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A CORDIAL WELCOME

Las Vegas today extends a cordial welcome to hundreds of delegates to the convention of Junior Chambers of Commerce.

It is a great and growing organization, not old in personnel nor years, but one rapidly developing into one of the most vital forces in America.

The young men and women composing its membership are full of vigor and the zest of life. Into their hands shortly will pass the direction of the business and enterprise of all America.

In these annual conventions the members are gaining a wider outlook on the affairs of life and developing the wisdom which will make them, in all probability, better and more efficient leaders of business than their fathers.

So it is with real pleasure that The Age, with all Las Vegas, extends the hand of fellowship to the Juniors. May their sessions in Las Vegas be profitable in an intellectual and cultural way and may the spare moments which they can devote to entertainment give them memories which will live with them through all the years.

THE CITY MESS

The suspicion that has long been growing in the public mind that the City of Las Vegas is not being operating on sane and sensible lines, broke into public discussion during the past week with the resignation of City Engineer C. D. Baker; the announced desire of Commissioner Harve Perry to be relieved of duties which are becoming distasteful; the presentation to Mayor Arnett of the report of the advisory board on the municipal distributing system proposal and the declaration of the Mayor who came back to Vegas to attend the board meeting, that the power board report was "idiotic."

The peculiar situation exists that, apparently, the Mayor is the only person who has had a chance to read the report and members of the power board appear reluctant to make it public.

The conclusion is inevitable that the power board does not favor the plan of Mayor Arnett to turn this important public interest over to the tender mercies of politicians.

The City Commissioners have yielded to their own desire and the demand of the public that a complete audit of the city books and accounts for the past three years be made. A vast amount of money has been spent and neither the mayor and other city officials, nor the public have any idea where the money went and what the people got for it. The audit will probably make interesting reading and will be quite as welcome to the City Commissioners as to the public.

All four of the Commissioners are to be congratulated upon their obvious desire to bring the city business affairs out into the light so that all who are interested may see what has been done.

The "Devil Dodgers" to Perform



Human Bullet to Perform Sunday

Skip Fordyce who in one of his daredevil feats, crashes a motorcycle through a board wall 3 inches thick at the point of contact, truly has just claim to the title of the "Human Bullet." He will perform this spectacular stunt at the old airport south of Las Vegas, Sunday afternoon, when the V.F.W. brings the renowned "Death Dodgers" circus to this city for a two-hour show of thrills.

Included in this program of stunts will be all of the following plus a host of others:

Crashing through plate glass

barrier on motorcycle ridden by a woman.

Jumping from the rear bumper of an auto traveling 60 miles per hour and doing a suicide slide for 100 feet.

Crashing a car into and through a solid brick wall.

Woman stunt motorcycle rider.

Board wall crash on motorcycle.

Man national champion motorcycle stunt rider.

Old time balloon ascension and parachute jump, if weather is favorable.

Double and triple stunt riding on one motorcycle.

Human battering ram strapped to the hood of car while crashed through a board wall.

Crashing through a miniature house built complete in all details.

Show starts at 2:30 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

DOG AND BADGER FIGHTS

Just now Las Vegas is divided in sentiment as to the legality or at least the humanity, of holding fights occasionally when the opportunity offers between a savage dog, trained to fight, and one of those fierce fighting, saber-clawed badgers such as are found in this desert country.

We may start with the declaration that both the dog and the badger yearn for a fight. However this does not, perhaps, justify the public staging of such contests.

A NEVADA INSTITUTION

Dog-badger fighting may be called a Nevada institution because by reason of the many badgers found in this desert country, the opportunity for staging a fight presents itself often. During the romantic days of the Comstock Lode, even

when the California gold rush of 1849 was on, such exhibitions were often staged by the miners for the entertainment of new arrivals from the east.

I first attended a badger fight in Carson City about the year 1910. I remember it Governor Denver S. Dickinson was a participant in the staging of the fight, notwithstanding his high official position. The legislature was in session, many of the members taking part in promoting the fight. Goldfield then being at the peak of its golden glory, money was plentiful and naturally the betting ran high.

Anyway, whatever its moral or religious or humanitarian aspects, these badger fights work up more real, red-blooded excitement than any sporting event in which I have had a part. I have no doubt but the one staged Saturday night in Las Vegas will provoke bitterness in some quarters leading to physical violence. Yet I feel that it would be a pity to put a stop to a sport fraught with such intense excitement as this.