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## OUR GREETING

THE AGE is happy today to extend its greetings and the greetings of the entire community to the visitors arriving for the celebration the Elks have planned for tomorrow.

Particularly, we wish to express appreciation of the enterprise which that great patriotic organization has shown in planning and carrying out this notable program. Salt Lake Lodge No. 85 is entitled to a very large measure of appreciation in having first conceived this affair and in so well planning the arrangements.

## A UNIQUE ENTERPRISE

TWO HUNDRED years ago, George Washington, the great engineer, was born. It is very fitting that today members of the outstanding patriotic fraternal organization of the United States should gather here at Las Vegas, near where the greatest engineering work the government has ever undertaken is being carried on.

It is not a coincidence, but comes about through the desire of the leaders in the Elks organization to give to George Washington a fitting recognition of his greatness as an engineer and a builder, as well as of his qualities as a soldier and a statesman.

We have, perhaps, lost sight of the fact that it was through recognition of the great work accomplished by Washington as an engineer that he rose to that high leadership which made him "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Old Glory is the emblem which, in all lodges of Elks and in the ceremonials, is given the first and most sacred place. No more happy thought could be devised than that on this day when the whole country is doing honor to George Washington, the flag of the country which he was most largely instrumental in creating, should be unfurled above awe inspiring work that the government is carrying out for the benefit of its people.

Thrice fitting, because that ceremony will be held by this great patriotic organization at a spot which in its sublime grandeur has few equals in all the vast expanse of the United States. Because both in surroundings and in the vastness of the work being carried on the rugged nobility of Washington is best typified.

The Elks of the seven states of the Colorado River basin are fortunate that to them comes the glory of having undertaken this unique and fitting celebration.

In many cities there will perhaps be more elaborate ceremonials attended by more people, in honor of this two-hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth.

But in none will the spirit of Washington find more delight and satisfaction than with this gathering in the remote wilderness of what, in his day was an unknown, foreign land.

## ST. GODDARD IS AGAIN FAVORITE

QUEBEC, Feb. 20. (U.P.)—Emil St. Goddard of Les Pas, Man., was a heavy favorite today to win the 1932 Quebec dog derby, which begins here Monday morning. St. Goddard won the race on four previous occasions.  
The race will be run in laps of three miles each over a period of three days.

## ALABAMA WINS IN HIGH HURDLES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20. (U.P.)—Percy Beard, lanky Alabama school teacher, running for the New York A. C., won the 45 yard high hurdles in the convention hall at the annual Meadowbrook games to-night before a crowd of 8000. His time was 5.9 seconds.  
Beard started slowly, but breast- ed the tape a half yard in front of H. M. Alcorn of the Boston A. A. Sol Furth of the Millrose A. A. was this and R. Maxwell of the Los Angeles A. C., fourth.

## VEGAS



## VAGARIES

This weeks here now coyumed is once more tenderly depicted—this time with muffled sobs—to that horrible moment when the visiting Elks and their playmates descend from the steps of their steam heated pullmans and cast their startled orbs for the first time upon our arid—semi-tropical climate.

### OUR OWN NEWS PHOTO



(Above)—First section of the train the Elks didn't come on.



(Still above but not so far)—Second section of said train. The Elks can't be seen because they haven't got up yet after last night's banquet and besides this is the wrong train.

### AMERICA'S PAPPY



Above is an exclusive spirit photo of George. George's ghost is depicted out looking for a drink in this land of liberty and freedom which he founded.

### SOFT DOBE

Bring on your boots and rubbers  
Break out your boots and rubbers  
The sun may shine and sizzle  
But mud still smears your kills.  
—ABDUL ABDOMEN

Scrambled weather brings scrambled visitors—last Wednesday witnessed a troop of colorful ski costumes, right on Fremont street. Dull moans and gasps were heard near the chamber of commerce.

Convinced that we were on the brink of a second Deluge, we had just started building an ark and were composing a list of who we were going to leave off, when the sun came out again.

The list, far from complete, included people who say "Dearie" People who say "All rightie." People who say "Okay, N'Yawk." People who say "Here's mud in yore eye."

### DEMENTIA PRAECOX



This little girl went to Reno  
This little girl got wed  
This little girl stay'd in Vegas  
'Cause she'd been dropped on her head.

### —ACHMET BEY WINDO

FASHIONABLE RESORT



Above is a high speed action photo of Las Vegas fastest set, bathing daintily on the fashionable shores of Fremont street. The Seventh street mud baths may be seen dimly (very dimly) in the extreme background.

### LAUNDRY PROBLEM

Who'll wash our shirts and collars  
Who'll bust our buttons now  
If Japs kill off the Chinese  
In this Sino-Tokio row.

To which we add that the balance of this column was here moved to a safer location.



HO, HUM!  
—CAVERN

## EVERYDAY MOVIES



"Girls never give me any trouble when I'm not around them, but I can't seem to stay away from them."

## SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAY

HOLLYWOOD—They say over-confidence killed Leo Nomis.

