

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

GETTING BUSY

Leaders of both parties in both houses of congress have joined in the statement that they will pass the necessary revenue and relief measures before adjourning. Which is reassuring. The country is standing still waiting developments. Businessmen are afraid to do anything, while there is uncertainty as to what congress will do. So every day which congress consumes in its fussing means the loss of millions in business and adds to the general distress. When adjournment comes there will be a very substantial revival in business according to those who are in position to judge.

SALES TAX

The house of representatives had a frantic fit a few weeks ago when a general sales tax was suggested as the best and fairest means of raising the necessary revenue. Later they adopted items of sales tax as to some commodities until now the sales tax idea is in the ascendancy. Thinking of the gasoline tax which we pay without a murmur, it seems that the sales tax would be the least painful of all. The four cents a gallon on our gas has not yet induced us to refrain from the purchase of one single gallon. As a matter of fact, there are millions of people who do not realize that they pay a gasoline tax.

CONVENTIONS

Senator Fess expresses the fear that congress cannot complete its necessary work and adjourn in time for the Republican convention. Which would be unfortunate. Congress should adjourn before the conventions so that the policies may be better presented to the conventions and the blame or credit for what is done placed where it belongs.

SENIORS GET SHEEPSKINS

Not often is there seen a more perfectly satisfying and beautiful high school commencement than that carried out at El Portal theatre yesterday morning when seventy-three young men and women received their diplomas. Clad in the traditional caps and gowns they marched, full of dignity, down the aisles of the theatre and to seats arranged on the stage. The entire program as printed in the Age of yesterday morning was carried out in order and without any of the dramatics which sometimes mar such occasions.

Three outstanding features of the commencement exercises were the commencement address, by Judge William E. Orr, salutatory by John William Park and valedictory by Bruce Beckley.

Rarely have we heard a more fitting address than that delivered by Judge Orr. It was practical, yet filled with a high spirituality which appealed to all that is fine in the young people.

The salutatory by John William Park, "Expectation and Achievement," was a delightful address, full of poetic feeling and finely delivered. Bruce Beckley in the valedictory, took as his subject, "We Build the Ladder By Which We Climb." It was a fine address, full of inspiring thought, and delivered with much dramatic feeling.

The musical numbers were well rendered under direction of Professor Rowe.

Miss Frazier presented the awards, at the same time giving the audience many interesting facts as to the achievements of the seniors.

Mayor E. W. Cragin made a good job of handing out the certificates of graduation.

Bishop Bryan Bunker delivered the invocation and Rev. A. S. Kean closed the proceedings with a benediction.

Maurine H. Wilson, at El Portal's pipe organ, very happily played several selections as preliminaries to the main event, including the professional march.

So was carried out what is to be long remembered as one of the most happy commencements in the history of Las Vegas high school.

We wish to call the attention of those who were not present at the exercises to the fact that the salutatory by John William Park and valedictory by Bruce Beckley are both printed in full in the current issue of the Desert Breeze, printed yesterday. Both are well worth reading and preserving.

MESQUITE CLUB IN LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the Mesquite club year was held Friday at the ranch home of Mrs. Frank Garside. After enjoying the appetizing luncheon prepared by the hospitality chairman, Mrs. O. A. Kimball, and her committee, the yearly reports were read and the new officers introduced.

The retiring president, Mrs. Chas. Dimock, was presented with a small token of esteem for her untiring efforts on behalf of the club the past year. A delightful social hour was enjoyed, while some of the younger ones took advantage of the swimming pool. Later the members adjourned to the art exhibit at the high school.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

May 27—Maximum, 96; minimum, 67.
METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, May 27. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 3/4 cents a pound. Bar silver, 27 1/2 cents an ounce. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.87 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.

VEGAS MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

L. A. CLERK ARRESTED IN RENO

WAS IN CHARGE OF \$75,000 IN COUNTY VAULT

Has But \$200 in Cash When Located By Nevada Officers

RENO, Nev., May 27. (U.P.)—L. A. Hill, chief deputy county clerk of Los Angeles, wanted in connection with the disappearance of \$75,000 from the county vaults there, was apprehended here tonight by Reno police.

He had less than \$200 on his person at the time of arrest. "I am innocent," he said. He declared he would waive extradition and would return immediately to Los Angeles.

Hill stated that he and his wife left Los Angeles and drove to New Orleans, through to the middle west and were en route to California when arrested.

LOS ANGELES, May 27. (U.P.)—The district attorney's office tonight claimed that records seized by investigators indicated that Liberty A. Hill, indicted chief deputy county clerk, had suffered recent heavy losses in margin accounts with a stock broker.

