RABBI ZUKIN LOSS PROBED

Installation of officers was held last night by Keystone chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons. Those installed were H. P. Marble, high priest; De Witt Tracht, king; Claude Huff, scribe; Harvey Perry, treasurer; W. H. Theiss, secretary; E. O. Underhill, captain of the host; John R. Hemphill, principal sojourner; S. C. Scott, royal arch captain; Henry Deardrich, master of the third veil; Theodore Konduras, master of the second veil; K. O. Knudson, master of the first veil; George Jeter, sentinel.

The retiring officers were T. C. Walsh, king; DeWitt Tracht, scribe; William Scheer, secretary; Claude Huff, captain of the host; Henry Deardrich, royal arch captain; N. R. Burkhardt, master of the third veil; J. G. Jeter, master of the second veil; George Jay, master of the first veil; and George Hamilton, sentinel.

DRUNK DRIVER IS SENT TO L. V. JAIL

Pat Gallagher, driver of the Ford which crashed into a car owned by Mrs. Frank Van Detta Wednesday night, entered a plea of guilty of drunken driving in police court yesterday and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

NOGALES DUO IS MARRIED IN L. V.

Robert B. West, Nogales stockman, and Dorothy Lee, also of that Arizona city, were married late yesterday evening at the home of Judge Frank M. Ryan, who performed the ceremony.

The couple drove to this city, where they obtained a license and were married. They are leaving for Chico, Calif., where they will visit relatives.

L. V. CREDITORS ASK TO SUE BONDSMEN ON P. O.

Local Concerns Would Attempt To Recover \$17,000 Said Due

Resumption of Work On Federal Building Urged by Vegans

Asking federal authorities in Washington, D. C., to grant permission to creditors to bring suit against the bondsmen of J. O. Pierson, owner of the Plains Construction company which held the contract for building the new post office, a letter was mailed last night by the Las Vegas Credit bureau to the treasury department.

PRELIMINARY STEP This, the preliminary step to instituting suit for losses allegedly incurred by local builders and contractors in the federal building upset, is taken by a group of Pierson's principal creditors in this city, who are reported to have suffered a loss of \$17,000 through Pierson's asserted failure to meet his bills, incurred in construction work here.

The principal creditors, who are signing the letter to the supervising architect of the building, are Mahoney and Cline, contractor, and Builders, Las Vegas Lumber company, and L. Holt Plumbing company. There are several other minor creditors involved, who are interested and sponsoring the letter, but who have not signed it. The action is taken under the supervision of the Las Vegas Credit bureau, which is also sending a letter to the department.

URGENT ACTION The creditors have asked the Chamber of Commerce to send a letter also to the Treasury department, explaining the local situation and urging action. Copies of the letters will be sent to both Nevada senators, Oddie and Pittman, asking them to exert influence to see that the debts are paid and construction resumed on the building as quickly as possible.

According to the Credit bureau, labor claims are now being pressed against Pierson. He was paid by the government for work done on December 1, the construction done at that time being estimated at \$8,000. Since \$5,000 of the \$17,000 debt is for materials that can be used in the future, it is obvious that the remaining \$12,000 of the debt, plus the \$8,000 from the government indicate a cost of \$20,000 for the first \$8,000 construction on the job.

If the supervising architect's office enables the creditors to sue the bondsmen, as they have power to do, it is stated that suit will be immediately brought against the bondsmen, who include James Dodson, J. F. Meers, and E. Van Clay, all of Texas.

\$3,949 PAID IN FEES TO CITY

City income, irrespective of municipal court fines and fees since Jan. 1, has reached \$4,280.75, it was announced yesterday by City Clerk Viola Burns.

Of the total amount, \$3,949.50 represents fees paid for conducting businesses within the city. The difference is made up from building permits, sale of cemetery lots and other incidentals, Mrs. Burns pointed out.

A total of 564 licenses for the current quarter had been issued, it was said, and many more applications were on file.

The board of city commissioners, who will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, will decide on the licensing of about 125 slot machines operating in the city.

Effective Sunday, January 17, a change of train schedules through Las Vegas has been announced by the Union Pacific railroad.

Train 21 will arrive at 6:20 a. m., and leave at 6:35 a. m. Train 19 will arrive at 7:00 a. m., and leave at 7:15 a. m. Train 20 will arrive at 8:05 p. m., and will leave at 8:25 p. m. Train 21 will arrive at 8:50 p. m., and leave at 9:05 p. m. No change will be effective in the schedule of trains 7 and 8, and they will continue as at present.