Fellow stuntmen believe Nomis would be alive today, ready without a second's hesitation to perform any movie thriller, if he had been injured offener.

Nomis had been injured seriously not more than three times during his 14 years as one of Hollywood's most daring thrill artists, his friends recalled the other day after he had been killed in a fake "dog fight" he was making for "Sky Brides."

The fact that he had been hurt so infrequently doubted caused him to believe that luck had immunized him.

The first time Nomis was seriously hurt was in 1922, when he crashed a motorcycle against an automobile for "Manslaughter."

He overturned an automobile for a William Haines picture and was pinned underneath the car. That was the second time he was injured.

The third injury came only a few weeks ago, when he skidded a speeding car on a race track to help provide excitement for "The Crowd Roars."

### THE SHOW GOES ON

The cameras, of course, kept right on grinding as they always do when synthetic accidents become real and sometimes tragic.

Even when Nomis was falling to his death the cameramen continued cranking. For all they knew Nomis was just throwing in extra thrills. Might as well get it. They'd seen him fall to within a few feet of the ground before.

Nomis might have been a movie star, letting some other fellow take the bumps for him.

In 1914, when he was 20 years old, he was playing juvenile roles, a contract player with the Lasky company, now Paramount.

Nomis entered the flying service when war was declared and while in France he unintentionally cracked up, breaking his nose and otherwise disfiguring his face.

His plans and hopes to become a great actor were shattered then.

REEL AND UNREEL  
Hugh Trevor, former actor, has become an actor's agent.

Wallace Ford, up and coming juvenile, is an orphan. . . . He was born in England. . . . Because the former Columbia university co-ed, Mary Doran, married an ex-newspaper man she named her dog "Scoop."

## MESQUITE NEWS NOTES

Earlin Tobler, who has been attending the University of Nevada at Reno, was operated on for acute appendicitis on Feb. 9. His parents here were notified by telegram and later received a letter saying he was getting along well. Tobler is taking his second year in college work and hopes to teach next winter.

Today will finish up the work on the new Virgin river bridge. It has required a lot of work and is a beautiful structure. The builders are to be complimented for the durability and beauty of the new bridge. It withstood the floods and looks as if it would stand for years to come, a monument to their thoroughness and good workmanship. They were very lucky to get it done before the floods came down as the large amount of snow in the north is apt to make much more high water down the Virgin river.

Several of the boys from here are working on the temporary bridge across the Virgin below Bunkerville.

Alvin Hughes will be here Saturday to take his wife out to Hawthorne to live.  
Mrs. Emily Hughes and daughter Nellie are ill with flu. There have been quite a few sick with colds and fever here.

## Tonight

- Slipping
  - Newshawks
  - Wild West
- INVENTIONS  
By PHILLIP SPACE

This is penned to you while we sit comfortably ensconced in a high stool, directly before a long polished bar, shiny mirror, and a squat little mug of Thomas and Gerards, in the luxurious Tin Donkey. The lulls are all of tin, and as we sadly sip Thomas and Gerards, they slowly revolve, resembling a continuous parade of Fords. (adv.) Truly this is a marvelous age.

Last night as fire bells ringed through our peaceful village, two brave AGE men galloped to the scene of the conflagration. One, Jake Lingle, met a big dog in a back yard, from the scene. The other, Beeny, an ad chaser, chased to the fire, grabbed a garden hose, and sprinkled house, garden, yard, and spectators, with cheerful disregard and abandon. When firemen attempted to disarm him, he retorted, "Go play with your own hose," and clung stoutly to his weapon.

Ingenious Las Vegas school officials have stationed a man teacher in a second story window. Armed with a lasso, it is the duty of this gent to rope (in true western style) all toys who become bogged playing in the school yard. It is estimated that some 475 youngsters have been saved by this clever procedure. The pupils are identified by their identification tags with raised numerals which can be felt through the mud.

Aristophanes, or some other Algerian mathematician, devised the Consables, a simple little device that astounded the deep-thinkers of his day. Now, over the PDQ hard press wires, there trickles news of the invention of the Obligatious—an apparatus to the Consables. Energized solely by fuel oil, this marvelous and copesetic contraption will undoubtedly take the place of something or other. One of the most amazing things about this contraption is that it can be used for division of personalities, with especial emphasis on widows and orphans.

## Weather

Continued sunny and warm, with probably light snow in afternoon. Maximum temperature past 24 hours, 130, minimum, —36, very mean (nasty) about 36. It's not the heat, it's the stupidity. Probable continued weather tomorrow in all sections.

# LAS VAGRANT

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## FREMONT LINER SINKS Mundane Sphere Goes Bam

### St. Pete Tells Own Story Of Cosmic Mishap

### Hades Makes No Impression On Vegans

BY ST. PETER  
Special Correspondent of The Vagrant  
(Special and Exclusive to the Vagrant)

PEARLY GATES, Feb. 31.—(PDQ)—The Earth was completely destroyed at 5:15 Sunday morning, when without the slightest preliminary warning, the entire planet exploded with a terrific detonation. There were no survivors, the victims including men, women, children, and tap dancers.

