

OBSERVATIONS

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THRILLING SPECTACLE

Last Wednesday evening the many flood lights for illuminating Boulder Dam, the canyon and the seven-foot streams spurting from the valve houses were turned on for the first time.

Hundreds of automobiles carrying thousands of spectators jammed the highway across the dam and the adjacent parking spaces and enjoyed a brilliant spectacle which will not often be seen.

All six of the 84-inch needle valves in the valve house perched high above the river on the Nevada side were opened to the fullest extent, throwing their plume-like streams of water something like 300 feet across the canyon.

The streams were illuminated by properly placed flood-lights and made a wonderful picture as viewed from the power houses or from the top of the dam.

The dam itself was glowing with the rays of thousands of candle-power and stood forth between its dark walls with a new brilliance.

The Bureau of Reclamation has created an inspiring spectacle for the thousands of travelers who visit the dam at night during the hot weather.

Ralph Lowry, reclamation bureau engineer in charge of the dam, states that the illumination system

will be extended to include the upstream face of the dam and the intake towers.

MR. JUSTICE ROBINSON

Reports from Washington indicate the very strong probability that Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas will be appointed to fill the vacancy in the United States Supreme Court caused by the resignation of Justice Van Deventer.

Such an appointment would meet the approval of men of all parties and of all shades of political opinion and thought.

I had the great pleasure some years ago in Washington of associating with Joe Robinson occasionally and briefly at the home of his very close friends, Senator and Mrs. Key Pittman. In that short acquaintance I grew to be very fond of the congenial Joe.

I found that he is a most kindly man with an attentive ear for the problems of even the most humble citizen. Moreover, as a story teller when among a group of friends before a fireplace on a cold evening with a cheering glass from which to sip, Joe has no equal among the many I have known. He delights most in recounting incidents of his early life when as a young lawyer his clients were almost exclusively poor colored folks who happened to run afoul of the law for chicken stealing or some such petty offense.

I am sure such early associations would naturally make a good judge. At any rate Joe Robinson's kindly spirit and lovable personality will remain as one of my most pleasant memories. And I would like to

think of him as having achieved the highest honor that can come to man in appointment to the Supreme Court.

WHITE CROSSES

A woman was viewing the vastness of Boulder Dam the other day and explaining various features to her companion.

Pointing to the little white crosses painted in various places on the lower face of the dam as surveyors' marks whereby they make their daily observations from the monuments fixed on the canyon walls to ascertain whatever movements of the vast pile may come with the daily temperature expansions and contractions:

"See those little white crosses?" the lady sadly said. "Each of those crosses marks the spot where a workman fell and is buried. It was impossible to get them out so they just left the bodies in the concrete where they fell."

Union Pacific Safety Leader

The Union Pacific railroad, with the lowest employe-casualty rate for 1936 among the nation's largest railroads, has been named "Group A" winner at the tenth annual award ceremony of the Railroad Employees National Safety contest for Class I railroads.

Awards were made to officials of the winning companies in the several classifications by Dr. C. H. Watson, president of the National Safety Council, in Chicago recently. President Carl R. Gray received the award for his company and was praised by Dr. Watson as "1937's outstanding exponent of railroad safety" among the large railway systems.

The Union Pacific, competing in the group which worked 50,000,000 or more man-hours, established its winning casualty rate of 3.13 per 1,000,000 man-hours on a total of 89,816,900 hours worked.

Dr. Watson stated that the Union Pacific railroad, formerly the Union Pacific System, "for years had carried the banner for Group A railroads" and had been a frequent first-place winner.

"Carl R. Gray is going to relinquish direct operating responsibility of the U. P. when he retires this fall," said Dr. Watson. "William M. Jeffers will succeed him."

"For almost 18 years these two men have played the railroad safety game so effectively that 75 per cent of the possible winners in this contest have been of the Union Pacific family," he declared.

AL DREW IMPROVES

Al Drew, city electrician, who was confined to Las Vegas hospital with an injured back for some days, was able to go to his home last Sunday.

He is said to be improving steadily and will be himself again within a short time it is hoped.

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New Educational Folder Prepared

Miss Maude Frazier, principal of Las Vegas high school, reported to the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that she has completed and has ready for distribution a new edition of the leaflet designed to inform employers and their employees of the scenic attractions of this area with the object of helping tourists to get the most out of their trips.

She suggested that Boulder City might be willing to join with Las Vegas in printing a large number of these leaflets for distribution.

Is Appointed To Annapolis

Grant Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Palmer of Caliente, has received word from Washington that he has successfully passed the entrance examination to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He will report there early in June.

The young man took the test in Las Vegas last September and rated high enough to win the appointment. Since then he has been taking an intensive course at Drew Military Academy at San Francisco to further fit himself for entrance to Annapolis.

ASSAYER IS IMPORTANT TO THE MINING INDUSTRY

Assaying of gold ores to determine their value, must start long before the sample arrives at the assay office. The assayer can do no more than determine the gold content of the sample submitted to him. If his result is an accurate measure of the gold content of a tonnage of ore, it is because a truly representative portion has been submitted to the assayer. Discrepancies in assays from two samples of the same ore body are usually greater than discrepancies in assays from the same sample.

