

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By W. H. B.

BUT WHERE'S THE RETURN ON MONEY

"A friend of Mayor Walker" in New York was paid \$1,000 a month from two payrolls and loaned \$10,000 by a coach building concern that would have liked to have a Manhattan monopoly.

The Sanbury investigators into political corruption found out all this, and also that the "friend who had his honor's ear" never paid back the ten thousand and that the coach company didn't get the monopoly. All which points out that graft paid is not always a gilt edge investment.

MAY HAVE CAUSED SHORTAGE OF OIL

At least three neat, new ways in which to steal oil in Texas have been uncovered with the arrests of a ring of crude oil thieves. They, in connance with railroad employes, are said to have "lost" tank cars that were cut out of trains and sent rolling into hidden sidings. Sometimes secret pipelines from the storage tanks carried off the fluid and again pipes intended for drains and for flushing were utilized for the theft. As is usual the thieves became intoxicated with the smoothness of their schemes and were caught.

BATTLE OF THE CREPE SUISETTES

In Chicago so strong and rapid has become the struggle between the crepe suizette camps, that a woman's club will act as a board of arbitration in the grave controversy. In case you don't know, these things with the French names are high-hat pancakes, rolled extra thin, and at one time they were doused in brandy sauce.

Two chefs are leading two armies of followers — the Swiss and the French. Both chefs claim the best cakes, and also insist their respective country was the birthplace of the delicacy. The best part of the scheme is that the club gets to eat 100 crepe suizettes — free.

IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY

A dirigible factory in Ohio has dusted off plans for a fleet of big commercial dirigibles, larger and faster than any ever built. The dusting process was prompted when the committee considering the Crosier airship bill reported favorably to the house.

We are sorry to see any movement toward greater, more cumbersome, lighter-than-air craft until more of the "bugs" have been removed. When these ships have been perfected, then we will be glad of wholesale manufacture.

DARROW WILL BATTLE CASE

HONOLULU, T. H., May 3. (U.P.)—Clarence Darrow, who has spent a long life fighting what he saw as injustices, is not through with the Massie-Fortescue case.

"The manslaughter verdict against these people wasn't justice," the 75-year old attorney told the United Press today. "I'm prepared to fight to the end."

"What form my fight will take, I don't know yet," he added.

He said he expected to ask a new trial for Mrs. Granville R. Fortescue, L. Thomas H. Massie and E. J. Lord and A. G. Jones when they appear for sentence Friday for the manslaughter of Joseph Kahahawai.

S. F. DEFENDER BEING SOUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3. (U.P.)—The violent death of Mrs. Jesse Scott Johnson Hughes, followed by the disappearance of Public Defender Frank J. Egan today led police to believe her estate of \$25,000 somehow linked the two mysteries.

Egan was executor of her estate, and was reported to be a beneficiary.

"Two men have got me," Egan telephoned Captain of Detectives Dudley last night. "They think I'm talking to my wife. I'm innocent."

There was a gasp. The telephone clicked.

Dullea traced the call to the ferry building, crowded terminus of San Francisco bay travel.

Egan could not be found.

ACTRESS SUES CARTOONIST NEW YORK, May 3. (U.P.)—A \$250,000 damage suit was slapped on a movie cartoon character by a live actress today.

Claiming that she is the original "boop-boop-a-doop" girl, Helen (Baby Talk) Kane asked the supreme court for damages and a restraining order against "Betty Boop" an animated cartoon.

MRS. KENNEDY HERE

Mrs. Glen Kennedy and daughter, of Salt Lake City, are here for a week visiting their husband and father, manager of the Ferron Drug stores.

AT BURBANK

J. A. Delameter, a former resident of Searchlight and Las Vegas, is now operating a service station at Burbank, Calif.

HOLLAND HOME

Dave Holland, delegate to the Republican convention at Reno, has returned from the north.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

May 2—Maximum, 91; minimum, 49.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, May 2. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 27½ cents an ounce. Copper, 5½ cents a pound. Zinc, 2.55 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound.

