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WHAT IS RIGHT?

WHATEVER is right, that we should do? So far as we are able to know and agree on what is right, we are generally found acting in harmony.

On this courthouse addition proposal there is some honest difference of opinion. There are those who argue that because times are hard we should engage in no new enterprise that calls for expenditure. That taxes are up to the limit anyhow, so what's the use of trying to do anything else?

There are others who argue that, in this time of general distress, it is the solemn duty of every person with resources to share with those in need. That if there are little jobs needing to be done, now is the best time to hire somebody to do them.

That if we see the future need of additions to our private or public buildings, we would reap two distinct advantages by building them now: First, the employment of men for a few weeks or months would relieve much distress; Second, the present reduced cost of building would make the investment doubly profitable to us.

There are other arguments, of course. But it seems to The Age that those are the most compelling ones.

The Age believes, after long and careful consideration, that the county needs additional room in the courthouse. There has been no one, so far as we know, who has had the hardihood to deny that the need for a new and larger jail is imperative.

So, after all, the question boils itself down to a choice between building a temporary makeshift for a jail and the postponement of the permanent building for a few years until the price of building has again reached the peak, or going ahead with what we are pretty well agreed is needed, but which the "depression fear," whatever that is, makes some of us afraid to tackle.

WITHIN DUE BOUNDS

WE MUST, it is true, keep within due bounds in our public financing. We are already at the limit of our tax rate and taxes are high.

We are told, also, that perhaps our bonds will not sell.

If the bonds do not sell, then of course, we can't build. That ends it.

However, we have good reason to believe that the bonds will sell. And if so, we will be bringing new money in to enrich our own community. Every dollar spent for labor will circulate in the channels of business and employment. It will help build other buildings. It will help re-establish credit. It will relieve hunger and distress.

That money, spent in Las Vegas at this particular time, will bring with it more of value, more comfort and cheer, more of renewed hope and courage than any money we ever had.

And, too, we are aware that if we are to meet distress because of this proposed \$70,000 addition to our bonded indebtedness, the distress cannot hit us until the fall of 1935. Because we have already raised some of the money to pay the interest on these bonds and it is in the county treasury for that purpose. No further levy will be necessary until 1935.

The world is not at an end; neither has civilization blown up. The world is reviving from its illness just as it has done a dozen times before within our memory. And by 1935 we will be bragging about the new "highs" in prices of this and that and grumble because the rush of business no longer leaves us time to play golf.

WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON—With the democratic presidential nomination battle now in full swing, probably there is nothing about the situation more discussed as an accepted fact than the "Stop Roosevelt" movement.

Yes, just where can you put your finger on such a thing? Think it over. There are at this writing two open and avowed candidates, Roosevelt of New York and

Richie of Maryland. Possibly "Alfalfa" Bill Murray of Oklahoma is in the same class, since delegates pledged to him are being sought.

Then there is former Governor Smith of New York ready to run if called upon by the convention, but declining to make a pre-convention campaign or to support or oppose anybody else prior to the convention.

There is Speaker Garner of Texas, mum as to his own reaction to the boom in his behalf. There is Newton Baker of Cleveland, who seems to have quit talking presidential politics altogether. His friends also are active, but by their own admission without his sanction.

A field of favorite sons like Byrd of Virginia, Lewis of Illinois, Taylor of Illinois and White of Ohio also figures in the news.

Out of these active, inactive or just possible candidates who will have some delegates at the convention must spring any alliance against any one of the number which might be a real "Stop Anybody" move.

Just who among them would be willing to be classed as merely a "Stop Roosevelt" candidate, or to be used by anybody else for that purpose?

Smith He is on record publicly. Also there are ties of old personal and political friendship between them that would make it difficult to see a man of Smith's reputation for loyalty to his friends an active or inactive obstacle in Roosevelt's path.

Garner? He is certainly generally classed as having been a Roosevelt man right up to the moment his own boom was started through no initiative of his own. Could he have swung completely around now?

Baker? He also has had kind words to say of Roosevelt's availability. That he would lend himself to any deliberate effort to block the New Yorker is a rather far fetched estimate of the man. His whole political record argues against it.