Hill, who had charge of \$75,000 listed as evidence in a notorious extortion case, has been missing since he left on a vacation some time ago.

CRAWFORD'S MONEY

The \$75,000 belonged to Charles Crawford, Los Angeles political boss, who with Herbert Spencer, political writer, was shot to death by David H. Clark, a candidate for municipal judge. Clark was acquitted on a plea of self defense.

Morris Lavine, former newspaperman, was convicted of extorting the money from Crawford several months before the politician's death. Miss Leontine Johnson was convicted with Lavine.

When a court order recently was issued for return of the money to the Crawford estate, the currency was missing from a vault in the hall of justice.

KENO TOPIC AT CITY MEETING

The board of city commissioners held a meeting yesterday afternoon at which but little business was transacted.

The matter of issuing a license for a merry-go-round and other amusement devices at Lorenzi Lake park was discussed and laid over until next meeting.

An ordinance suggested by 15 of the principal restaurants of the city, was given its first reading. Several restaurant owners who were present spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance, stating that there are 80 restaurants licensed, of which 15 are represented by the petition asking the commissioners to pass the ordinance, and 65 are opposed. The ordinance has to do with the surroundings and sanitary precautions required by those who prepare and serve food to the public.

The question of legality of certain games resembling Keno was given some discussion. The board adjourned to Tuesday, May 31, when protests on Lateral Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 will be heard and considered by the board.

Senator Fell Tells President That Congress Cannot Adjourn For Meet

WASHINGTON, May 27. (U.P.)—Senator Simeon Fess, Repr., O., chairman of the Republican national committee, told President Hoover at a surprise White House conference tonight that he was convinced congress could not adjourn in time for the national conventions next month at Chicago.

JACK GILBERT'S THIRD



According to press dispatches from Los Angeles, comely Virginia Bruce, above, Hollywood cinema star, is to become the third wife of Jack Gilbert who is starting a comeback in the films. Miss Bruce is Jack's leading lady.

RESCUE GROUP SEEKING COLONEL FAWCETT, ENGLISH EXPLORER, IS NOW PLUNGING THROUGH JUNGLES

The following dispatch by runner, telegraph and cable was written by Horacio Fusoni of the United Press staff at Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 25, before he plunged into one of the most dangerous sections of the Brazilian jungle. Fusoni is accompanying the Stephan Rattin expedition to rescue the missing British explorer, Col. P. H. Fawcett. The expedition will be out of touch with civilization on the present stage of its venture.—Editor.

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PORT VELHO, Matto Grosso, Brazil, May 24. (U.P.)—The Stephan Rattin expedition advances into the treacherous wilds of the Brazilian jungle today on its journey to rescue an aged white man, believed to be the famous British explorer, Col. P. H. Fawcett.

Determined to keep his pledge to rescue the white man from the hands of hostile Indians, Rattin has ordered us to leave this "City of the Dead," last outpost of civilization on our route.

We depart within the hour in canoes down the Arinos river, which flows northward from this hill land toward the mighty Amazon. Somewhere ahead, Rattin believes he will find again the Indian village where he spoke to the man who identified himself as Colonel Fawcett and asked civilization to rescue him from the tribe.

But there are many obstacles, some of them dangerous, to be overcome. In addition to the hardships and tortures of the jungle, we may find the hostile tribes which have threatened other expeditions seeking a trace of Colonel Fawcett.

Already the dangers have been strongly brought home to us. Dan Fangan, son of the British rancher, C. L. Fangan, of Laguna, Matto Grosso state, left the expedition and returned to Diamantino, declaring the trek was too dangerous. Then there were two Paraguanayans.

The first and third Monday of each month were named as the days on which meetings will be held. The first Monday will be devoted to a business meeting of the club, the second to social activities. The following committee was named to select a meeting place: Alice Doherty, Cora Lee Honstedt and Lula May Dugan. Just before the conclusion of the meeting, the members voted to supply proper credentials to Miss Eva Adams of this city who is going abroad this summer.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION PLAN OF CLUBS

Ex-Service Men Will Have Charge; Many Will Participate

Every church and fraternal organization in Las Vegas will participate in the observance of Memorial day, it was revealed yesterday.

The annual Memorial day parade will form at the American Legion hall on south Third street at nine o'clock Monday morning. The line of march is as follows: North on Third to Carson, west on Carson to Main, south on Main to Fremont, east on Fremont to Fifth street. There the parade will disband and participants will enter automobiles and drive to Woodlawn cemetery, where the Memorial service will be held.