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BOULDER DAM PROJECT

The Progress of this vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

INVENTORS IN WEIGHTY WAR



Diets have become such important things in daily life that the National Inventors' Congress, meeting in San Francisco, decided to have a go at the problem. The result was this contrivance, guaranteed to stop off unwanted poundage. And here also are Jean Kelly, left, and Billy Dunlop teaching portly Chief John Uglione how to operate the new reducing machine.

Expert Here Making Agriculture Survey

Will Attempt To Determine Best Plan For Profitable Ranching In This Area

Cruz Venstrom, assistant chief of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment station, who recently arrived in this city to ascertain the agricultural possibilities of this area, yesterday released a detailed statement as to his activities, since beginning his economic study of southern Nevada.

Pointing out the fact that the agricultural activity in the Panaca irrigation district, Moapa valley, Dixie section of Washington county, Utah, and the Clark county area had been relatively isolated until recently by the poor highways and transportation facilities, Venstrom stated that the building of new highways had brought new opportunities for agricultural adjustment.

In his opinion the main problem facing farmers from this district is the same that must be met by crop growers

all over the country; namely, that the income derived from the growth and sale of farm products is not sufficient to allow the farm operators and their children an acceptable standard of living.

Another important phase of the local agricultural problem is the best economic utilization of the water rights that will be derived from the construction of Hoover dam. Should these waters be used for the more intensive utilization of the land not inundated by the dam reservoir, in new developments? If so, what factors should decide the question?

Still another problem rising from the construction of Hoover dam is that of the extent of new irrigation that may be feasible from Colorado river waters. There seems to be no likelihood that either the state of Nevada nor the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation will undertake such a project in the near future. A preliminary outline of areas, water supply, soils and such physical data as may bear on adjustments in the present farm areas, should be made. Part of this has already been done by other agencies and as such would only need incorporation with the report to be made by Venstrom and associates.

The area that should be covered by this study would logically be the trade area of the main artery of transportation, the Union Pacific railroad. This would include all of Clark county, Lincoln county and a portion of Nye county, in which the trade moves south.

A survey will be made of the livestock ranches in this county to ascertain the possibilities of future developments in that field. With a steady influx of residents assured both Boulder City and Las Vegas during the next three or four years, ranchmen could merchandise a goodly percentage of their stock without the loss occasioned by transportation.

UTILIZATION OF LAND

Information will be obtained from the following sources: the U. S. weather bureau, the U. S. Bureau of Soils, the U. S. Geological Survey, Nevada state engineer's office, Union Pacific railroad, United States census data, the Moapa Valley producers and statistical bulletin.

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4-B Foot No Longer Acme Of Pedal Perfection; Feet Must Be Larger

NEW YORK, May 3. (U.P.)—The "4B" foot is no longer the classically beautiful foot.

This ideal size for women went by the board today when a foot beauty contest, held in connection with the boot and shoe men's convention, was won by Marjorie DeVoe, a striking brunette from the "Hot Cha" chorus. She was awarded the honors for the most beautiful foot by a group of writers and artists.

She wears a 5½ c shoe.

ECONOMY BILL MUTILATED, OK'D BY HOUSE

Federal Salary Cuts Included In Plans Of Retrenchment

VET FUND STANDS

Vacation Minus Pay Program Defeated In Wild Session

By THOMAS L. STOKES (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, May 3. (U.P.)—The house completed its economy gesture tonight by passing a mutilated economy bill providing for savings variously estimated between \$38,000,000 and \$43,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 which it was originally drafted to save.

DEMOCRATS FAIL

Democratic leaders failed completely in a last minute attempt to quell one of the worst house rebellions in years which had virtually wrecked the bill.

As passed, the bill reduces the salaries of congressmen \$825 a year from \$10,000 to \$9,175. Cabinet officers and other officials, likewise, must take an 11 per cent cut above a \$2,500 exemption.

The house defeated various proposals which would have cut congressional salaries even further. However, allowance of members was reduced 25 per cent.

The first was by Chairman John McDuffie, Dem., Ala. of the economy committee who proposed that a flat 10 per cent government salary cut with a \$2,000 exemption be substituted for the flat 11 per cent with a \$2,500 exemption as provided in the bill. The vote was 167 to 231. McDuffie later voted against the measure his committee sponsored as a final protest against the action of the insurgents.

