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FRIENDLY COOPERATION

California and Nevada for nearly twenty years worked in friendly cooperation in bringing the Boulder Dam project into being.

In the memorable Santa Fe Conference at which the Colorado River Compact was agreed upon by commissioners of the seven states of the Colorado River basin, it was the persistence of these two states working with Herbert Hoover for a common purpose which led to the compact in November, 1922.

Again, in March, 1929, Santa Fe was the scene of another Colorado River conference. The conference was in session the day Herbert Hoover was inaugurated President of the United States and the new president sent his greetings to the conference. And again California and Nevada were working in friendly cooperation to clear the way for the beginning of work under the Boulder Canyon Project Act which had become a law the previous December.

Now, after an interval of nine years, Colorado Commissioners are again meeting in Santa Fe for the purpose of settling differences arising out of the power allocations. The differences this time are between California (Los Angeles) on the one hand, and the other Colorado River states, Nevada in particular, on the other.

Remembering the success which attended the cooperation between California and Nevada in previous conferences, it is to be hoped that such cooperation may continue.

It would be extremely unfortunate if California, now feeling that she has the advantage, should pursue a selfish and grasping course in dealing with Nevada and the other states.

Nevada feels that she is entitled to the use of power from Boulder Dam at a rate as cheap as California and that the promise of California to provide liberal "revenue in lieu of taxation" should be faithfully carried out.

It is certain that in future years, new problems will arise. It will be better for all if those problems can be solved in the old spirit of friendly cooperation. Otherwise they will not be solved, but will become sources of ill-will and bitter contentions harmful to all.

Ask Steel Span On Moapa River

Stressing the need for a steel span bridge across the Moapa River, near Logandale, to replace the piling structure recently destroyed, several representatives of the Moapa Valley appeared at the meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon.

Robert A. Waymire, president of

Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce spoke for the valley people. He showed that the people had protested against building a piling bridge several years ago on the ground that the channel would be obstructed causing floods and damage to property.

The promise was made at that time that, if the piling structure proved inadequate, it would be replaced by a span. The piling bridge having caused floating debris to accumulate, forcing the water to destroy the approaches on both sides of the bridge and seriously en-

OBSERVATIONS

By C. P. SQUIRES

THESE CHANGING TIMES—

Las Vegas is changing with "These Changing Times," and the city of today bears but slight resemblance to the little town some of us helped into existence thirty-three years ago.

In 1906, the homes of Chris. N. Brown and C. P. Squires, Fourth and Fremont streets, were completed, the Squires family moving into their new house in June, 1906. The places, then the best residences in town, were considered rather too far out. Fremont street between Second and Fourth being unimproved except for an occasional tent house.

There were no trees or shrubbery here then except for a few stunted mesquites and some grease wood and sage brush. In every direction the entire country lay open with nothing to obstruct the view. And it was not unusual for us to look out of the dining room window while eating breakfast and see covies of quail ambling peacefully down Fremont street, or a cottontail or jack rabbit prospecting for something to eat.

Things are quite different now. The Chris Brown residence on the corner, during recent years owned by Mrs. Sina Norris, is now being torn down to make way for a modern Signal Oil service station. Business is encroaching and, within a comparatively short time, will eradicate the other homes remaining in the block—the Squires home on the south side of the street, and the fine homes of W. E. Ferron, Walter Bracken and Leo McNamee on the other side.

Las Vegas will be 33 years old on May 15th, which to some of the younger generation may seem quite a long time. But to a few of us oldsters who were here at the auction sale of townsite lots, it seems all too short to accomplish the things we wished for Las Vegas.

Every day since that memorable auction sale, Las Vegas has made some advance. Sometimes improvements seemed slow in coming, yet there never has been a halt.

Now Las Vegas is a live and prosperous city, but it is just at the beginning of its period of greatest growth and prosperity. It is certain that the next thirty years will see changes even more startling than those we have seen.

MRS. ELY HOSTESS

Mrs. Sims Ely of Boulder City entertained at luncheon during the past week. On Tuesday her guests were Mesdames W. E. Ferron, Will Beckley and C. P. Squires.

On Wednesday she was hostess to Mrs. Bayard Rives of New York City, Mrs. Leigh Hunt and Mrs. W. R. Bracken.

dangering valley farms, a petition is being circulated asking the highway department now to build a steel span bridge. The petition was endorsed by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce; Edwin Marshall, chairman of Moapa Valley Soil Erosion Committee; E. S. Bowman, chairman of the board of Educational District No. 1; Jesse Whipple, chairman of Logandale town board and others.

Helldorado to Be Big Event

The annual season for big hats, gaudy shirts, cowboy boots and whiskers arrived this week in this "Last Frontier Town" of Las Vegas when the committees issued their decrees.

Arrangements were made to put the "Kangaroo Kourt" into full and efficient operation with heavy penalties on all citizens who fail to show the Helldorado spirit.

The Elks Helldorado Committee met at the Elks' Club Tuesday night with Exalted Ruler Fred O'Donnel and Joe Ronnow, head of the Las Vegas Horsemen's Association, for the purpose of perfecting plans for the most novel and interesting "Helldorado and Rodeo" ever held in Las Vegas.

The various members were given their instructions to get busy and carry out the plans. Various matters of policy, including the proposal to purchase ground for a permanent site for the annual event were held over for more mature deliberation.

James Cashman of the Parade Committee, was authorized to purchase an old fashioned stage coach which he learned is for sale.

The matter of bands for the parades was discussed as well as music for the Rodeo performances.

The matter of the bathing beauty parade for Saturday night was discussed.

Preparations are going forward in excellent shape and all indications are that the coming celebration will outshine all previous ones.

This year's Helldorado and Rodeo will begin Thursday, April 28 and close Sunday evening, May 1.

The committee on hotel accommodations reported that there are now ample accommodations in the many auto camps and hotels to provide for every visitor comfortably.

Chamber Dinner Saturday Night

The Annual Dinner of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the celebration of the birthday of the City of Las Vegas which, on account of highway conditions was postponed from last week, will be held in the Marine Room of the Apache Hotel Saturday evening, March 19, it was announced by K. O. Knudsen at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Because of the difficulty of getting through from Bakersfield, Cal., the Westways Highway Association delegation will be small in all probability and another event will be planned for their accommodation.

Secretary Oliver Goerman reports that interesting talks and several features of entertainment will be presented to make the affair a notable one.

All members of the chamber are expected to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to the general public to be present and hear what is being done to promote the welfare of Las Vegas.

Reservations may be made with Secretary Goerman at \$1.25 per plate.