

LAS VEGAS AGE

THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON—That Kentucky-born Kansan, former Representative Jovett Shouse, still is in his early 50's. At that age it might be difficult to place him under the poetic dictum that while young men see visions, old men dream.

Yet the Shouse idea of a democratic national convention untrammelled by delegates pledged to any candidate for the presidential nomination, free to pick and choose among the faithful for a standard bearer as the political winds of the moment of the convention itself dictated, partakes of the dreamer or the visionary. It never has been done.

If Mr. Shouse doubts the historical accuracy of that statement, he is respectfully referred to that noted authority on democratic politics, former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York.

DEFINES A 'CANDIDATE'

When he defined, even if he did not make wholly understandable to all parties concerned, his 1932 presidential nomination attitude, Mr. Smith defined also a "candidate" for nomination.

A candidate was one who went out and worked for pledged delegates before the convention, he said. Under that definition, Smith added, nothing in his statement could be construed as making him a 1932 candidate for nomination despite his announced willingness to run again if the convention "after a careful consideration" called upon him to do so.

Then Mr. Smith added the sentence that has bearing of an extremely practical sort on the Shouse dream or vision or whatever it is of a convention of unpledged delegates:

"I don't know of anybody who ever got the nomination who didn't make a pre-convention campaign," Mr. Smith said.

IT SIMPLY ISN'T DONE

After two terms in the house, a tour as assistant treasury secretary and his most recent intimate insight into democratic pre-convention clashes of rival personal ambitions as executive officer of the national committee, can Mr. Shouse be so ingenious as even to hope for a one-legged convention? There never was one, republican or Democratic; there probably never will be.

That is not the way presidential politics is played in United States. The Shouse suggestion, regardless of his declaration of personal neutrality in the democratic family row over the nomination, will be examined by every faction for its probable effect on pending candidates. Whom could it benefit, whom harm?

By the Smith definition, he is not a candidate. Neither is Newton Baker. Yet Smith and, presumably, Baker are willing to run. An open convention might turn to either.

Governor Roosevelt has the only pledged delegates yet actually in the bag—the Washington state group. He seems certain to enter the convention with more pledged support than anybody else. In the circumstances, it takes no political prophet to see that Roosevelt can view the Shouse suggestion as definitely anti-Roosevelt in effect, whether pro-Smith or pro-anybody else or not.

NEEDLES AND CATS CLASH TODAY

Entering into the first of a series of five games in two weeks, the Wildcat basketball squad of the local high school will meet the Needles quintet in a non-conference game at the high school gym, tonight.

The locals easily trimmed the Needles five at Needles last week and as a result, Coach Dashiell probably sent a squad of second string men against the invaders, saving the regulars as much as possible for the Tonopah game tomorrow night.

The Wildcats are on the toughest schedule they have yet met with a chance at the state title in the balance. The game tonight being a non-conference tilt, will not count in the state race, but the locals will be fighting just as hard to keep their home record clean.

Next week the Wildcats will meet Bunkerville and Ely here Wednesday and Thursday, and Overton at Overton on Friday.