VACATIONS ON PAY

Rep. C. William Ramseyer, Rep., Iowa, then sought to instruct the committee to report back President Hoover's plan for a five-day week and a month's furlough without pay for government employes, with a flat 10 per cent salary cut for congressmen. This would have saved \$80,800,000. It was defeated, 146 to 250.

The flat salary cut constituted the largest economy item in the bill, being estimated to save \$12,000,000. The original committee proposal would have saved \$67,000,000. The rest of the savings, estimated to total \$38,000,000, were provided in numerous ways.

The final revolt of the house today before it completed actual consideration of the measure was to eliminate provisions reducing veterans' pension, hospitalization and retirement pay in various ways, estimated to save \$48,417,000.

WOMAN YEGG SHOT, KILLED

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 3. (U.P.)—A woman police character, 29-year-old Lena Hurt, was shot down and killed here today as she fled with \$20 from a drug store she robbed.

Two men, evidently her accomplices, sped away to safety in a large sedan, leaving her to die on the sidewalk.

"I didn't intend to kill her," J. H. Jackson, middle aged druggist, said. "She was pointing a gun at me and I felt one of us was going to get shot."

STUDENTS OFFER ONE-ACT PLAYS

The department of speech of the Las Vegas high school, under the direction of Douglas Dashiell, will present an evening of one-act plays Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the old high school auditorium.

The plays to be presented are "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne, (this play won first place at the recent state forensic tournament), "Cabbages," and "Bernstein Tries 'Em Out," to which has been added some burlesque. Some of those taking parts in the plays are, Florence Sanford, Bruce Beckley, Aquilin Grosso, Charmaine Bliss, Sherwin Garside, Charles Doherty, Dan Dotson, Dor. Stewart, Herbert Ward, June Chestnut and Leonard Wilson.

Between the plays the male trio and the girls trio of the music department will sing. These plays represent the last dramatic production to be presented this year.

WILLIAMS VISITS

E. L. Williams, general manager of the Eldorado Rand mine, spent yesterday here on business.

Porter Victorious In Los Angeles; Garner Leads In California Primary And Hoover Polls Big Loyalty Vote

MAY, POTTER RAID DOPE COOKING PAIR

In one of the most spectacular narcotic raids staged here in many months, a flying squad made up of officers from the night shift of the Las Vegas police department, and headed by Joe May and Dan Potter, veteran peace officers, descended on the apartment house located at 218 South Fourth street, arrested two alleged addicts and confiscated paraphernalia last night.

Officers found in the room eight three-ounce bottles of paregoric containing the ingredients for the cooking of a mild solution of opium, five one-ounce bottles, two hypodermic needles, three hypodermic syringes, one pair of scissors which officers believed were used to open cuts on the person of the addicts to give access to the syringes, and two spoons and one candle used for cooking the dope.

According to Officer May, the men were cooking the dope when the raiders entered. They were taken to the station and gave the names of E. J. Hodges and M. J. Brockett. Hodges stated that he was unemployed and that he came to this city from Fresno, Calif. He is 37 years old and is a cook by profession.

Brockett has been employed at a Las Vegas restaurant for some weeks. He stated that he came here originally from Los Angeles. He is 32 years of age and also a cook.

The prisoners were occupying apartment number 11 at the above address, and, according to officers, had not taken the precaution of locking or even shutting the door to the apartment before starting the cooking process.

May and Potter were accompanied by Special Officer Peterson.

MUSIC WEEK IS OBSERVED

The Mesquite club observed national music week by entertaining the members of the club and their friends with a musicale Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Squires. The following delightful programs were enjoyed: "True 'Snoo" by Edward Elgar; "Lift Thine Eyes," by Elijah, Mrs. Marian Earl, Mrs. LeRoy Whipple, Mrs. Glenn Jones, Mrs. Bryan Bunker at the piano.

Piano Solo, "Moonlight Sonata," and "Valse Romantique, Dubussy, Miss Weiner.

Vocal Solo, "Elland," by Von Pfeilitz, Mrs. Mariater Earl, by Wieniawski; "Two Guitars, Keen;" "Turkish March," by Beethoven; "Prophet Bird," Schumann; "Yapteddo," Sarasate, Elsie Manion Thomas.