Exact cause of the catastrophe has not yet been determined, but it is believed in unofficial circles here today that the chief contributing cause was a head of steam, created when a downpour of rain for one solid week came in contact with a terrific stream of superheated air, emanating from southern California realtors.

A small delegation of newspapermen arrived here shortly after the explosion, demanded typewriters and gin, and were comfortably bedded down in a pile of crumpled old newspapers.

BY NICK DEVIL  
Special Correspondent of the Vagrant

HELL, Feb. 31 (PDQ)—All highways were choked, routes jammed, and all transportation facilities overloaded following the explosion of the Earth early Sunday morning.

A delegation of 10,000 Las Vegans arrived about 6 a.m., took one look at Hell, turned up their noses, and passed on. It is rumored that they intend to set up an institution of their own.

Latest theory regarding the shape of the world is said to have returned to the original pre-Copernican idea . . . that it is flat. At least Las Vegas.

Tired feet are said by British scientists to be a sign of virtue.

### Man Who Looted Hills of Metallics Believed Apprehended; May Restore Minerals And Reopen Hidden Forest

Coming as a dramatic climax to a man hunt of 'steen years, local police authorities announced last night in an exclusive interview to the Vagrant that they now believed they have located the arch-criminal who swiped all the metallics from the hills round about Vegas.

Only non-metallics were left from the most open and bald-faced robbery ever staged in modern police history. Scene of the crime is believed to have covered several hundred square miles, and the get-away was believed to be complete.

Years of patient chase.

### Chinese Get Bit Peevish

SHANGHAI, Feb. 30 (PDQ)—As the last building in Shanghai toppled over today beneath the repeated shelling of both Chinese and Japanese armies, official Chinese circles indicated that they were considering declaring war on Japan.

An exclusive dispatch to the Vagrant from Tokio indicated that a state of war did not exist in Shanghai but that hostilities might break out in the future as China continued its present aggressive policy of defending itself.

Continued shelling for three weeks of the Foreign settlement, with casualties listed near 132,456, caused European consuls to express apprehension late yesterday that possibly a friendly feeling between Japan and China might be drawing to a close.

In an artillery duel on the bank of Fung-Li lake yesterday eight Japanese warships were sunk with all on board. Chinese generals indicated that "drastic steps" might be taken if Japan continued her present policies.

Joe Klotz, inventor of the famous Klotz Karborator, an ingenious device which keeps horses from spitting through their teeth while hitched, passed through last Vegas last night in his private car.

### Splits Hull On Mired Car; All Hands Are Lost

Another terrible sea tragedy, greatest since the Titanic horror, took place Thursday afternoon when the crack Fremont street Navigation company liner, "Barnacle Bill" went down with all on board at Fremont and Seventh street.

According to radio reports, and bulletins issued by U. S. Coast guard cutters, the luxurious liner sank almost immediately after ripping a huge hole in her hull on a mired automobile.

Coast guardsmen attempted to put a line aboard the sinking craft, working from the sidewalk in front of the De Luxe cafe (adv.) but the distance was too great, and they were forced to watch helplessly as the huge craft nosed under the muddy waters of Sixth street.

Merchant marine officials were of the opinion that the ship had been disabled earlier in the afternoon by a terrible gale of wind, issuing from the weather bureau office, and caused by the weather man attempting to explain the recent deluge.

### School Kids May Use Subs

A proposal to transport Las Vegas children to high school via submarine was made late yesterday to the local board of school trustees, as a desperate remedy to improve attendance at the at the education institutions. The offer came from Sir Glubert Bilking's, famous arctic explorer, in answer to the pleas of anxious mothers whose offspring have been mired for days in a sea of liquid mud.

According to Bilking's plan, the youngsters will embark at the pavement edge at Fifth street, submerge and strike down Bridger to the school yard. Contact by radio will be maintained.

### Big R. R. Aids In Deception

All Bunion Pacific passenger trains were hermetically sealed and windows painted over, by order of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, it was revealed here last Wednesday. The sealing was effective only while trains were passing through Clark county.

According to a statement released by officials the Chamber of Commerce acted to preserve the reputation that this section of Nevada was largely desert. Heaters on all trains were turned on full.

### Huge Craft Drops Into Soggy Abyss

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### Red Riding Hood Under L. V. Ban

"Little Red Riding Hood" was banned from the city library yesterday when commissioners ruled that the relationship of Red Riding Hood and the Wulff bordered on the immoral. Some 496 copies of the offending publication were burned on the court-house lawn.

Children and women were banned from the hearing when spicy selections from the Wulff's conversation with the heroine of the book were quoted by library officials.

### Windows Closed and Passengers Told Nevada Was in the Grip of a Heat Wave

Windows closed and passengers told Nevada was in the grip of a heat wave. Painting was necessitated to prevent tourists of Nevada natives raising rice in swampy fields of sagebrush.