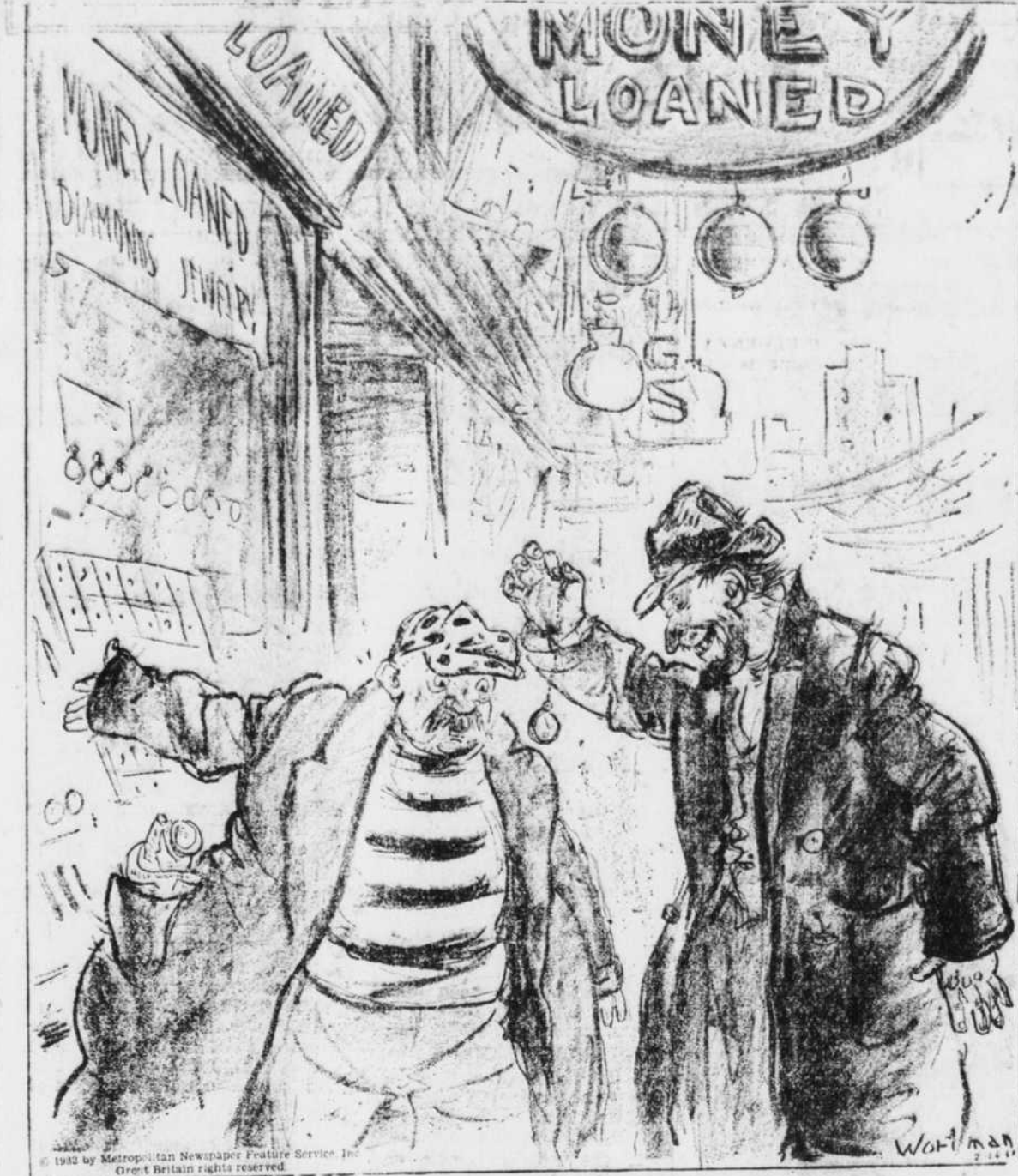
Only two peace officers—a sheriff and a deputy—remain in Hughes county, Oklahoma as a result of an economy program.

which did not arouse opposition and warnings of disaster?

Just as the present proposal to provide very necessary jail and additional court house rooms is being met with warnings?

True enough, we must keep within bounds. Yet it is just as true that we must do the things reasonably necessary to build a city

EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE
"Hurry in with it, Duke, before it stops again."

France Shows Little Faith In Plan For Peace; Orders 50 Million Masks

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PARIS, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—Fifty million gas masks have been ordered by the French government for civilian use. It was learned officially today.

The masks, to be manufactured during the next two years, will be fitted against the deadliest gas developed since the World war. They will insure immunity for ten hours after which the chemical canisters can be changed.

The masks were ordered by the ministry of the interior for the protection of the civil population in case of a gas attack. It is intended by the French government to have enough gas masks on hand to guarantee every citizen protection. They will be stored in army corps headquarters or Red Cross warehouses until needed. Meanwhile, some gas masks will go on sale at drug stores immediately at \$2 each.

THURSDAY IN CONGRESS

By United Press

HOUSE

Military affairs committee appointed subcommittee to write a Muscle Shoals bill with instructions to include in the draft an alternative for government operations.

Speaker Garner attacked the President's message asking power to reorganize the executive branch of the government, charging Mr. Hoover was attempting to create new bureaus.

Rep. Schaefer, Repn. Wis., charged the expenditures committee was attempting to "railroad" the bill proposing consolidation of the army and navy departments.

Dr. Walter M. Splawn, utility expert, charged by a committee that the Pennsylvania railroad, through its vast stock holdings in other lines, was in a position to block railroad consolidation plans of the interstate commerce commission.

A wide inquiry into real estate mortgages and securities was proposed in a bill by Rep. Loring Black, Dem., N. Y.

Rep. Howard, Nebr., introduced a bill calling for reduced tariffs on table, household, kitchen and hospital utensils.

Establishment of a five-day week with each Saturday in 1932 a legal holiday was proposed in a bill by Rep. Fred Britten, Repn., Ill.

PORTAL PICTURE SAID REALISTIC

"Hell Divers" as presented at El Portal last night, is one of the most realistic an thrilling of all the great air dramas produced by the modern screen.

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MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By the United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—John T. Sullivan walked into the open kitchen restaurant, his hidden revolver bulging like a gun barrel in his coat pocket. "Hands up, everybody!" he shouted.

Ten patrons covered against the wall but Wallace Reed, the proprietor, twitted Sullivan, shook him, searched him, tweaked his nose and made tut-tutting sounds. The diners joined in, pushing Sullivan about, chastising him. Then they kicked him out.

