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## LATERAL SEWERS.

NOW THAT the sewer bonds have been sold and construction of the main lines about to begin, it is time that districts be formed by the property owners where laterals are desired.

There are legal requirements to be followed in the matter which will take a month or two. It would be economy to have the lateral districts formed and the contracts let so that construction can proceed along with the main sewers if possible.

While contractors have their equipment on the ground a favorable price for construction of the laterals should be possible.

## WHY DELAY?

SECRETARY WILBUR, in discussing with Senator Oddie the desirability of legislation governing the Hoover dam reservation, suggests that action by congress be delayed until after the courts have decided the suits now pending.

Which would be equivalent to abandoning altogether the legislation proposed by Senator Oddie in the senate and Congressman Arentz in the house.

It is obvious that the various legal maneuvers attending the litigation may prolong the suits indefinitely. Before the decisions become final the work will be finished and Nevada deprived, without recourse, of those benefits to which we believe she is properly entitled. The party will be over before we arrive and the refreshments will be all gone.

The secretary seems to agree everything is not just as it should be. The rest of us are certain of it.

If any remedy is needed why should it not be applied by congress, the source of power in such matters, instead of trying to get a decision through the courts without any definite declaration by congress as to its intention in passing the Hoover dam bill.

We have no doubt but that a simple little bill such as that now before congress, would so definitely settle the whole matter that no litigation will be necessary.

## UTILIZE BOULDER CITY

WE HAVE suggested that Boulder City may, upon its abandonment by the workers, be utilized by the government as the basis for a veterans' hospital.

The idea has been commended by many. The main question seems to be as to how the arrangement between the various departments of the government can be arrived at.

We would suggest to the Nevada delegation in congress that the suggestion be conveyed to those officials who have authority and see how it looks to them.

The first step, we presume, would be for the veterans' bureau to examine the site and the improvements and decide upon the feasibility of the hospital proposal.

Then, if the site is found to be satisfactory from a climatic standpoint, the needed legislation to authorize the transfer could be requested on congress.

The truth is congress can provide for the use of Boulder City by the veterans' bureau if it appears the logical and economical thing to do. And such action would make the expenditure of the vast amount of money which Boulder City is costing serve the further and even more laudible purpose of caring for the disabled veterans.

## THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON — If President Hoover envies the supreme court justices at a White House reception, he is in a fair way to



name J. Edgar Hoover, court he may have five of the nine, a majority, in that time. It is possible he will have appointed seven members before March 4, 1933.

No President since Washington, who nominated the first justices, has had a like duty of selection laid upon him where his action might affect the whole course of constitutional government. Only the function of senate confirmation acts as a curb upon presidential will.

## HE'S NAMED TWO

Mr. Hoover already has set two men on the supreme court bench, Chief Justice Hughes and Justice Roberts. The chair so long occupied by the patriarch of the bench, Justice Holmes, stands vacant, awaiting presidential pleasure.

Two other justices, Van Devanter and Brandeis, are already eligible for retirement. Another pair, McReynolds and Sutherland, will become eligible this year.

Sutherland, long in such poor health that his court duties have been irksome, is expected to seek retirement as soon as he is eligible. McReynolds also has at times talked of stepping out.

Van Devanter some time ago also was credited with retirement plans. The influence of the late Chief Justice Taft alone is credited with having kept him on the bench.

## A BROKEN FELLOWSHIP

Justice Brandeis alone or not been credited at one time or another among the older justices with having considered retirement. Yet Justice Holmes' departure breaks up a fellowship in viewpoint that made them almost invariable associates, first in dissent and later as Justices Stone, Hughes and Roberts joined them—in majority control of court action.

In view of all this counterplay of so-called conservative or liberal opinion within the court itself, President Hoover's nomination to fill the Holmes vacancy and the senate reaction to his choice may have exceptional significance.

What happens may influence any of the four present members eligible or soon to become eligible for retirement in deciding on his own course.

## RAIL SPLINTERS

BY JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

Just because I am a U. P. employe and put "Splinters" together, I should tell all I know about what happens. I was asked about the mishap in the yards Sunday night when one line of cars tried to pass another line while both were in motion, and not sufficient space to allow the passing to be done. Naturally the everlasting "side-swing" was the result, with the dire result that some dozen box cars were pretty badly damaged.