Byrd? Not very long ago he was closely affiliated with Roosevelt workers in national committee maneuvering. He was Roosevelt's choice for national chairman not so long ago and a change has been made before the pre-convention campaign got going.

AN UNLIKELY ACCORD

It may be true that there are certain democrats eager to stop Roosevelt, the accepted leader today in the race. Supporters of other candidates may feel it essential to do that if their men are to have a chance at all.

But that there is any gentlemen's agreement among the other candidates to block Roosevelt, then fight it out among themselves for the nomination, seems to the Bystander almost an impossible conception.

WEDNESDAY IN CONGRESS

By United Press

SENATE Agriculture committee favorably reported a bill authorizing the distribution of 5,000,000 bushels of government owned wheat to the drought areas in the Northwest.

Chairman LaFollette of the manufactures committee announced it favored the \$750,000,000 Wagner unemployment relief bill.

Civil service commission submitted to senate a proposal to cut salaries of farm board members from \$12,000 to \$9,600 a year.

Naval affairs committee urged passage of the Hale bill authorizing construction of the navy to treaty limit.

Resumed debate on Norris bill to curb injunction power of federal courts.

Passed bill requiring army to buy only goods made in America unless the prices were reasonably in excess of foreign goods the distribution of.

Waived rules and notified the President immediately of the confirmation of Joseph C. Grew as new ambassador to Tokio.

Confirmed nomination of Judge Benjamin Cardozo of New York to the U. S. Supreme court.

HOUSE Ways and means committee rejected a proposal to eliminate the present method of corporation taxation whereby parent corporation makes joint return for itself and subsidiaries.

Passed bill increasing passport fees from \$5 to \$9 and renewals from \$2 to \$5.

Appropriation committee trimmed \$22,000,000 from treasury-post office appropriation bill.

Roads committee favorably reported unemployment relief measure authorizing expenditure of \$120,000,000 for federal road construction.

EVERYDAY MOVIES



"You see, I take him out for a romp twice a day."

MOAPA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Etta Hannig and daughter, Hazel, and Miss LaPrele Cochran of Glendale spent Monday evening visiting friends here.

Jack Lytle, who has been at the Las Vegas hospital following an auto accident some time ago, is sufficiently recovered that he has returned to his home here.

Mrs. Stowell Whitney and Mrs. Bert Whitney of Las Vegas accompanied their young folks to the George Washington Bicentennial dance here Monday night.

Special features of the George Washington bicentennial dance were the dancing of the minut in colonial costume by Mary Lou Wells, Verla Wittwer, Ruth Prince and Althea Cooper of Logandale, and the square dances of Washington's time danced in colonial costumes by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaburn and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bunker of St. Thomas.

Frank Martin went to Mesquite on business Tuesday.

Albert Fehner, who has been ill at the Las Vegas hospital, has returned to his home in St. Thomas much improved.

Dr. W. W. Cook of Mesquite spent Tuesday in the school here and with his patients.

Miss Nell Earl has recovered from her recent illness and will go back to her work in the school next on Wednesday.

ORIENTAL THEME CARRIED OUT IN MEADOWS REVUE

Cavorting through one of the fastest and flashiest shows yet produced at the Meadows by Mary Lou Dawn, the merry Meadow Maids opened last night a striking new revue featuring the Duffy brothers quartet and Frank Liddell's musical merry-makers.

The new show opened with the ensemble in a fast tap number, to the strains of "Who's Your Little Whoozie?" Mabel Wiley then sang "Sleepy Time Down South," also well received.

One of the cleverest numbers yet offered at the Meadows, a military tap dance, was then featured by Donna La Frambois, a new member of the revue.

"Dina" is the next number, a fast one by the blonde and red-head combination of Tess and Irene Nichols. "Alabama Bound, and Never Can Tell," by the Duffy brothers quartet is exceptional.

It is followed by the finale, built around the idea of an Oriental night. Meadow Maids, as Chinese slave girls, dance and sing in some of the most gorgeous costumes ever used by a Meadows show.

Mabel Wiley sings "Poor Butterfly," Gordon Clark, tenor, offers "Chinese Lullaby," Warren Kidder, baritone, "Chinatown," and James Goudie, bass, "What's the Use of Dreaming."

