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Cheap Paving

A considerable amount of oil-bound gravel surface material removed from Fifth street when that thoroughfare was paved with concrete a few months ago is available for the improvement of streets and alleys at a minimum cost.

Several blocks of alleys and some portions of streets outside Clark's Las Vegas Townsite have been improved with the salvaged material at a cost so small as to be enticing to those who live on streets still covered with rough gravel and dirt which gives up a cloud of dust every time a car passes.

Street Superintendent J. P. King has used the material to good advantage on the block on Stewart street in front of the federal building; on several alleys in the downtown business district; on a portion of south Sixth street and in various other places.

The plan of financing improvements is for the property owners of abutting property to deposit with the city clerk a sum sufficient to pay for the necessary labor and the city provides the material and the machinery and supervises its application.

The streets surrounding and those leading to the high school buildings should be improved while the free material is available. We suggest that those who want their streets or alleys improved cheaply, take the matter up with Mr. King, superintendent of streets, and let him figure the problem for them.

In the meantime take a look at the improvements already made—a pavement approximately as good as that produced by fresh mixed, oil and gravel. Consider the fact that these improvements are possible because of the necessity of providing work for unemployed and then get busy while the free paving material is available. The cost will be but a fraction of that of new paving that has been done heretofore in Las Vegas.

A Gigantic Task

The 1935 state legislature is faced with many problems of vital importance to Southern Nevada, especially so with the completion of Boulder Dam before the 1937 state legislature meets.

The future prosperity of Las Vegas and south-western Nevada depends upon our ability to put Nevada's allocation of power to beneficial use—at a cost that will attract industry and capital. Plans must be made for the distribution of this power to the mining centers of Pioche and Ely as well as to the mining centers of Clark County. It is the duty of the 1935 legislature to pave the way with legislation that will protect and assure us of the most beneficial and immediate use of this great asset.

We must be able to offer industry this power at a rate that in itself will attract great enterprises. This alone will assure the future prosperity of Las Vegas.

Taking It Easy

Governor-elect Kirman is not to be rushed into making appointments for the many state political offices. He proposes to make his official family selections from a business—not political—viewpoint. Mr. Kirman is on the right track. The operation of our state government should be viewed from a business standpoint and not from a purely political one. Business ability should come before politics in the operation of our state government.

Welcome — Mr. Creel

It has long been the plan of the State of Nevada to take every advantage of the opportunities made possible by the construction of Boulder Dam. Southern Nevada, of course, is the most vitally interested section. Many plans have been advanced since the advent of President Roosevelt's New Deal program. One of the major programs advanced by the south was the construction by the government of model farming centers along the power line to be constructed from Las Vegas to the north, with a view in mind of taking care of a large percentage of the

unemployed in this section after the dam is finished. This plan was advanced to the federal government over a year ago and met with a great deal of encouragement, but nothing of a definite nature.

Word from Reno now tells us that through the untiring efforts of Cecil Creel, of the Nevada State University, plans are now on foot that may get the proposed plan into operation.

President Roosevelt's relief program has been advanced as one of a "non-political" nature and the chief executive has had a stormy road in trying to keep politics out of the plans as far as possible. But it seems to be different here in Southern Nevada, or Nevada as a whole, for that matter. Now, a few days after Mr. Creel's success in the project has been announced and that the federal government has requested that Mr. Creel make a study of proposed plans and submit a further report to the government, we find the political mud slingers at work again—this time with their efforts directed at Mr. Creel for having the idocy to advance any plans for relief in Southern Nevada.

If we in Southern Nevada are so far behind the times that we can not—and do not—take advantage of the opportunities offered by the federal government, then we should not cry about it when some wide awake northerner comes to our rescue and tries to put our desired plans into operation.

We do not care just what Mr. Creel's politics are, whether Republican, Democratic, Socialist or what not—and neither does the federal government. Mr. Creel, through the University is simply trying to do something for the state in general, and us in particular, that will be of benefit. He should be given the undivided support of every citizen in his efforts—regardless of the wallings of the would-be politicians of southern Nevada.

You are most welcome, Mr. Creel, come on down and show us how to get things done.

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