Vocal Solo, "Pale Hand," and "Till I Wake," Amy Woodforde Finden, Dan Ferguson.

DEATH CASE BEFORE JURY

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MIAMI, Fla., May 3. (U.P.)—A Dade county grand jury heard circumstantial evidence today against Captain W. N. Lancaster, widely-known British aviator accused of the murder of Haden Clarke, while the man to whom suspicion points told the United Press in his cell that he realizes "everything is against me."

Lancaster was arrested yesterday when State's Attorney H. Vernon Hawthorne found that two "suicide" notes, allegedly left by young Clarke, were forgeries and Lancaster thereupon began presenting evidence to the grand jury and hoped to have an indictment before the end of the week.

"I don't worry about the outcome of this affair, because I am innocent and if there is any justice in this country the courts and jury will recognize it. Lancaster told a United Press correspondent who spent an hour with him in his cell.

NEVADA CON. OFFER

NEW YORK, May 3. (U.P.)—Minority stockholders of Nevada Consolidated Copper company today were offered one share of Kennecott Copper stock for each two shares of Nevada Con.

CALIFORNIA'S BID TO GOVERNORS



Here is the hand-painted, leather-bound invitation Gov. James Rolph Jr. is banking on to bring the governors of 47 other states to California for their annual conference next year. Rolph took the invitation with him when he flew to Richmond, Va., for this year's gathering. It is signed by Rolph and Mayors A. J. Rossi, San Francisco; John C. Porter, Los Angeles, and C. H. S. Bidwell, Sacramento. Miss Betty C. Gerke, the governor's social secretary, is holding the invitation.

CAR IS CLUE IN FORGERY

The Jewett touring car purchased with counterfeit checks in Las Vegas Monday, was found abandoned near Yermo, Calif., yesterday. No trace of the purchaser was found but California authorities were warned to be on the lookout for the alleged forger.

Conservative estimates placed the amount of money obtained by counterfeit checks drawn on the Anderson Brothers Supply company, Boulder City concern, in the Las Vegas area over the week-end, at \$175.

It is believed that the checks were printed in some other city, then brought here and cashed by several members of the gang believed to have been implicated.

One arrest was made Monday, the suspect giving his name as H. R. Taylor. He had three of the duplicate checks in his pockets at the time of his arrest.

The checks Taylor had in his possession were numbered 2731, 2724 and 2711, made out to a "G. Morgan" in the sum of \$24.27. He claimed that some one slipped the checks in his pockets when he was drunk, but later said he purchased the worthless paper for \$25.

Attendants in local speakeries could not identify the suspect as the man who cashed checks in their establishments Saturday and Sunday. It was also reported that at least two of the Las Vegas casinos had been victimized.

HUNT FOR TOT IS CONTINUED

LOS ANGELES, May 3. (U.P.)—Searching through a rugged area infested by rattlesnakes and wildcats, mountain men and deputy sheriffs today sought some trace of 3-year old Cecilia Mitchell, missing since Monday noon.

The little girl wandered away from two older companions while hunting wild flowers, and it was feared that she might have been overcome by exposure in the high altitudes of the Ridge Route section near Sandberg.

Original Alice Of Wonderland Is Honored By Columbia University

NEW YORK, May 3. (U.P.)—Alice, who in the story book once "grew by degrees," got one today.

Capped and gowned and smiling, Mrs. Reginald Liddell Hargreaves received from Columbia University through Dr. Nicholas Murray But-

THIEVERY IN L.V. CONTINUES

Continuing their depredations of the last few weeks, burglars and sneak thieves have continued their brazen raids on residences and apartments during the last few days.

The room of Josephine Proudt in a downtown hotel was entered yesterday morning and a white gold wrist watch valued at \$35 stolen. The thief also obtained a leather change purse and \$1.80 in silver.

This makes the second daring robbery to take place in this hotel in the last few days. L. W. Steele having reported the theft of \$20 from his wallet two or three days ago. Apparently the thief entered the room while Steele was sleeping and took the money.

Thieves entered the West Side garage Sunday and after breaking the locks on the gasoline pump, stole between 20 and 25 gallons of gas. No arrests have been made to date.