Irrick, fourth member of the quartet, joins in the last number, the entire ensemble offering a jazzy version of "Chinatown."

A sunflower grown at Belaire, O., had a seed pod 48 inches in circumference and shelled out three pints of seeds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Must Be Signed, But Names Will Be Omitted On Request

Editor, Las Vegas Age.

Regarding the altogether too many fatal accidents which have occurred on the Hoover Dam highway in the short time it has been in use, why does the state or county not have officers patrol this short distance, and reduce the hazard for travelers?

Recently, one morning, while en route to Boulder City on a bus, a drunken driver entered the highway at Midway City and zigzagged toward the reservation in a terrible manner that it was too perilous for us to attempt to pass this car, which went from one side of the highway to the other, almost careening off the road several times.

Moreover, while going to Boulder City one evening recently, I counted four cars approaching from the opposite direction which had only one headlight functioning, and in a like manner, upon returning to Vegas about a hour later, there were an equal number of offenders observed.

These drunken drivers and operators of cars not complying with

the law should be dealt with severely, for too many deadly accidents have already occurred on the Hoover Dam highway. Surely, if state or county officers are delegated to patrol this highway and make it safe for humanity, the fines exacted should more than support such work.

Truly, it is unbelievable that such a straightaway could be the scene of so many fatal accidents within the short time it has been completed. Let us have some action by the state or county authorities before the Hoover Dam highway becomes the locale of any more casualties.

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MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (U.P.)—As far as the architects knew, the Empire State building had everything it needed, including red and white lights in its beltry.

But Tinpan alley, keeping abreast of the times, suddenly discovered that Al Smith's salt-shaker tower had no theme song. So Vincent Lopez, the band master about whom Park avenue flappers go crazy, has written "The Birth of the Empire State Building."

The song will be unveiled March 3. Until then no one can know whether the theme will be stately and imposing, or a melange of set-backs and the lifting hum of 86-story elevators.

A. A. Milne came to New York to be greeted like the white horse of English literature. He has remained long enough to read the most scathing criticism of his work ever poured out on a major opus. His play, "They Don't Mean Any Harm," opened last night.

Today the man who wrote all about Christopher Robin and Winnie-the-Pooh found more Poo-pools in New York dramatic columns than he could have invented in a hundred years.

"I would have been satisfied if

the play had ended in the first act, or before," said one critic. "Frankly, I don't believe Mr. Milne wrote the play at all," said another, hopefully, for he hated to strip away the aura of glory that has surrounded the British author's head for years.

A few weeks ago the literary pundits were swarming to Milne's tees, hanging on his coattails, and absorbing the smoke from his pipe. Perhaps, like Wilson at Paris, he stayed too long.

Dr. Thomas B. Kirkpatrick, associate professor of physical education at Columbia university, has revoked a 20-year precedent by permitting 17 "chorus men" in the university show, "How Revolving," to cut gymnasium work to train for the dance.

"When seriously pursued," said the doctor, explaining his position, "dancing is of considerable value both in the development of physique and in the production of certain masculine grace, an attribute all too uncommon in men."

New York had its first real snappy weather today, and the janitor to the elephants' apartments at the 220 had to turn on the steam. It costs the city thousands of dollars each winter to turn the elephant house into a tropical garden. And in the summer it costs just as much to provide ice for the Polar bears.

Today the Polar bears romped in the most cheerful approach to Arctic weather they have known this winter, while the elephants shook and shivered and trumpeted for more steam.

VEGAS VERDE

North Las Vegas

HOLD QUILTING BEE
Mesdames Jacobson, O'Brien, Baker, Williams and Miss Briss were guests of Mrs. P. M. Hart at a quilting bee Wednesday afternoon.

BUYS HOMESITE
Henry Williams has purchased a lot in the Rose Garden tract and was clearing it for occupancy Wednesday.

IMPROVE ROADS
Roadways and streets in Vegas Verde and North Las Vegas were given much needed improvement Wednesday by the combined equipment of Williams and son and the Clark county road department.

GO TO LOS ANGELES
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor have gone to Los Angeles to spend a few days.

GOES TO MESQUITE
H. A. Weiler is leaving for Mesquite to spend a few days on business for the state highway department.

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