TO DROP FLOWERS

The American Legion has secured permission from the Western Air Express company to charter a plane to circle the burial grounds, dropping flowers on the graves of world war veterans. The plane is scheduled to make the flight at approximately 10:30 Monday morning. A Boeing tri-motored transport plane will be used.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will join with the Legion in the commemoration of the sacredness of this day. All fraternal organizations, lodges, and church delegations participating in the services are requested to be at the Legion hall promptly at nine o'clock. There they will be assigned places when the parade forms.

The Veterans and Legion members have asked the business men of this city to close their doors during the memorial services, from nine a. m. until noon, and if possible for the entire day, in order that those who are employed in the stores may take part in the proper observance of this occasion. A. R. Thompson, post commander of the American Legion, asks that every man and woman in Las Vegas "pause in the pursuit of their various activities along the pathway of life and pay fitting tribute to those who have gone before us."

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Officials of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, B. P. O. Elks, and the Masonic lodge have signified their intention of participating in the parade. This group will be augmented by many private citizens and the Reserve Officers club. The attention of members of the latter organization is specifically called to this notice, officers stating yesterday that it would not be compulsory to appear in uniform, but that it is desired that every reserve officer of Las Vegas and Boulder City be present.

Father O'Grady, of the Saint Joan of Arc Catholic church in this city will go to Boulder City Monday morning to say the mass at the Catholic Memorial day services. He will also bless the new organ recently installed in the reservation church; a gift of the Holy Name Society. Father Hogan of Boulder City will deliver the sermon. The choir from the Saint Joan of Arc church will accompany Father O'Grady. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Frank Carlin.

John Cahlan, Las Vegas juvenile officer, will speak at the Sunday morning memorial services held in the Baptist church in this city.

MEMORIAL THEMES

The theme of the Reverend Reynolds of the Methodist church will be "In Memoriam," and will be delivered Sunday morning. He will ask that every member of his congregation attend the Legion services to be held on Memorial day.

Memorial day services will be held by the Episcopal church in the Boulder City school house at 7:30 Sunday evening. The Reverend Kean, pastor of Christ Episcopal church, will preach the Memorial sermon.

BROWNE IS SET FOR PACIFIC FLIGHT AT DAWN

Big Plane Poised On Seattle Ramp; Wind Will Be Right

SEATTLE, May 27. (U.P.)—A south wind blowing up the elevated ramp from which Nat C. Browne, New York, plans to take off on a projected non-stop flight to Tokio, had freshened to 4 miles an hour at 11 p. m. and Browne expected to get into the air between 3 and 4 a. m.

A crowd of 2,000 persons gathered at Boeing field as Brown lolled in his shirt-sleeves waiting for a head wind of better than 6 miles an hour. Government meteorologists predicted that such a wind would be blowing after 3 a. m.

MOTOR WARMED

The motor had been warmed by mechanics and Browne tinkered with it for an hour or more. He said he believed the Lone Star, a crimson Fokker monoplane, and the Wright J-6 motor which powers it, were tuned to perfection.

Weather over the Alaskan coast, the Aleutian island chain and Kamchatka island—a 5,000 mile course over which no one has flown alone—was reported nearly perfect. Browne figures the flight will require from 50 to 55 hours.

STATE LEGION RACE WARMING

Interest in the state convention of the American Legion, to be held here next month, is centered on the election of officers and delegates to the national convention, to be held in Portland this fall.

The post of national executive committee promises to be hotly contested as the Legion post of Lovelock has named Dr. E. K. Smith as a candidate for the honor. A. C. Grant of Las Vegas, Ford dealer and civic booster, whose candidacy has been known for some time, will be backed by White Pine, Lincoln and Clark counties, comprising district two of the state, and promises to give Smith a run for his money.

At the present time there is only one candidate for the post of department commander, it having been generally understood at the department convention held in Hawthorne two years ago, that the nomination of Francis Riordan would go unopposed. However, in view of the announcement of the Lovelock post of the nomination of Smith for national executive committee, it would not be surprising to Legionnaires from the eastern and southern section of Nevada if upstate posts put forward an opponent for Riordan.

Riordan is a prominent rancher and aviation enthusiast. He has taken a leading part in the activities of his local post as well as the state department.

Convention activities will be inaugurated on the evening of June 9, and will continue for three days. The climax will be the gala dinner-dance to be held at Lorenzi lake park resort on the evening of June 10. The dance will be preceded by a gigantic fireworks spectacle staged in downtown Las Vegas and the naming and entraining of the

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Olympic Starter?



