

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
 May 31—Maximum, 84;
 minimum, 59.
METAL MARKETS
 NEW YORK, May 31. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 1/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 3.22-3.25 1/2 cents a pound. Bar silver, June, 28.15 cents an ounce.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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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.

ANOTHER VEGAN MURDERED

BLOCK DAM TAX COLLECTION

UNTIMELY END
 Melville Dollar, 54, eldest son of the late Captain Robert Dollar who died a few days ago, dropped dead yesterday when he got out of his automobile at his home in Vancouver.

The son had just returned from San Rafael, Cal., where he had been during the illness of his father.

This great shipping family is severely stricken by the death of father and son within such a short time of each other.

ECONOMY MEASURE
 A ten per cent cut straight through in all salaries paid to United States officials and employees was proposed yesterday in the senate. It has been proposed before and ignored. Now, under stress of balancing the budget, it is quite possible that the bill may be passed.

SLEEP RACE
 The latest in contests is reported from New York where a bathing resort is staging a contest with a prize for the person who can sleep longest.

Rather a restful race. Wonder if we cannot rig one like that up for Las Vegas. We know several likely entries. In fact, we'd like to get into the contest ourselves.

A BIG TIME
 The date for the American Legion convention is crawling upon us. There is much to be done in the way of preparation for taking care of the several hundred members who will be present.

Tickets for the grand ball, which also help elect a queen of the convention, are not selling as rapidly as had been hoped, but the young fellows are beginning to pledge allegiance to the various candidates, which gives us hope that all the tickets will find a sale before the convention convenes.

GIRL BEATEN IN L. V. CABIN

Jack Stanley was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, as the result of an alleged beating he gave Marie Saunders, 24, with whom he has been living at a north Fifth street cabin.

The girl was also arrested and lodged in the stockade, booked for investigation. She refused to talk, but after Stanley confessed that he brought her here from San Diego, after having met her in Long Beach, she corroborated his story.

Stanley and Miss Saunders came here on May 16, and registered at the auto camp where they live, as Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson. Shortly after their arrival here a man named Schrader visited them and allegedly introduced the girl to J. Clark Dean, a guest of a downtown hotel, and purported to be wealthy. According to Schrader's statement to acquaintances he had hoped that the girl would be able to get a large sum of money from Dean, which he and Stanley would split. Dean, accompanied by Miss Saunders, visited several night clubs Sunday night and continued their festivities over Memorial day. When the girl failed to return home Tuesday morning, Stanley became infuriated and purchased a gun, vowing that he would kill the girl, it was said by neighbors.

Shortly after ten o'clock Tuesday morning, Miss Saunders came home and Stanley struck her about the head several times and threw her over on the bed, continuing the beating. The manager of the camp was aroused by her cries and called the police. When the officers arrived Stanley was just backing away from the girl. According to the officers, had they arrived a few minutes later, they might have found the girl dead as they found a .38 calibre revolver hidden beneath the prone figure.

WRIT GRANTED TO PREVENT DE VINNEY ACTION

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 31. (U.P.)—Federal Judge Frank H. Norcross today granted a temporary injunction restraining F. C. DeVinney, assessor of Clark county, Nev., from collecting realty and poll taxes from the company or its employees.

Six Companies, builders of Hoover Dam, contended that the men from whom DeVinney has attempted to collect taxes are residents of a federal reservation and that Nevada tax laws do not apply to them.

Pending final determination of the controversy, Six Companies was required to post a \$15,000 bond.

FOOTPAD GETS GIRL'S PURSE

Beatrice Myoner, waitress at the Union Pacific restaurant, was the victim of a footpad who slugged her as she was walking down south Third street and grabbed her purse, containing \$35 in currency and silver last night.

Three suspects were picked up by the police, but had not been identified by the young lady at press time. Miss Myoner suffered from slight bruises and fright, but was able to proceed to her home.

SON OF CAPT. DOLLAR DEAD

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 31. (U.P.)—Melville Dollar, 54, eldest son of the late Captain Robert Dollar, dropped dead at his home here tonight.

He had driven his car home, Mrs. Dollar says, the automobile arriving when Dollar did not come into the house she went to the garage, calling him. She found him lying dead. Dollar, who inherited more than four million dollars from his father's estate, is survived by his widow, seven children, his mother and other relatives. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for several months.

