

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

WARNING TO MEN!

The Carson City Daily Appeal tells us that Sheriff W. H. Austin is suffering from a broken rib. The explanation is given that "The officer slipped at his home this morning and fell against a drain board in such a manner that the eleventh rib on the right side was broken."

The explanation gives rise to the strong suspicion that Mr. Austin was helping his wife wipe the dishes. The incident should serve as a warning to men generally, especially sheriffs, to confine their efforts to hunting down bandits and escaped criminals and other less dangerous pursuits.

GIGANTIC DISHWASHING JOB

Good dishwashers must be in demand at Boulder Dam. Last Sunday I observed a dozen men tied to ropes busy washing the great strings of insulators from which the electric lead cables from the power house are suspended.

Inquiry disclosed the fact that it is necessary to clean the insulators regularly to prevent undue losses of current. This applies also to the great Los Angeles power transmission line, and others.

So we find that Boulder Dam has created what must be the most gigantic job of dishwashing ever known—another unexpected and unforeseen benefit to the workers.

COTTONWOOD TREES

Cottonwood trees changed Las Vegas from an almost intolerable place where there was no shelter from the burning heat of summer, to one of the most charming and beautiful little cities of the intermountain country. They are adapted by nature to this soil and climate and, because of their rapid growth, provide comforting shade sooner than any other tree.

The annoyance of the floating cotton which fills the air at this time of year is considerable, although we have been unable to learn that it is injurious to health. Nevertheless, it is an annoyance which might be removed without damage to the general appearance of the community and without removing needed shade except in a very few places.

If you in whose yards or in front of whose homes there is a cotton-bearing tree will look the situation over, you will probably observe that one tree is sending its floating cotton over a whole neighborhood. Also, that the vacancy created by removal of this tree would be quickly filled by the spreading of adjacent trees already crowded for room.

The city commissioners and the street department will, we believe, give their helpful cooperation to any who wish to remove one of these annoying trees. There are not many of them in the city and if each home owner will interest himself in helping to rid his own neighborhood of the cotton pest, this disfiguring feature of Las Vegas which is present for a short time every spring will soon be eliminated.

In many cases a cottonwood tree so removed would provide wood for a family for the next winter and so would repay the expense, if any, of its cutting.

McCarthy's Near End Of Voyage

Mrs. Charles E. McCarthy, wife of Col. McCarthy will be stationed. The Squires an interesting letter from the United States army transport U. S. Grant, enroute to Manila, where Co. McCarthy will be stationed. The letter, dated April 24, is so full of interest to the general public as well as to the Vegas friends of the McCarthys, that The Age is printing it, in part, below:

"We will be in Guam tomorrow. The China Clipper just flew over the ship, and it gave me the thought to send you a letter on it on her return. It was such a thrilling sight out in mid-ocean to see her flying over us.

"This ship (Grant), navy transport, plus an occasional Dollar freight ship, are the only ones putting into this port, Guam being a closed port. Guam postmarks are rare enough to be of some value to stamp collectors, so if you have a stamp enthusiast in your family you can pass it along.

"We have just been notified by radio that we (Charlie, Betty and I) are to be the dinner guests of the Governor of Guam tomorrow night. Isn't that thrilling? We feel much honored.

"The Governor is a navy captain. You probably know that the navy runs Guam, which is about 5500 miles from Manila. We will be taken off the Grant in navy boats as there are no docks at Guam.

"I am told that every flower and vegetable and tree imaginable are grown there and that the Flame and Rain trees are a glorious sight at this season. During the American occupation a systematic program has been followed in introducing economic plants from the Hawaiian Islands, America, the Philippines and elsewhere, so that at the present time there is an abundance of food and other useful plants growing under cultivation, and wild, all over the island.

"We have had such a wonderful voyage. Fine weather and smooth sailing! Our only stop has been in Honolulu — for twenty-four hours. We were met there by friends who loaded us down with leis of carnations, lilies, gardenias, etc. We were taken on a drive ending on the beach at Waikiki, where we lunched—looking out on the gorgeous color of the ocean and watching the native surf-board swimmers.

"We dined at the beautiful Royal Hawaiian hotel and enjoyed a fine floor show, put on by native dancers. Such a lovely scene, such a wonderful climate, and beauty everywhere! We were sorry to say 'Aloha.'

"We will be in the Philippines next Monday if all is well. We hear we will arrive at the hottest season of the year. So far we haven't felt any heat, but the captain tells us we are fortunate, as we have had a grand breeze all the way. It may be different when we get in port."

The Age is looking forward with both interest and pleasure to another letter from the McCarthys telling how they like their new post at Fort McKinley, and giving their impressions of the Philippines.

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN

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By J. E. JONES

Running water is an inexhaustible resource. Unlike the exhaustible products of coal mines, it does not weigh down steel rails and freight cars to reach the point at which it does its work. It does better than that.

Running water commands millions of horsepower of electric energy. It loads the wires at the river, or stream, and fire-by-wire travels noiselessly, steadily and certainly to every point where it is needed in the conveniences of home life, or in the affairs of industry.

Electricity built cities and improved civilization. But electricity with the aid of water power and with power transmission lines has already undertaken a far bigger task than anything previously credited to its marvelous influence. The comforts and advantages of the cities are all becoming available to people who live in the country. Huddled, congested humanity, is being shown the way to the open spaces of the country, and it is there it

will find a civilization better than it ever dreamed existed.

The promise of decentralization is not an idle dream. Industrial progress is essential to maintain the system under which we live. The land values are too high, the rents too expensive, the taxes too burdensome, and the physical restraints and disadvantages are too many in the city districts.

Things always are changing in our forward-moving age, and industrial organizations are being strengthened by taking them "out into the country." Of course population moves with industry, for one cannot exist without the other.

Thus we may clearly trace the future processes of decentralization—a natural movement in American progress. Industry and humanity are on the way back to the country.

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Greets Helldoradoans



WHEN VISITORS ARRIVE in the frontier town of Las Vegas, Nevada during the third annual Helldorado and Rodeo, May 13, 14, 15 and 16 they will first be greeted by Gladys Kaltenborn who has been chosen to welcome all celebrationists.

The Helldorado celebration depicts Las Vegas during its early pioneer days when the Union Pacific Railroad was driving its main line to the West.