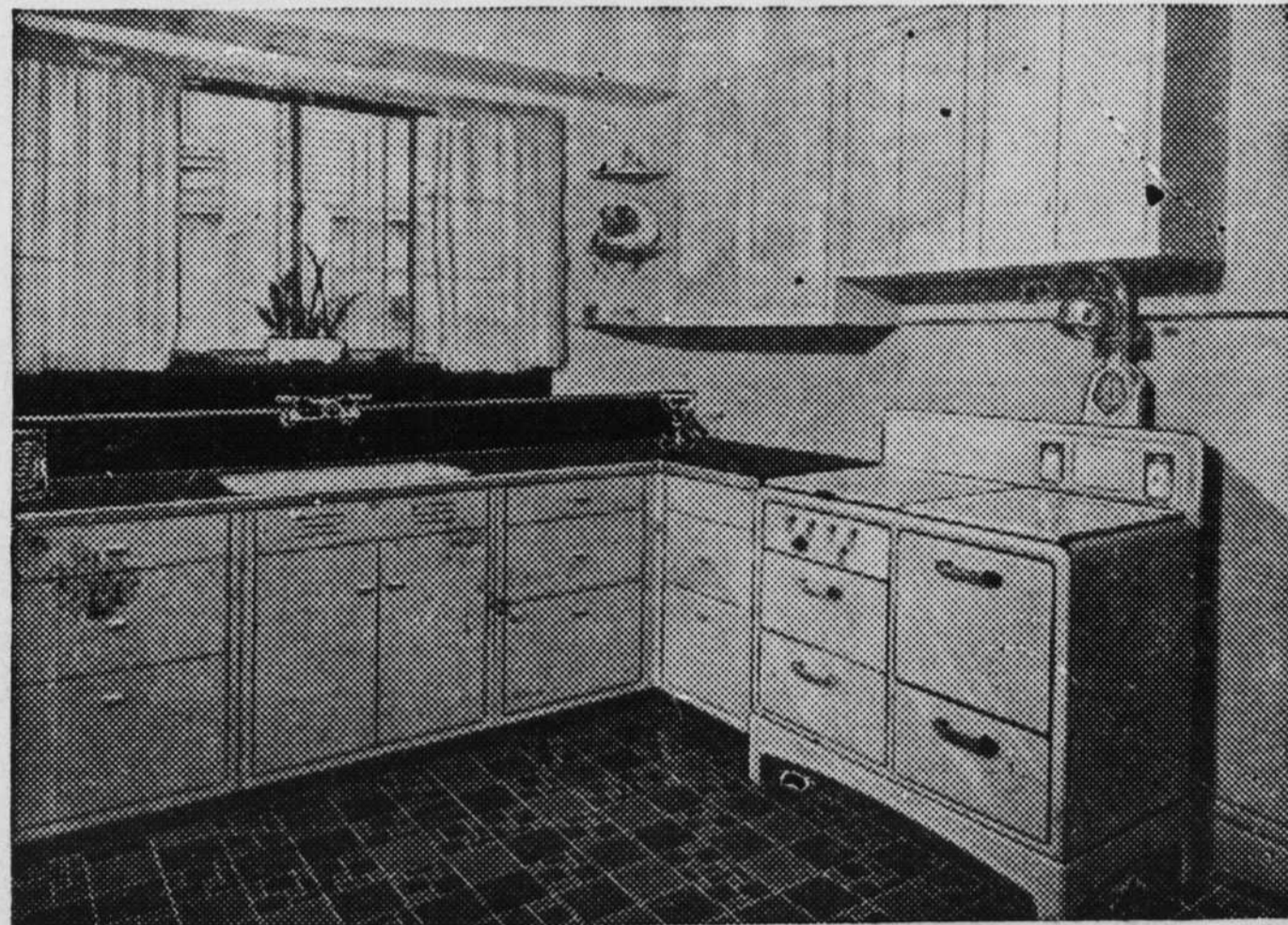
If the assayer is to be held responsible for the valuation of a body of ore, he should make sure that his pulp is really a sample. If the pulp does not represent the ore body, it is not a sample, from the assayer's point of view.

Sampling gold ore would be a simple matter if we had particles of uniform size to start with. It would then be a matter of reducing particle size in direct proportion to the reduction in the sample size. Theoretically this would result in a sample composed of the same number of particles as the original body and each particle would be a part of one of the original pieces. Each of the original pieces would be represented by a portion of itself in the final sample. — Denver Mining Record.

MRS. GARSIDE GIVES LUNCHEON

Mrs. F. F. Garside entertained on Wednesday afternoon with a luncheon and bridge. The guests were Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Hale B. Slavin, Mrs. Harold Morse, Mrs. Joe Stephens, Mrs. Lou Weitshiek, Mrs. Arden Lusch, Mrs. James Squires, and the hostess, Mrs. Frank Garside.

A Summer-ized Kitchen Is Cool



SINCE vacations are short, a wise housewife will treat her kitchen to summer dress and prepare to be comfortably cool at home during the long weeks of hot weather.

Casement windows with cross ventilation are ideal in the kitchen; the next best bet is to install a ventilator in one window for free circulation of air. There are several satisfactory types that are inexpensive.

Venetian blinds to keep the sunshine out and let the air in are more practical than sheer curtains which must be

laundered occasionally. If the kitchen is exposed to hot afternoon sun, an awning will offer shade and eliminate glare.

A modern insulated gas range keeps the kitchen atmosphere cool and permits the housewife to bake whole meals and prepare quick mixed grills in comfort.

Clear-cut coloring lends an air of coolness; black and white with accent of green is the most summery combination. Flowers and foliage from the garden also create a cool effect.