15 COOTIES GET INSIDE POINTERS

The Military Order of Cooties welcomed fifteen new members to the fold last night, when the second initiation of this new and honorable organization was held. Those qualifying as experts in the art of scratching were Victor Suke, W. P. Imlay, Earl Mosier, Ted Morris, A. J. Rafael, R. E. Robinson, H. K. Massie, Dr. F. R. Miles, A. Simon, Guy Holloway, Charles Holman, S. J. Loomis, Ed Wasserbach, Albert Duffill and Glen Frazier.

Festivities got under way at an early hour, starting with an impromptu parade which had its origin in the alley back of the Golden Camel. The initiates were forced to simulate the lowly jackass and pull a number of full-fledged scratching cooties through the down town streets in a dilapidated old wagon.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Jean Blythe Gentry and son James, who have been visiting Miss Mabel Peterson of the Apache Drug, have returned to their home in Redlands, California.

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OLYMPICS FIGURE JUGGLER



Speaking of technicians, William Henry, above, will have his hands full at the forthcoming Olympic Games at Los Angeles. He is sports technical director of the X Olympiad.

CITY WILL GO AHEAD ON PLANS OF SEWER LATERAL DISTRICT

To Fix License Fees On Amusement Park Devices

Only three protests were made before the city commissioners yesterday against proceeding with Sanitary Sewer District No. 1, and after some discussion the board adopted a resolution to proceed with the matter and do the necessary construction as soon as the bonds can be prepared and sold.

The board decided to fix the license fee on merry-go-round and other amusement equipment when located in a permanent amusement park at \$50 per month. City Attorney Stevens was instructed to prepare an amendment to the license ordinance to that effect. The question arose because of an application for license to operate such devices at Lorenzi lake park.

The matter of non-compliance by Las Vegas Disposal company with some of the provisions of the garbage ordinance was brought before the board. City Clerk Viola Burns was instructed to write to the company and call attention to the matters of which complaint is made.

WOMEN AGENTS VANISH; RAID IS PREDICTED

Two women undercover agents for prohibition officers who have been in Las Vegas for several days, allegedly procuring evidence as the forerunner of another summer raid by federal enforcement officers, left this city yesterday, according to a report received last night, and returned to Carson City prior to going to their home office in San Francisco.

One woman is described as being of foreign extraction, about 35 years old, short in build and rather stocky. She is allegedly a prohibition undercover agent and has been working with marked success on the coast during the winter just past.

She was accompanied by a younger woman, dark haired and slender, who rumor has it, acted as the liquor loving decoy who gained entrance to numerous resorts in the city and county, encouraging the friendship of the proprietors and bartenders, then making purchases of whiskey and beer.

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Courageous Copper Removes Sign In Middle Of Street — Covered By Bees

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., May 31. (U.P.)—Trained to emergencies—that's Patrolman H. G. Alanson, doughty arm of Laguna Beach law.

In this seaside colony where most residents spend their time painting marine views and sculpting, they have learned to depend on Alanson in all untoward circumstances, even to the extent of unfriendly swarms of bees.

They almost forgot about Alanson, however, when the bees lighted on a traffic sign right on the main street. Artists dropped berets and paint tubes, fleeing in their smocks. Traffic up and down the highway was blocked.

Alanson saw his duty and never flinched. He strode toward the offending honey seekers. Bravely he grasped the sign and all, and went quickly away from there with the bees.

The artists gave Alanson three rousing cheers.

TAX BILL OK'D IN SENATE. 72 TO 11. EARLY TODAY

By THOMAS L. STOKES
 United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 1. (U.P.)—(Wednesday)—The senate passed the \$1,115,000,000 tax bill early today, twelve hours after President Hoover in a sudden and dramatic personal appearance had urged the quickest action in the face of a national emergency.

The vote was 72 to 11.

Senators who voted against the tax bill were: Black, Ala., Bulow, S. Dak., Costigan, Colo., Glass, Va., Gore, Okla., Hawes, Mo., Smith, S. C., Trammell, Fla., all Democrats; Norbeck, S. D., Blaine, Wis., Republicans; and Shipstead, Minn., Farmer-Labor; Senator Tydings, Dem., Md., voted present.

RECESS UNTIL NOON
 The senate recessed at 12:30 a. m. (EST) until noon today. A few moments before the bill was passed, the senate economy committee reported an omnibus economy bill designed to save \$236,000,000. This measure is to supplement the tax bill and was recommended by the treasury as essential in stabilizing federal finances.