Of course from a puzzling mathematical deduction, such as two and two make so forth—unless the accident was unavoidable, some one is going to leave the service when the investigation is completed. Along those lines I was asked by a couple of our citizens who was responsible and what would be the outcome. I told them I didn't know. One took exception and said "You think you know a whole lot in your 'Splinters', and walked away. Well, I am not claiming 'Splinters' is so hot—but I do know that it is far better to get someone a little 'huffed' than to get hauled before the 'old man' for talking out of turn. I do know what I put in 'Splinters' but I am not giving out what I am supposed not to and in this case, I don't know, as the facts will be given out when the investigation is over. Maybe 'Splinters' will tell tomorrow.

Mrs. G. R. Wilcox, wife of Master Mechanic G. R. Wilcox, passed through Las Vegas Sunday morning en route to Caliente to visit her husband.

Our old friend W. C. Olive of the U. P. car department is confined to his home on account of illness. Mr. Olive has been fighting a cold for the past week and it finally tripped him.

The through freight on the first district from Los Angeles to Yermo, lately vacated by Engineer E. S. West for a passenger run out of Las Vegas, has been assigned to B. N. Brizee. Bert gets some of the desert, anyway.

The initial meeting of the Union Pacific Employes' Booster club was held in Chicago, Friday, the twenty-second of this month, with representatives from all over the U. P. system. It was put forth at that meeting that a united effort be made by all the Booster family to strive for legislation to place trucking on a more equal operating basis with the railroads. One complaint from the S. L. and L. A. end of the system was to the effect that the depression was caused principally in southern California by unfair truck competition. The

meeting was most enthusiastic and showed a strong inclination to put all shoulders to the wheel to have trucks taxed in proportion to their tonnage.

F. S. Tomsek, car man, and Clyde Bearz, helper, are the two fortunate individuals to be called back temporarily to fix up cars that were in a recent wreck at Roach. Everything helps these days.

## EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE  
"I got it all figured out, Mopey — just as soon as people begin to spend the money they ain't got, we'll have good times again."

## MOAPA VALLEY NEWS NOTES

**JUDGE CATTLE**  
The vocational agricultural class at Moapa Valley high school spent an enjoyable and educational three hours Wednesday morning at the Anderson dairy farm at Logandale. The trip was taken for the purpose of giving the boys experience in judging dairy cattle. Four of the best cows were picked out of the herd by the instructor and score cards were used to place these cows according to the scale of points.

There are 13 boys in the class who are all working hard to qualify for the stock judging team, which will enter the state Future Farmers of America judging contests at Reno March 21, 22 and 23.

Mr. Beckinger, manager of the herd, talked to the group and gave them much valuable information regarding production records and general care and management of dairy cattle. There are 120 head of very fine dairy cows on the farm. The most up-to-date practices are followed in dairy management and care of the milk. This milk is used to feed the men working on the construction of Hoover Dam. The boys were especially interested in the equipment and sanitary methods used in cooling and handling the milk.

The F. F. A. chapter of the Moapa Valley high school entertained themselves Thursday evening at a bonfire party on the mesa west of town. The boys, with their chapter advisor, enjoyed the sport, playing games and toasting marshmallows.

The chapter is carrying out a program for improving and beautifying the school grounds. Teeters, cut-side basketball courts and various other playground equipment has been constructed. Trees and shrubs will be trimmed and playground equipment repaired and painted.

An interesting pep rally of M. V. H. S. students was held Friday previous to the Panaca-Moapa basketball game, which was one of the

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
EISENHOWER-MILLER: Nathan-iel Elias, 35, Boulder City, and Mrs. Edith, 32, Long Beach.  
CORDREY-BEECHER: Tite, 32, and Helen, 40, both of Los Angeles.  
WENTLING — KIRK PATRICK: John F., 58, and Agnes M., 39, Long Beach.

LARKINS-GLEASON: James Wm., 29, and Mary Elizabeth, 27, Boulder City.  
DESJIZE-BROWN: Joseph John, 32, and Etta Viola, 23, both of Los Angeles.  
HOWARD-HALEY: Wm., 23, Boulder City, and Dorothy, 18, Las Vegas.

BLAKKAN-THORNTON: Victor Eugene, 23, and Gladys, 19, both of Los Angeles.

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## NORTH LAS VEGAS NEWS NOTES

**TO NAME NEW HEAD**  
The civic council is to meet Tuesday evening at the Oasis Auto camp store. Election of a chairman to succeed Mr. Melton, who is resigning, is to be held. It is expected, also, that there will be some re-discussion of the recent changing of the name Vegas Verde to North Las Vegas. It was claimed by some council members that a quorum was not present when the name was changed.