Sullivan, very angry, returned in his pocket this time. "Hands up, everybody!" he shouted. Fifteen patrons threw up their hands. Just then a policeman walked in and knocked Sullivan down. As they took him off to jail he shouted:

"I'll have Owney Madden and seven others machine gun this place! You guys can't get away with this stuff on me!"

Peggy Fears Blumenthal, who was an eye for the Bullies before A. C. Blumenthal, millionaire, singled her out for his bride, has become "bored as hell" with leading a life of luxury and has turned theatrical producer. Her first show, "Child of Manhat-

tan," opens at Newark Monday.

"I loafed for two years after I was married," she explained. "Then all of a sudden I couldn't stand it any longer. Wealth makes women soft. Women get soft easily. I don't want to get soft."

Stories about Calvin Coolidge's brevity still pop up. Earl Sparling reports the latest. It seems that Robert Hunt Lyman, editor of the World Almanac, sent the former President proofs of a thumbnail biography for possible corrections.

The proof sheet came back with the notation: "O. K.—C. C."

Vincente Escudero, the Spanish-Gypsy dancer who is attracting many plaudits in Manhattan, used to fight bulls and was pretty handy about it until he happened, one day, to run onto the bull's head.

"When I wanted to fight the bull," he explained today, "they brought me the bull's mother. She walked around me. She placed her horns in my seat and threw me up in the air. When I came down she turned me over with her feet, looked at me for a minute and then, on my honor as a Romany gentleman, she spat in my face. That was enough. I took up dancing."

SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY

HOLLYWOOD—A closeup of George Bancroft:

His wife, whom he met when they were cast opposite each other in a show many years ago on the stage, is his business manager and secretary. They were married in 1912.

They have a daughter, George, who is 15 and attends a private school here. George likes a peanut brittle and his favorite food is noodle soup and favorite fish. He smokes any brand of cigarettes, but cigars make him ill.

He joined the navy when he was 14, saw five years' service and at 19 went on the stage. He and a shipmate, who had helped him stage minstrel shows, formed a blackface team and went into burlesque for \$15 a week apiece. A few years later they were getting \$125 a week for the act.

due to careful training and careful living.

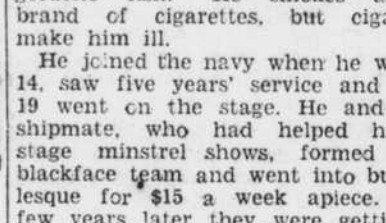
HOME'S HIS HOBBY

His hobby is his home. Two years ago he bought a home in a canyon and spends much of his time landscaping the grounds and planning and supervising the building of wings and additions. There is not another residence within view of his.

He admits luck and circumstance had much to do with making him a star. If you ask him if there is any formula for screen success he'll answer "hard work." He avoids public gatherings, but attends numerous small parties. His friends are mostly in the same profession. When he isn't working, he tries to shake out twice a week.

Another habit about Hollywood is in the process of being written. The author is Louise Closser Hale, who plays fussy old lady parts in the movies.

Miss Hale is 96, authored nine books, including "We Discover New England" and "The Canal Boat Fracas."



LIKES HIS GOLF

He carries a gun while traveling. He is nearly 6 feet 2 inches tall, has a shock of black hair and a few freckles. He doesn't mind wearing dress clothes, and golf is his favorite sport. He is mildly interested in music and art. At one time he thought he might be an opera singer.

He is sensitive about his age, although he will admit he was born in 1882. He therefore will be 50 on his next birthday, September 30. He is well preserved and has the appearance of being slightly over

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HIGHWAY BILL GIVEN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—Congress today was swamped by relief measures which followed in the wake of the senate's defeat yesterday of the \$750,000,000 LaFollette-Costigan federal aid bill.

The principal one was a \$135,000,000 amendment to the agriculture appropriation bill providing for emergency highway building during the remainder of 1932 in an effort to provide employment. Sponsored by Senator Carl Hayden, Dem., Ariz., it was rushed through the post offices and roads committee and referred to the appropriations committee to be included in the big supply bill, probably tomorrow.

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WHO REMEMBERS?

WHO REMAINS in Las Vegas who remembers the difficulties in getting Las Vegas started?

Those first two or three years were struggling, unhappy years of effort, fighting deep dust and heat and flies and the cold and mud of winter. And we were threatened with epidemics of disease. And our county seat with all the government we had was 160 miles, two days, away!

Who remembers the attempt, at first seemingly hopeless, to divide the county and create a county seat at Las Vegas.

Who remembers the impelling necessity for a sewer system which brought on our fight for incorporation of the city and the issuing of \$30,000 for building the sewers?

Who remembers the fight for our first school house; for sidewalks; for street lights; for the court house; for the start of our highway system?

Who remembers any forward step we have taken in the history of Las Vegas which we would now retrace? Who remembers any movement for the betterment of the city

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