The weary senators, plainly showing the strain of the long and hectic session, shortly before midnight defeated the manufacturers sales tax amendment of Senator David I. Walsh, Dem., Mass., 53 to 27.

The tax bill as approved by the senate levies higher income taxes and a host of excise duties and will dip into the pockets of virtually all American citizens.

ANSWER HOOVER PLEA
 The anxiety shown by the President as he emphasized the serious economic plight of the nation, brought prompt and unusual action from the senate which has considered the tax bill continually since May 13 in an atmosphere of confusion and delay.

Although Secretary of Treasury Ogden L. Mills estimated today a total of \$1,125,000,000 was needed to balance the budget, fiscal experts were confident that the \$10,000,000 not provided for could be adjusted in conference.

Asked by the United Press tonight if the bill would balance the budget, Mills replied:

"I won't quarrel with the last ten million dollars."

He added he would withhold a financial estimate of the potential revenue raising powers of the measure until the treasury experts had studied the Howell electricity amendment which Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee estimated would raise \$355,000,000.

CHAMBER TO MOVE TO NEW OFFICES

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting yesterday voted to move its office to the Archie Grant building on Third street, near Fremont, the new site to be occupied after July first.

The room is well adapted to the purpose and is large enough to accommodate the touring bureau, the Clark county historical society and the Chamber offices. Being on the ground floor it will be easily accessible to the touring public and thereby better fulfill the purposes for which it exists.

The committee, of which E. A. Clark is chairman, recommended the change after considerable search for a suitable location.

ECONOMY BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON, May 31. (U.P.)—An omnibus economy bill designed to save \$236,000,000, was reported late tonight to the senate by its economy committee. It will be taken up as soon as the tax bill is passed.

The largest item of saving is a flat 10 per cent cut on all government salaries, which it is estimated will save \$121,000,000.

REPORT IS MADE ON IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN, FIFTH

On motion of Ryland Taylor, the Chamber of Commerce yesterday tendered a vote of thanks to Senator Oddie for his efforts in behalf of the Hoover dam reservation tax bill.

City Engineer Thompson reported that the highway on Main and on Fifth streets have been worked over and temporarily improved. He gave it as his opinion that not much improvement could be brought about until a system of drainage along the highway in those sections is provided.

FIRE THREATENS LOCAL PHARMACY

Fire for several minutes this morning threatened the Professional Pharmacy on lower Fremont when a motor in the refrigeration apparatus became overheated. Although await of almost 20 minutes was experienced before the manager arrived with the key, damage was confined to that done by smoke.

PRINTS ON GUN NOT PROVED THOSE OF DECIMO

The coroner's jury holding an inquest into the death of Vittorio Decimo, found dead in his cabin near Second and Stewart streets on Monday morning, adjourned until today, when two important witnesses could not be located. Sheriff Keate was out on another case and could not be present and a search was ordered instituted for a second man, whose testimony is considered of utmost importance.

Though in session for several hours, Coroner Frank M. Ryan said members of the jury did not feel justified in returning a verdict until the testimony of those two men had been heard, and until the death cabin had been inspected by daylight.

An absence of powder marks on the body strengthened the murder theory, as did the position of the victim's body when inspected by a Las Vegas officer.

According to Identification Officer Louis Ford, there are several sets of finger prints on the gun used in the killing, and the uppermost set, though they show faintly, have not been identified as those of Decimo. Enlargements are being made for more careful comparison.

Underworld gossip still maintains that the friend of Santini's, who had come here to investigate his murder, was shot and killed by the slayer of the aged Italian, as he feared Decimo might learn too much about the ruthless slaying of his friend.

DISEASE FATAL TO LITTLE GIRL

Rosamund, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ross of Mountain Springs, died of pneumonia while en route to Las Vegas hospital from the family home yesterday. Although Las Vegas volunteer fire department with its resuscitation apparatus was summoned by the frantic father of the child as he neared Las Vegas with the girl, she was found to be dead when the family group reached the hospital ten minutes after the firemen.

MRS. CRAGIN LEAVES

Mrs. E. W. Cragin left last night by train for Los Angeles. She will be joined later by Mayor Cragin and together they will embark Friday at San Pedro for Honolulu, where Cragin will represent the Las Vegas Rotary club at the convention on the island.

Fat Lady Gets Slim And Asks Decree 'Cause Hubby Doesn't Like 'Em Thin

CHICAGO, May 31. (U.P.)—This is the sad story of Mrs. Mary Ell, ex-burlesque queen, who took 20 pounds off her hips in the interest of fashion only to learn that her husband liked his ladies fat.

