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BETTER TIMES

THE COMMERCE department reported yesterday that business and finance are in a more healthy state than on March first. They base that opinion on the fact that there were far less bank and business failures in March than in February, and that hoardings were reduced by many millions of dollars.

With the renewed activity in the automobile world and a better feeling everywhere, it is reasonable to expect business conditions to continue their improvement.

TAXATION

THE PASSAGE of the new tax bill will remove many of the uncertainties of business and permit everybody to move ahead with assurance.

It is not so much that we have to pay this or that which makes trouble with business, provided we know what to expect.

NEW YELLOW ANNUALS TO DECK THE GARDEN

Yellow is the most cheerful and brightening color for extensive use in the garden. New yellow annuals are welcome and this year the plant breeders offer two striking novelties which every gardener will want to try sooner or later.

The most remarkable of these is a new nasturtium, Golden Gleam. In addition to its beautiful yellow coloring it is a double nasturtium, or more accurately, semi-double, with the delicious, spicy fragrance characteristic of these beautiful annuals. It is the first of a new race of nasturtiums. It comes true from seed and has been tried in gardens of the world before introduction to the trade. Gardeners in Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America, as well as in the United States and Canada, made trial plantings last year and from all come words of commendation.

It was shown at the Royal Horticultural show at Chelsea, England, in May and was recommended for trial at Wisley, the national trial gardens of England, where new plants are tested. It received a gold medal at the Atlantic Flower show in September. It is offered this year for the first time.

The second yellow novelty is the new California giant zinnia, Daffodil. This was named because it has the rich golden yellow of the famous trumpet daffodil, King Alfred. While there have been many yellows in zinnias, none has shown this brilliant tone of deep golden yellow.

Both these annuals are of as easy culture as other members of the genus, which are among the easiest of all annuals and the surest to produce liberal crops of bloom. Both are valuable for cutting as well as for garden decoration.

There is still a third novelty in yellow annuals as welcome, although not as strikingly different as the two foregoing. This is the all-double



New Mammoth Zinnia "Daffodil" New African Marigold, Lemon-All Double. New Double Sweet Scented Nasturtium "Golden Gleam."

ble African marigold. The orange all-double was a novelty last year. The new variety carried the 95 per cent of all double blooms that made the orange all-double so welcome a novelty last year. While the type African produces a majority of all-double flowers, there are a number of single and semi-doubles in each planting that must be removed or spoil the effect of the marigold bed. This new marigold has been subjected to rigid tests.

ed: Great Falls, Mont., working a bunco game, served 50 days; Colorado Springs, Colo., bunco, served thirty days; Spokane, Wash., bunco, no disposition given; Spokane, Wash., for attempted grand larceny, he served six months on this charge; San Antonio, Tex., for working confidence racket, fined \$25.

Davis was next heard of in Salt Lake City in 1925 where he was arrested for working a bunco game, but was released for lack of evidence. In 1927 he was arrested in El Paso, Tex., for vagrancy and was fined \$50. The following December he was arrested in Sacramento for bunco and served six months in jail. In 1930 he was arrested in Columbus, Tex., for swindling; no disposition is given of this case. In 1931 he was arrested in Los Angeles county on a charge of grand theft but was released for lack of evidence.

Wilson's record, while not as lengthy, shows that he covered equally as much territory as Davis. In 1921 he was arrested in Los Angeles as a bunco suspect. The n followed arrests in San Francisco, Santa Monica, Sacramento and Salt Lake City on these same charges. He was arrested in Richmond, Calif., on a charge of violation of the state poison act but later released when witnesses failed to appear against him. In 1929 he was again arrested in Los Angeles as a grand theft suspect but was later released. The racket: the men were working in Las Vegas follows: They would go down the street, question

VEGAS VAGARIES

It's here at last... Chevy, Ford and Plymouth at war. Now if we could get a real live gas war at the same time, they might give us an auto with each cake of soap or something. And cylinders... first a six in the price range of a four, now an eight in the price range of a bicycle... what next?

SPRING Each day is getting hot. The nights are turning, too: We've tubs of beer on ice So what care we... or you? —ACHMET BEY WINDO.

CRIME WAVE



Above is an autographed spirit photo of Las Vegas' famous super-crook. He really ought to be better dressed because he is wearing our best suit. In his suitcase is just about everything of value in Las Vegas except the badges of the police department. The only thing we're really griped about is that he got away without taking all the local supply of beach pajamas.

OPEN AIR HISTORICS Let's all go hiss the villain And cheer the hero brave: The Airborne's playin' drammer. Let virtue ever wave! —ABDUL ABDOMEN.

PROSPERITY April Fool has come and went... and nobody thought to pull any gags about depression being over. By the way, being reminded of these little badges, "Depression Buster," our reads "Depression Busted."

But even so we heard some optimistic gent the other day sounding off... "What the hell have I got to moan over," he announced. "Sure I'm broke in the depression... but I was just as broke during all these here good times we hear so much about. I figger I'm ahead of most of these birds."



TRAGIC Above are a couple of the boys, all dressed up in their new Easter togs... and no more Easters until next year. What to do... what to do?

CIVIC FINANCE What with all of these \$1.50 tourist parking fees, to make friends for our city, and fines amounting to \$3,028 for March, the city's liable to get rich as rich can be. Now if only some bird would figger some way of extracting that buck and a half from all the young blades in parked cars these warm spring nights, we could have some sidewalks, parks, overhead sewer system, and maybe some soap for Vegas Wash.

CAVERN... pedestrians whom they met for directions, making it appear that they were strangers in town; and if successful in engaging the intended victim in conversation, would suggest that they match pennies to pass the time. If the stranger found this an agreeable pastime, they would soon be matching quarters and halves. As the stakes grew, one of the trio would reach in his pocket, pull out a roll of bills and make the comment: "If I lose, I am able to pay my debt, but how about you stranger?"