Three cabins in the auto camp at Fremont and Twelfth streets were entered some time over the week-end. The gas meters broken open and approximately \$15 taken, according to a report made to police.

A thief invaded the garage home of Lee Criswell, aged cripple, sometime Tuesday, and stole a blue suit belonging to Criswell. Officer Ott investigated the case.

JAIL BREAK IN UTAH BLOCKED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 3. (U.P.)—An attempt to effect a general delivery from the city jail last night was revealed by police today.

John S. Moriarty, 21, and Carl A. Anderson, 26, alleged confessed Long Beach, Calif., gunmen, had held an ingenious plot to knock City Jailor Joseph Raleigh into unconsciousness Monday night with a sand bag, police said.

Both men were locked in solitary confinement, however, when the jailer was forewarned.

HELLAR RETURNS

Jack Hellar returned from Los Angeles yesterday after having spent a week in the coast city on business.

Roosevelt Leading In Alabama; Indiana Votes Few

LOS ANGELES, May 3. (U.P.)—Attempts of anti-administration forces to recall Mayor John C. Porter appeared to have failed tonight when incomplete returns shortly before midnight showed proponents of the measure to be lagging more than 20,000 votes behind the mayor's supporters.

RECALL VOTE

Returns from 713 of the city's 1744 precincts gave 55,813 for the recall and 76,784 against it.

In the mayoralty election, complete, semi-official returns from 739 precincts showed Porter far in the lead with 72,949 votes practically assured of the election. Charles W. Dempster and William G. Boulder, his nearest competitors, had polled 30,360, and 29,160, respectively.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3. (U.P.)—With returns from more than one third of the state complete, Speaker John N. Garner of Texas, held a 22,000 lead over Franklin D. Roosevelt tonight in the tri-cornered battle for control of California's 44 Democratic national convention delegates.

SMITH TRAILS

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York trailed the Texan by 36,000 and Roosevelt by slightly less than 12,000.

President Herbert Hoover, unopposed as the Republican presidential preference, was polling a big popularity vote.

Complete returns from 3,496 out of 10,771 precincts gave:

Garner	84,268
Roosevelt	62,995
Smith	48,272
Hoover	30,809

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3. (U.P.)

—Early returns tonight from the Democratic primary in Alabama indicated candidates for delegates to the national convention pledged to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York for president were carrying the state by a two to one vote.

Senator Hugo L. Black, Alabama's senior senator, was leading in his fight for renomination, but it was indicated he would fail of a majority in the five-cornered race and be forced onto a run-off primary with former Governor Thomas E. Kilby of Anniston.

VOTES FEW

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3. (U.P.)—Election clerks counted an exceptionally small pile of ballots tonight in Indiana's primary election to nominate congressional legislative and county candidates, and elect precinct committeemen and state convention delegates.

Voting generally was apathetic, with citizens taking but scant interest even though political observers called the vote "important." They pointed out that results of the contests in nearly every congressional district will indicate the state's sentiment on the liquor question and will guide party leaders in drafting platforms at the state convention.

KIDNAP YACHT BACK IN PORT

NORFOLK, Va., May 3. (U.P.)—The yacht Marcon was back at the Naval base here late tonight after a third trip at sea in the search for the kidnapped Lindbergh baby.

No statements were made by John Hughes Curtis, chief negotiator who was aboard, or his aides, and no comment on the rather quick return of the Marcon was known. The yacht left about noon today.

Lieut. George L. Richard, naval aviator who has piloted Curtis on various flights connected with negotiations with men believed to represent the kidnapers, was the only one known to have come ashore after the Marcon arrived tonight. He went to his home, stayed only a short time, and then left, telling his wife he would be back late tonight or tomorrow.

R. E. LAKE SINKS DURING EVENING

The condition of R. E. Lake, Sr., who has been in a critical condition at his home on north Third street for several days, was very serious at press time last night. It was not thought that he could survive until morning.

INSULIN RETIRES

CHICAGO, May 3. (U.P.)—Martin J. Insull, who helped build his brother Samuel's Midwest Utilities into one of the largest in America, only to see it go into receivership two weeks ago, announced his retirement from the concern and its subsidiaries today.