Pretty Mystery Girl Hangs Self In City Prison

Record Flier IS BOOKED ON DRUNK COUNT, IDENTITY SECRET



Jesse Hart, well known pilot for the Varney Speed Lines, set a new San Francisco-Glendale record by making the journey in one hour and 28 minutes, averaging 238 miles an hour. He carried six passengers with him to beat by several minutes the record recently set by James Wedell in a regulation speed plane, and flying alone.

Using her expensive, gay colored scarf as a noose, the girl jumped from the top bunk in her cell, strangled herself into unconsciousness, and died a short time later in a hospital. Police believed she was a member of a refined family, and sought death rather than face the ridicule of her husband and friends.

She had given the name of Elsie McClane, said she was 21, and listed a fictitious address. "I have money and I want to get out of here," she told the night matron a short time before she committed suicide. "I don't want my identity disclosed. I don't want my husband to learn of this."

2 CHEAT DEATH IN HIGHWAY CRASH

A model T Ford sedan was utterly demolished and its two occupants narrowly escaped serious injury or death last night at 10:30 o'clock near Midway City on the Boulder highway when their light machine and a five-ton truck sideswiped.

J. M. Beckford, owner and driver of the Ford, who resides at 715 Jefferson, Westside, reported to police that he had just passed one truck, narrowly avoiding a collision although well on his own side of the road, when a second truck, without lights, loomed through the night.

The Ford, traveling at about 30 miles an hour, was hurled into the ditch in pieces, Beckford being slightly cut on his left hand. He was accompanied by Ed Keele. The two were driving to Las Vegas from Caliente.

The truck was reported to belong to Harry L. Bruckin company of Salt Lake City, on their way to Boulder City. Keele was uninjured.

VEGANS WILL ATTEND DANCE

Hundreds of Las Vegans tonight will put on their best, trot out the family car, and drive to Boulder City for the first annual ball to be given by the Boulder City American Legion post No. 31.

The ball, first affair of its kind in the history of the new post, will start at 9 p. m. in the Six Companies mess hall, and will continue until one o'clock to the strains of the eight-piece Venetian ballroom orchestra.

All Boulder City is ready to don its best bib and tucker for this, hailed as the reservation's most elaborate affair.

Ladies will be admitted free to night, but men must dig up a dollar. Funds resulting from the ball are to be used in the Legion fund to help erect a building in Boulder City.

The highway to Boulder is reported in good condition and ready for a record-breaking evening's traffic when the flow out of Las Vegas starts.

652 CAR PERMITS ISSUED IN CLARK

County Assessor DeVinney reports that to date a total of 532 pleasure cars and 120 trucks have taken out 652 licenses in this county. His office has been crowded every day this week.

PLUMBERS PLEDGE SELVES TO SHAVE BUT WILL PROBABLY FORGET RAZORS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 14. (U.P.)—The Wisconsin Plumbers' association adopted in solemn convocation today a resolution encouraging plumbers' assistants to shave regularly and thus increase the trade's prestige.

UTAH ELKS IN FULL SWING FOR FETE

A letter from Exalted Ruler Harry S. Joseph of Salt Lake City lodge No. 85, was read at the meeting of Los Vegas lodge No. 1468 last night. The writer discussed several phases of the coming celebration which the Salt Lake lodge originated, for placing a great flag pole and flag at some suitable point above the dam site, with a plaque composed of Utah copper suitably inscribed to describe the occasion.

Mr. Joseph, in connection with this event, has named a committee of "Minute Men of '76" who will cooperate with Elks lodges all over the United States in the work of leading America back to prosperity. Governors and officials of the various Colorado river states will receive invitations to participate in the event. Already, according to Exalted Ruler Joseph, there are indications that more than 100 Salt Lake people will journey to Las Vegas to see the work at the dam site and participate in what will in future years be looked back upon as an event of historic interest.

The occasion, it is indicated, may take on a very official phase, as plans are being made to invite governors and officials from the entire west as well as the high officials of the Bureau of Reclamation and Department of the Interior.

CANDIDACY OF HOOVER SURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (U.P.)—All doubt that President Hoover would be a candidate for re-election was thought removed tonight when Postmaster General Brown said activities toward entering Mr. Hoover's name on presidential primary ballots throughout the country were about to begin. Brown will be in charge of this work, it was learned earlier. Leaving the White House today, Brown said a formal announcement of Mr. Hoover's candidacy was unnecessary. "Do you think an announcement necessary?" he replied to a reporter's question. "If you do, you are the only one in the country who has any doubt about the matter."