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BOULDER DAM POWER

We are informed that there remains \$21,000 of the funds voted by the legislature two years ago for the Colorado River Commission, and that State Engineer Alfred Merritt Smith, a member of the Commission, has available \$9,000 of federal funds which may be devoted to the work of the Commission, making \$30,000 in all.

It is gratifying to hear also that the Colorado River Commission has at last decided to devote the available funds to the purpose for which the appropriation was made—the promotion and encouragement of the use of Boulder Dam power within the state of Nevada. It is understood that the Commission plans to hire a competent man to be stationed in Las Vegas, to make a study of the many problems involved.

We would suggest that study be first made of the attitude of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light toward the state of Nevada in the matter of relinquishing power allocated for use in this state. It has been reported that, through the imposition of undue charges, technical complications, etc., the Bureau is making it hard for those who would contract for power in Nevada.

We have every reason to expect that California shall deal justly, if not generously, with Nevada.

However, if such is not the case, we should find it out while the state legislature is in session. It is quite probable that legislation could be passed which would be both damaging and distasteful to California. Let us hope that such a move will be found unnecessary.

Nevada is entitled under the Boulder Dam bill and contracts based thereon, to the use of eighteen percent of the power at Boulder Dam at cost without any unreasonable or hampering restrictions. Nevada can and will enjoy Boulder Dam power.

THE INAUGURATION

For the first time in history the Congress of the United States is meeting in regular session and the President is inaugurated in January instead of in March.

The fact that a pouring rain drenched President and Mrs. Roosevelt the supreme court, cabinet members and thousands of spectators, has no significance however. President Roosevelt was elected by the greatest vote in the history of the country. It is the desire of men of all parties to help him in carrying out his policies. And we all hope they are the things the country needs.

SOUND TACTICS

In accepting a Roosevelt for a fiance, perhaps Miss du Pont has in mind Senator Jim Watson's immortal dictum, "if you can't beat them, join them."—Atlanta Constitution.

Somebody wants to know the difference between a grin and a smile. A smile is what the candidate gives you on the day before election and the grin is what he wears the day after election—if he wins.

HOW TO FILL A NEED

If we had more unemployed artists, unemployed fiddlers and tooters, unemployed writers, and the government would give them jobs, we would have more bad pictures, more bad music and more bad books in this now too perfect country.—Charleston News and Courier.

Life's hardest ups and downs are keeping up appearances and keeping down expenses. — Lis Angeles Times.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

AN INVITATION

I received an invitation the other day which, at first glance, appeared to be for some social function. It reads:

"You are respectfully invited to attend the execution of LUTHER JONES to be held at the Nevada State Prison at Carson City, Nevada, at the hour of 6:00 a. m., Tuesday, January 26th, 1937.

"This invitation must be presented at the gate and is not transferable.

"WM. L. LEWIS, Warden Nevada State Penitentiary"

Luther is the gent who bumped off four citizens of Elko county recently. He was caught, given a prompt trial, convicted, and will make his bow in some other world next Tuesday morning. Quite a prompt and business-like procedure to be sure.

However, my social proclivities do not run toward 6:00 a. m. receptions in the gas house death chamber at Carson City. Nevertheless, I am pleased to receive the invitation even though I decline with thanks.

Warden Lewis acts quite properly in inviting a limited number of witnesses to view the executions at Carson City. Yet would it not be a bit more fitting to the occasion if he invitations were changed in form and made to read: "You will be permitted to view the execution," etc?

RACING STABLES

Las Vegas is at least "race horse conscious."

It came to my notice the other day that Kel Houssels of this city has a stable of thirteen nags at Santa Anita, Mrs. F. R. Mildren has one, and Ernie Cragin has one, a total of fifteen owned by Las Vegas. Quite a number for a small city.

These may possibly become the nucleus for the racing enterprise which has been contemplated.

Horse raisers and owners have a flair for unusual names. For example, there are Kel Houssels' ponies, named as follows:

- Happy Bolivar.
- Crete.
- Herokol Conard.
- Kelconard.
- Quaker Conard.
- Sunny Conard.
- San Leandro.
- Direct.
- Hypnotist.
- Chryseis.
- O'Neill.
- Sweeping Broom.
- Fairy Street.

Mrs. Mildren's nag answers (if he does answer) to the name "Bonicon."

Ernie Cragin does a bit of advertising for beautiful El Portal theatre in this city, by calling his pet racer "El Portal."

Maybe the secret of fancy horse names lies in the attraction they may exert on members of a betting

Western Union Aids President

Western Union is engaged in a fine piece of public service, performed without any compensation whatever, in placing its nationwide system of telegraph offices at the disposal of the President's Birthday Ball committee for receiving and transmitting 25 cents from each person who places his signature on a birthday greeting which reads:

"Happy Birthday, Mr. President. I am proud to participate in sending of this personal greeting to you and thereby help in the fight against infantile paralysis to which you have given such notable leadership."

Signatures from every city, town and hamlet will be mailed to New York, where they will be bound into what will be the greatest birthday greeting in history.

One hundred per cent of the money will be turned over to the National Birthday Ball committee, which will arrange for proper credit for each community.

Manager Gilmer of the local Western Union office has a "jumbo" blank ready for all who wish to add their signatures to the "greatest birthday greeting in history" and donate 25 cents to the good cause.

MESQUITE CLUB

The Mesquite Club met this afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Grant presiding. The members enjoyed a pleasant program.

Judge Marion Earl spoke on the "Significance of the Constitution;" Mrs. C. P. Squires briefly reviewed two recent books, "Snow-Covered Wagons" by Julia Cooley Altrocchi, and "Yang and Yim" by Alice Tisdale Hobart. Music was furnished by Mrs. Arthur Sant. Tea was served by Mesdames Brick, Gambill, Gusewelle, Gilbert, Lide and McGovern.

FORMER LAS VEGAN DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Wm. J. Latchford, former owner of the Winterwood ranch east of Las Vegas, died at his home in Los Angeles last Thursday. For several years he has been head of the Latchford Glass company. His wife died several years ago but he leaves a son, W. J. Latchford Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. M. H. Ashby.

A first day attendance that broke all existing records for the Uptown Theatre at Toronto marked the opening there of "Lloyds of London." The theatre announced that the attendance more than doubled the average. The picture is also running on a two-a-day schedule at the Astor, New York, and the Carthay Circle, Hollywood.

We see many bets placed by folks who know nothing at all about horses or races "because I like the sound of that name." As good a way as any, probably, for us folks who never did have any "horse sense."