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Robbery Case Up Before Earl

Judge Marion Earl is today hearing the case of three men charged in the theft of fourteen slot machines from Charles Morris of Las Vegas. The slot machines were stolen from Morris' place of business on the Boulder highway last March. Part of the loot taken has been recovered by Morris and the sheriff's office.

Jack Wiseberger, who a year ago was arrested by Sheriff Ward for "fixing" his slot machines so that they could not pay off, was arrested by the sheriff in connection with the theft and is out on \$1000 bail. Wiseberger is said to have purchased the stolen machines from the men now on trial and then to have sold them.

Paul Ralli is representing the three defendants in the court hearing today. When the trio was arrested the sheriff's office could find no evidence to connect them with the theft. It is understood that Wiseberger told officers that he purchased the machines from the three men, who deny any connection with the robbery.

Mineral County Official Guilty

Fred L. Wood, Mineral county's district attorney, was found guilty of neglect of his official duties Wednesday as a jury of Nye county residents wrote finis to the case which has flared in the neighboring state sub-division for the past seven months. The verdict found Wood guilty on count number three, which under the complaint covers neglect of duty. The two remaining counts, charging misappropriating funds and failing to turn a tax collection over to proper county officials, were not mentioned by the jury which took the case shortly before noon and announced the decision at 2 p. m., says the Tonopah Times.

In the complaint, three specific counts were listed, one charging Wood with collecting certain tax money from the Tonopah and Goldfield railroad and appropriating the same for his own use, the second count charged Wood with failure to turn the sum collected over to proper Mineral county officials while the third charged the defendant with neglect of duty.

Canadians have petitioned their parliament to annex a small strip of Maine to the Dominion. Pretty shrewd, those Canucks. They look out for good Republican territory.

Lake Mead Now Rapidly Rising

Lake Mead is making an astonishing rise having reached the level of 1160 feet above sea level, only 68 feet below the high level of 1228 feet which it will reach when entirely filled.

Reclamation Bureau engineers state that it is possible that, depending on the character of the weather in the Rocky Mountain regions, the lake may reach the 1175 foot level by August first.

Although the date when the lake would reach the level of the spillway gates has been considered very indefinite, it is now said that the lake may be entirely filled by next summer so that the spillways may be tested.

The St. Thomas area at the lower end of Moapa Valley is said to be entirely covered by the season's rise of the lake, which has covered the old grade of the Moapa Valley branch of the Union Pacific for several miles.

City Attorney At Convention

City Attorney Harry Austin has been in attendance at the National convention of the Townsend Plan movement in Los Angeles during the week.

There are said to be more than 10,000 delegates in attendance at the convention.

Spencer Offers Fishing Prizes

At Tuesday morning's meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Mr. B. T. Spencer, proprietor of the Modern Hardware and Sporting Goods store at 508 Fremont street, announced that he would donate prizes to fishermen bringing in the largest specimens from Lake Mead.

There will be a prize each week for the largest bass and another for the largest catfish.

In addition to the above, Mr. Spencer will, four months from June 18, give some lucky fisherman a \$40 fishing outfit for the largest bass caught during the four months period.

However, Mr. Spencer made it plain that no "fish stories" will be accepted as evidence, but the fish must appear in person and be weighed on the Spencer scales.

Many Tourist Groups Coming

Tourist travel to Las Vegas and the Boulder Dam area continues large according to the report of Guy Edwards, head of the Boulder Dam Recreational Area of the National Park Service.

The total number of visitors reported by the government checking stations for the week June 13 to 19, inclusive, was 15,984, coming in 4,946 cars. There were 46 states and three territories and three foreign countries represented by the visitors.

Theft Is Still Dark Mystery

Frank Garside, postmaster and Bill Gore, local barbershop owner, had a \$5.00 bet on the late "fistic face." Frank came out on the under side. Frank has always been known to pay his bets — and this was no exception to Frank's rule — he paid. When Bill Gore arrived at his shop this morning he was surprised to find a three hundred pound cake of ice in his place of business. In the frozen "pocket book" Bill spied 500 pennies. Frank had paid his debt.

Bill Gore — in order to drum up a little trade — put the cake of ice, with the pennies still far from the outside air, out on the sidewalk where everyone could see. Everything went fine — and Bill and his partner, Ike, did a rushing business. — until all the boys in town started to gather. Someone had distributed a lot of handbills stating that Gore was giving the pennies away. A crowd gathered — and found Bill busy with an ice pick trying to keep the boys away — and get his \$5.00 bet. Everything went fine until the police arrived. Then came Pearle Brown of the sheriff's office. Bill was in a mess. He finally recovered most of the copper pieces.

Bill's hard, worried-over bet was finally placed in a can and put safely away in his shop. Hese the plot thickens — someone stole Bill's \$5.00 in coppers.

The matter has been reported to the police, and Chief Dave Mackey says that he will get the crook if it's his last official act. Now Bill says that if the loot can be recovered he will donate it to the "widows and orphans of postmasters." A very worthy cause, Bill. We hope that this dastardly crime is finally cleared up.

A hen belonging to a farmer near Spencer, Iowa, laid an egg the size of an ordinary marble. That is taking crop control too seriously.

Government To Send Engineer

C. D. Baker reported to the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that the government will send an engineer to Las Vegas about August first to begin the work of investigating the underground water sources from which the artesian wells take their flow.

The investigation is being made at the request of the State Engineer in cooperation with the city of Las Vegas and the county of Clark. The object is to ascertain what is necessary to enforce the law providing for the capping and control of artesian wells so that the underground sources may be conserved for domestic purposes.

Celebrate Their Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flowers will be the honor guests tonight at a surprise party being given them by their daughters, Sarah Jane and Mirian. The event is in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Flower's twentyfifth wedding anniversary.

Over twenty guests have been invited to the affair which will be held on the shores of Lake Mead.

Thompson Head Of State W. P. A.

A. R. Thompson, formerly city engineer of Las Vegas, has been appointed to the position of WPA engineer for the state of Nevada, according to the announcement made in San Francisco Saturday. His headquarters will be in the Golden hotel in Reno.

Bowman Seeks County Job

Elmer Bowman of Logandale announced early this week that he will be a candidate for the office of county commissioner, opposing Kenneth Earl. Earl is at present chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Head of the Netherland Bank in Amsterdam, Holland, complains because there are so many burdens on Dutch business. Boy, you ought to come to the United States.