"In my day on the burlesque stage, hips were an asset," explained Mrs. Ell in Judge Joseph Sabath's court today. "After my marriage I retired from the stage and then the fashions in ladies changed. I lost 20 pounds off my hips, but while I was doing it, my husband's love seemed to cool."

"When I was so slim I could wear the most stylish dresses stylishly, my husband said to me: 'You're not my type; I like 'em fat.'"

"Then I discovered he was having an affair with a Millicent Ludwig of St. Louis. I understood she weighed 200 pounds."

Judge Sabath took under advice last night Mrs. Ell's plea for a divorce.

PLAY CLOTHES



Miriam Hopkins, Paramount actress, shows the newest thing for tennis, sunbathing or croquet—if anyone still knows how to play that game. She says it's a combination bathing suit and pajamas.

C. C. WILL AID VETERAN MEET

James Farnedale at the Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday brought up the matter of the 1933 encampment of Veterans of Foreign Wars for the California - Nevada district. He stated that it was quite probable that the gathering of perhaps three thousand people could be brought to Vegas if we can convince the encampment at Vallejo, Cal., the latter part of this month that this city has sufficient hotel and rooming house accommodations to take care of the crowd.

Fred S. Alward, chairman of the committee, asserted that the thing can be brought about if the chamber will back the movement.

Secretary Nye Wilson said a partial survey of hotel accommodations has been made and that a complete report would be made later.

On motion of C. P. Squires, the chamber pledged its moral and financial support to the Veterans in their effort to bring the 1933 encampment to Las Vegas.

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WESTSIDE MAN IS AMBUSHED; SUSPECT IS CAUGHT

The second murder here in two days was perpetrated last night when Leighton Ferris, 37, alleged ex-convict, was shot and killed from ambush as he sat at the supper table with his wife and her three small children, in their home at 123 west Fifth street, Westside, at 8:27 p. m.

The killer ambushed himself behind the fence and shot through two screens and a glass window, the bullet penetrating the unpaired forearm of the victim, entering his heart and plunging out the other side of the body. The missile then crashed through the walls of the house and embedded itself in the porch of the adjacent residence, where it was recovered by the police. It was found to have been fired from a .30-30 calibre rifle.

After being struck by the bullet, Ferris rose, staggered into the kitchen and slumped over dead. Upon the arrival of the police, a thorough search failed to reveal any trace of the killer.

KNEW KILLER
 Immediately upon the arrival of the police, his wife, Alice Keyes Ferris, stated that she knew who killed her husband and that it was "That — Maurice Keyes."

"Keyes is the man that was divorced by Alice Ferris just one year ago, and erstwhile pal and bosom friend of Ferris. Mrs. Ferris stated that Keyes had threatened to kill her husband on more than one occasion.

However, no trace of the killer could be immediately found, although he was reported as hiding under the porch of a neighborhood house. Some forty-five minutes after the killing, Keyes was taken into custody at the Boulder City reservation gates, on the advice of Las Vegas officers. He refused to talk and was held for Sheriff Keate, who returned him to Las Vegas.

A sordid, yet strange tale of an unwholesome love triangle was revealed as the result of the shooting. Maurice Keyes married Alice Ferris more than eleven years ago and shortly thereafter they moved to Taft, California, where Keyes met Leighton Ferris and became a friend of the latter. Ferris had at one time served a penitentiary sentence, and in some manner Keyes became cognizant of this fact. Thereafter he seemed to hold a weapon over the head of his erstwhile friend and became more and more inclined to use this knowledge of Ferris' past life to cause him to do his bidding, neighbors claim.

ARSON PLOT
 A few years ago, according to a statement made by the woman to former Chief Deputy Bodell of the sheriff's office last year, Keyes hired Ferris to burn down his residence in the California city, and collected some \$500 in insurance. The insurance company's suspicions were later aroused but no action was taken as far as can be ascertained.

After the fire Ferris became more and more attentive to the wife of Keyes. Three children had been born to the couple during this period of years, and from all appearances they were an average happy family.

Later the Keyes moved to Las Vegas. This was a little more than a year ago. Shortly after their return here, Ferris appeared in this city. He maintained his relations with the Keyes family and a few weeks after his arrival was threatened with prosecution by Keyes wife on a statutory charge involving her eight-year-old daughter.

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