Lyda Roberti, Paramount actress and former musical comedy star, is all set to start the Olympic games if officials will let her. Incidentally, what athlete would refuse to run for such a starter?

Memorial Day Proclamation

As Mayor of the City of Las Vegas I hereby declare Monday, the 30th day of May, 1932, a holiday, to be fittingly observed in the decoration of the graves of those who surrendered their lives as our loyal and brave soldiers, sailors and marines. Let us all join in the ceremonies to pay tribute to the valor and patriotism of both the living and dead who sacrificed and suffered that this Nation might live.

I respectfully request that all ordinary business cease and business houses be closed in our fair City during the hours from 9:00 o'clock in the morning, to 12:00 o'clock noon of that day.

Given under my hand this 26th day of May, 1932.
E. W. CRAGIN, Mayor.

NEW CITY LAW ON SANITATION

A new city ordinance, governing the enforcing of sanitary rules in the numerous small restaurants and sandwich stands in this city, was read for the first time at the meeting of the Board of City Commissioners yesterday afternoon. A number of the larger restaurants have instituted a fight to make several smaller food dispensaries now operating here, either clean up or close up. It is estimated that there are between sixty and sixty-five small sandwich stands, open front restaurants and quick lunch establishments operating within the city limits.

DEADRICH BETTER

Henry Deadrich, state traffic officer, who was admitted to the Las Vegas hospital Thursday, was resting easily last night, but will be confined to his bed for several days.

C. B. HEMPHILL IS FOUND IN SHED NEAR HOME

Master Toolsmith On Railroad; Had Host Of Friends in L. V.

Charles Hemphill, 74, pioneer Las Vegas railroad man, shot and killed himself sometime yesterday afternoon in a coal shed in the rear of the house at 609 South Third street, where he made his home with his wife.

HEMPHILL NEAR HOME
Hemphill left the house about three o'clock in the afternoon and left a note for his wife, telling her that he had gone for a walk. His failure to return late in the afternoon caused his wife anxiety and she notified the police.

C. H. Bradford, Union Pacific engineer and friend of the family, was also called in and a search instituted. Bradford, accompanied by George Stone, son of Hemphill's step-daughter, entered the shed and found the body of the aged man, stretched out on a pile of old quilts, a bullet hole in each side of his temple and still grasping the gun, a .38 calibre Iver Johnson revolver, with which he had killed himself, in his right hand.

According to his widow, Mrs. Charlotte Hemphill, the deceased had been despondent for several days and had worried a great deal over financial difficulties and ill health. He suffered a severe blow on the head several years ago, when he slipped and fell while working. It is believed that he never completely recovered from the accident as he was subject to terrific headaches and eye trouble.

TO HOLD INQUEST

The inquest, which passed through the head, out his hat and embedded itself in an empty box, was conducted by the police. A coroner's inquest will be held at the Palm Funeral home at 7 o'clock this evening to inquire into the case.

Hemphill was employed in the Union Pacific shops for many years. He was an expert toolsmith and blacksmith and had scores of friends throughout southern Nevada.

Officers found in his pocket a receipt showing the recent payment of his life insurance policy.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charlotte Hemphill; a step-daughter, Mrs. W. S. Stone, and her two sons, George and Edward Stone. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

LOCAL PEOPLE ON FINANCE SURVEY

A Nevada state survey of school finances will be made this summer by a commission of 26 members appointed by William J. Cooper, United States commissioner of education. It was announced yesterday. Four local residents, Miss Maude Frazier, Miss Ruth Olmsted, Walter R. Bracken and A. E. Cahlan, have been asked to serve on the committee, which by its survey, will endeavor to throw light on special questions confronting the school finance board.

NEIGHBORS HOLD INITIATION RITES

Thirty-eight members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft held an initiation of new members in Eagles hall Thursday night. The total membership of this organization is now 175. The Neighbors of Woodcraft meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and all visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

WILL VISIT

Miss Evelyn Pedrole and Miss Della Mae Cameron are expected here from Oakland today where they will be joined by Miss Nevada Pedrole. The trio will then motor to Los Angeles where they will visit for several days.

Prohi Agents Impatient, Start On Mop-Up Before Conventions Open

CHICAGO, May 28. (Saturday) (U.P.)—Federal agents in a drive to dry up the city before the national political conventions next month raided 28 places in the city and suburbs last night and early today.

Agents descended in force on the alleged speakeasies and saloons and arrested about 40 persons. Two of the places raided were in the loop. Virtually every section of the city was hit by the raids, which agents indicated will continue almost daily.