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ARIZONA AND THE DAM

Our sister state, Arizona, is now talking about the ratification of the Santa Fe Compact. Just who should care whether Arizona EVER ratifies the Santa Fe Compact is a mystery. Arizona used every means at her command, political and otherwise, to block the construction of the Boulder dam project, All American canal, and other works in connection with the dam.

It has cost the taxpayers and people of the state of Arizona over one hundred million dollars while their politicians tried to play football with the dam. The dam is built. The All American canal is almost completed. The great water system to the city of Los Angeles and other southern California communities is nearing completion. Now the politicians are flirting with a possible \$300,000 per year revenue from the dam.

It is about time the PEOPLE of Arizona got up on the band-wagon and progressed with the rest of the Southwest.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION

One of the ministers of a Las Vegas church has taken issue with our editorial in which we stated that "we did not believe that any of our Las Vegas or Clark county liquor dealers knowingly sold liquor to minors." This minister of the gospel stated that to his knowledge "almost every one of the Las Vegas liquor establishments sold liquor to the minors of our city." If such a statement is true, this minister is certainly a poor citizen to allow such a condition to knowingly exist.

If ANYONE in this city can produce evidence that ANY liquor dealer knowingly sold liquor to minors, the people of this city can rest assured that the sheriff of this county or the mayor of this city will CLOSE that place of business.

And — it won't be necessary to hold another farce comedy like the one we listened to ten days ago. When such a charge is made against ANY business institution, such charge should be substantiated — at least in part.

THE CURFEW

Mayor Marble has instructed the police department to ring the old fire bell every night at 9:30 — AND THEN SEE THAT ALL MINORS ARE HOME WHERE THEY BELONG.

Such action, if enforced — with the cooperation of the parents — will go a long ways towards putting a stop to any drinking that might be indulged in by the children of our community.

Parents are to blame for the actions of their children.

BOULDER CITY SCHOOLS

It seems strange that continued charges are made against certain members of the Boulder City school department, if there is not some truth in these accusations. The entire matter of the Boulder City schools should be investigated to the fullest extent and the charges either proved or dropped. Charges of a criminal nature have been openly made against a school officer BY A MEMBER OF THE BOULDER CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Boulder City school board has asked the state for an emergency loan in order to keep the school open.

Something MUST BE WRONG. It won't do any good, either, to get out the old white-wash brush — it's all worn out. It is time we found out where the trouble lies.

NEW LAKE ROAD

The county commissioners can well be proud of their efforts toward getting a direct road from Las Vegas to Lake Mead. Few people realize that the western end of the lake will be only 15 miles in a direct line from this city. The county will be only 15 miles in a direct line from this city. The county road machinery, in four days' time, has graded a passable road from Midway, on the Boulder highway, to the edge of the lake. A new road has been surveyed that will bring the lake to within 18 miles of Las Vegas.

We have paved highways direct to the lake from every city on the lake — EXCEPT Las Vegas. It is time that our national representatives give Las Vegas a little attention. We still have a few votes here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boulder City, Nevada
December 15, 1938

Editor, Las Vegas Age,
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Several months ago a petition was signed by several hundred Boulder City residents asking for an investigation of our school system, and this petition was duly submitted to District Attorney Roger Foley with a request presented before the county commissioners that we have a C.P.A. audit; also an investigation of whether our money was spent wisely and well. The county commissioners granted us the request, and \$200 to pay for same to date. We have received a notice through the Boulder City Reminder that R. O. Weede, the ex-principal, is absolved of any criminal charges. No one ever has charged him with criminal charges to our knowledge, and this examination was not directed as such. The voters wanted to know where the money had gone, and for what, in the way of school supplies; also the home economics department, manual training, and milk fund — most of the children have paid for their own milk.

We, as Boulder City citizens, resent the fact that we have been called ignorant, with malicious intent. Because we would not be subdued and dominated over, we still want to know why we didn't have an investigation instead of a coating of white wash.

Sincerely,
BOULDER CITY TAXPAYER.

Boulder City, Nevada
December 14, 1938

Editor, Las Vegas Age,
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

May I ask for your attention just to read a few questions, and if it is not asking to the extreme, will you please print the following in your paper?

Due to the fact that all of the citizens of Boulder City are aware of the requesting petition, which Now the questions that I want to ask are as follows:

Why did this first report name Mr. Robert O. Weede in person, and him only?

Has it been Mr. Robert O. Weede and him only who has had to do with the administration of the Boulder City school funds in the past?

If there have been others connected with the administration of such funds, what about them? Why were they not also named along with Mr. Weede and announced vindicated or guilty, such as the case might have been?

Why did the investigating auditor, Mr. Blackman, write to the present school board of Boulder

City and offer for \$50 to show them how to keep books?

Why was the statement made in the Boulder City Journal on December 13, 1938, that the bookkeeping of the past school business was responsible for the misunderstanding among citizens? Just who was in charge of this past bookkeeping?

Why did Mr. Robert O. Weede, at a meeting of the school directors was signed by a goodly number of same, early in the fall of this year, and in this request it was asked of the district attorney of Clark county that the Boulder City schools be furnished an investigator or investigators, such as the situation required, and that the past administrations be audited in fairness to all and favors to none basis, and that such findings be announced publicly, as the school is public property.

This said petition, yet in the possession of the district attorney) does plainly show for itself that no one is accused or even named in connection with the shortage of funds in the school, either by theft or fraud; and at the time of this request the district attorney promised that such findings would be announced publicly. And may I inform you that on the morning of December 13, 1938, that in the Reminder (which is a single sheet of paper placed at the door of each house in Boulder City, and is a product by mimeograph from 603 Avenue B in Boulder City) this report was as follows:

"This office considers this report a complete vindication of Mr. Robert O. Weede.

"ROGER FOLEY,
"District Attorney's Office."

and citizens of Boulder City on June 7, 1938, say that he had acted according to the orders of the directors; and their report was contradictory to this, wherein they (Mr. Keys and Mr. Brothers) stated that Mr. Weede was the boss, and that they allowed him the management, and they took his advice?

Why did Mr. Keys and Mr. Brothers resign at this meeting on June 7, 1938, and leave Mr. Weede to get new support or carry on alone?

May I add that the citizens of Boulder City who signed that petition to the district attorney have not yet received what they asked for and were promised. And they feel that the real, honest, open report to the public is yet to be, and we are waiting and looking for the same.

Yours respectfully,
C. E. SKINNER,
Boulder City, Nevada.

IN LOS ANGELES FOR OPERATION

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ullom are in Los Angeles, where Mr. Ullom will undergo an operation for inward gaitre.