If the man pulled out his wallet or money, one of them would grab it and run, while the other two saw to it that they became entangled with the victim, eliminating any chance he may have had of catching the robber. When the irate resident questioned them as to their connection with the thief, the men would vehemently deny any acquaintance, stating that they had just met him, and before officers could arrive, they would melt away in the crowd.

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EVERYDAY MOVIES



"An' I says to him: no gentieman would hit a woman without he had some cause."

Hundred Year Old Vegan Tells of Tortures Inflicted on His Partner During Early Days of Pioneer West

Pat McGinnis, 101 year old desertman and former Fremont scout Friday released further incidents of his arrival in the Southwest and his life on the desert. When the gold claim filed on McGinnis proved worthless, he moved on to a location on Muddy river near where St. Thomas now stands. He remained there about three years, alternately mining and ranching. During this time he planted the first fig tree in Nevada, bringing it here from Santa Clara, Utah. He also sowed the first alfalfa in this state.

There was a settlement in the valley at that time of between thirty and forty Mormon families. McGinnis was one of three men in Southeastern Nevada who was not of that sect. Eventually he quit ranching entirely to go back to prospecting. He formed a partnership with O. D. Gass. They spent several years on the desert and in the foothills in their quest for gold but with only mediocre success. Gass eventually bought the Old Las Vegas ranch from Bill Knapp, Jerry Stevens and Will Cowan and retired from the prospecting field.

Gass was smart and honest but afraid of Indians, states McGinnis. "He just wouldn't climb high peaks or let me do it for fear that we might be spotted by Indians." He attributes this fear to a harrowing experience that Gass lived through when he first came west. While prospecting in Southern Utah, he was captured by a roving band of Apaches and held prisoner for more than two weeks, being daily subjected to the most primitive forms of torture. The rites of the savages included binding the miner to a stake in a square that

usually occupied a space of importance in their temporary village, then the braves, donning their war paint would form a circle and file slowly around the prisoner in an ever diminishing arc. The Indians, armed with knives, sharpened flints and arrowheads would cut and stab vulnerable spots on the old man's body, always being sure that the wounds inflicted were not fatal, as that would spoil the more horrible tortures they had in store for him. Further tortures to which Gass was subjected included a reptile ceremony where the miner was bound hand and foot, placed in a darkened tepee which was virtually alive with Gila monsters, lizards, tarantulas and the deadly rattler, claims McGinnis with a twinkle in his eye. It is believed that the poison sacs of these reptiles had been previously removed and that the ritual was held merely to terrify and craze victims. Gass, realizing that his only possible hope of life lay in remaining perfectly still, spent twelve agonized hours on the floor of the

hut, not daring to move and hardly to breathe. Through the hours of the night the snakes and tarantulas crawled over the inert body of the man. As the piercing cold of the desert night penetrated the tent, the rattlers crawled close to the body of Gass to absorb the warmth. These two ceremonies were alternately gone through for several days until the prospector was half maddened. Wounds inflicted by the weapons of the Indians had become infected and there was danger of blood poisoning. Just as the desert man felt he could stand it no longer he effected his escape during the height of a blinding desert sand storm which leveled the Indian village. Followed days of aimless wandering through the scorching desert until he was finally rescued when near the point of death by a band of wandering trappers. Upon his return to the Old Las Vegas ranch he retired from prospecting and finished his days as a rancher.

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MOOPA VALLEY NEWS NOTES

The office building of Educational District No. 1, is being cleaned and overhauled by Robert and S. A. Wymire.

Mr. and Mrs. Vorace Perkins spent Tuesday shopping in Las Vegas. Just before leaving for home their car was emptied of all its belongings, including their purchases of dry goods and groceries by some unknown person.

John M. Lytle and son, Jack, Mrs. Thos. Anderson and daughter, Louise, and Mrs. Vivian Hickman, visited in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

The McDonald-Wymire orchestra will go to Mesquite to play for a farewell dance being given in honor of Leon Frenner on Friday evening, prior to his leaving for a mission to England.

Joe Perkins is building a large porch to add to the comfort and appearance of his home here.

The Virgin Valley high school operetta "Pepita," was presented here by their music department on Wednesday evening under the direction of Music Director Zeck Parr with the assistance of Mrs. Farr as stage manager, Ruth E. Zollinger, costuming; and Winnie B. Heywood, dancing. Miss Ruth Levitt at the piano. Their cast was as follows:

Inkeeper, Hyrum Potter; Filipa, Beth Pulsipher; Carlos, Howard Burgess; Pepita, Vonda Hardy; American Millionaire, Ivan Hunt; Jane, his sister, Edith Bunker; valet, Claire Naegle; Romero, Fenton Frenner.

A group of village maids and young men made up the chorus. The high school orchestra of 10 pieces accompanied the cast as also Principal S. P. Fish. The operetta was an excellent piece of work for young students to put over and was well received by a full house of valley folk.

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MAY LIVE HERE Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young arrived in Las Vegas yesterday from Rapid City, South Dakota. Young is a member of the American Legion post No. 22 of Rapid City and may locate here.

Eight million tons of earth are expected to be removed to the site of a new aerodrome in Singapore, which is now a swamp.

Due to the kindness of S. D. Conger, who loaned an incubator to the M. V. H. S. vocational agriculture class, the boys are getting some valuable experience learning to operate and manage an incubator while incubating 250 duck and turkey eggs belonging to the boys of the class.

Mrs. Nathan Abbott and Miss Wanda Bunker of Bunkerville visited here on Wednesday.

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