**FROM CEDAR**  
Willard, Alfred and Ernest Edwards of Cedar City, Utah, are visiting Mrs. E. G. Davis.

**VERDE VISITORS**  
Fred Parsons and family of Reno were North Las Vegas visitors Monday.

**EARLY SPRING**  
Signs of early spring are apparent with many hundreds of trees being planted and such places as the Owen Rose garden clearing away last fall's flowers.

**STOP OVER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashcraft of Pendleton, Ore., stopped over here Monday on their way to Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Blake of Bunkerville visited here on Saturday.

The Budget picture show, "The Squaw Man", ran here Friday and Saturday nights to a good house each evening.

Mrs. Martha Swapp had the misfortune to fall and fracture her hip on Saturday. Dr. W. W. Cook of Mesquite was called to attend her. At present she is reported to be resting nicely.

Ellis Stephens is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stevens, here. Mrs. Stevens, who has visited here during the week, will return with him to their home in Caliente.

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## MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By UNITED PRESS  
NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (U.P.)—"Secundus," a normal groundhog except for his unfortunate habit of emerging from his cave backwards, has joined the New York zoological gardens, just eight days before he is due to put on his annual act of weather prediction.

"Primus," the groundhog whose shadow was sought each February 2, by amateur weather prophets and inquiring reporters, died two months ago, and the zoo keepers forgot to replace him until they awoke, several days ago, to the awful realization that groundhog day was near at hand and there was no groundhog.

"Secundus" comes from New Jersey, and is fat enough to cast a splendid shadow.

When Ella V. Wendel, a little withered lady who lived as a recluse in her Fifth Avenue mansion, died—the last of her family—an unofficial estimate of her wealth was given as \$75,000,000.

Today, when her estate came before the court for probate, 75 lawyers, one for each million, were in attendance to file objections. They represent some 2,000 clients, all asking a share of the millions and all claiming descent from Miss Wendel's forbears.

The Washington celebration is beginning to have a sweeping effect on the interior of New York residences and the exterior of New York women.

Park avenue is throwing out the modernistic stuff, the square, hard chairs, the jutting bookcases, the cubist wall designs, and going colonial. Wall paper depicting Washington's entrance to Boston harbor, or taking command of the army at

## SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY  
HOLLYWOOD — Fredric March was "talked into" playing Mr. Hyde as an extremely grotesque monster.

"In Stevenson's story," says March, "there is not much to indicate what Jekyll looked like after he became Hyde. He mentions a bump on Hyde's back, but says little else that gives a clue."

"At first I felt there should be a very slight difference between the man and the monster. But after re-reading the story several times and listening to others' interpretations of it, I was convinced that Hyde's appearance would have to be wholly unlike Jekyll's."

"In the first place, the story is fantastic and imaginary, and I believe now Stevenson intended Hyde as a phantasm. Secondly, the picture would lack conviction if there were any resemblance between Jekyll and Hyde, because the other characters with whom both are in contact could not fail to recognize one as the other."

March says he has heard two varying opinions about the movie: 1. Very good. 2. Very bad. "I'm glad of that. Divergent opinions make people talk more. Talk sells tickets."

Application of the Hyde make-up required three and a half hours. March, during the seven weeks' filming of the picture, came to work at 6 a. m. when he was to be Hyde; he slept two hours longer.

When Gregory Ratoff came here, two years ago, to appear in a play, not a single movie offer came to him. He has been busy in plays since

called him. Ratoff gave up his role in his own company of "Girl Crazy" in Chicago to hasten to Hollywood for the lead in "Symphony of Six Million."

Ratoff is a Russian and regarded as one of the finest actors in the Hollywood Art theater. He is only 33 and has been in America nine years.

His wife is Eugenie Leontovich, who bowed to New York's applause for her performance as the dancer in "Grand Hotel" during the play's long run here.

**GRIFFITH IDEA O. K.**  
Another picture co-starring Richard Dix and Irene Dunns, said to be like "Cimarron" but not a sequel to it, will be "The March of a Nation."

And "Scarface" has been changed to "Shame Of A Nation."

The similarity of both titles to "The Birth of a Nation" makes it evident the movie men consider D. W. Griffith's selection a good one.

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