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### SPRING IS HERE

For a day or two we had doubts as to whether spring would arrive by March 1, that California storm driving in on us in a threatening way.

However, we notice the almond and peach trees in bloom and the cottonwoods are wearing their spring coat of tender green, which ought to be conclusive proof that spring is right on the job.

For more than thirty years this writer has been bragging about the climate of Las Vegas. In looking back over the years, even taking due notice of some really wintry spells like that in December 1909 and an occasional flurry of snow in other years, our regret is that we never could quite do justice to this desert climate.

From January 1 to December 31 of each year we have more delightful days and less disagreeable ones than any region we know of.

And it was a real pleasure the other day to hear a fellow speaking of Las Vegas' climate say, "Yes, the winters are delightful, but I love the summers in Las Vegas."

Since the advent of cheap electric power making the installation of coolers possible, the worry about "the desert heat" is entirely removed.

### WISE DECISION

The decision of the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce not to apply portions of the recently collected "publicity fund" for purposes other than those for which it was subscribed, is a wise one.

Buying uniforms for the high school band is a necessary, laudable and timely enterprise, but, in the opinion of many it does not properly come within the purposes for which the publicity fund was raised.

The committee is to be commended for its action in conserving the fund in the face of a strong sentiment to the effect that a liberal slice of it should be used for uniforms for the school band.

On the other hand members of the Chamber of Commerce are to be commended for their prompt and successful efforts to raise the necessary contribution to the uniform fund by private subscription entirely separate from the \$10,000 publicity fund. The fact is that the Las Vegas high school band is among the best in the state, but that it has been handicapped by unattractive uniforms. Las Vegas wants its kids to be the nicest in the country and is going to do whatever is necessary to make them so.

### PULL TOGETHER

The pulling at cross purposes of the different elements which make up the business community of any small city such as Vegas, reminds one of the action of a team of horses sometimes when approaching a mud hole in the road.

You have all driven such a team, where each horse tries to pull the other to his own side of the road in passing the obstruction. Each insists on keeping on the dry side and leaving the other to splash through the mud, sometimes with the result that both go together right through the middle of the mess.

You can't have your own way all the time. If you pull your running mate to your side of the road this time, you may rest assured that next time you will probably be forced through as bad a mess of mud as you have avoided.

The team that pulls together and works together properly, swing out together on one side or the other of the road and both escape the mud. This applies to Vegas at this time in particular. We can't all think alike and our interests in some small ways differ.

Yet, when it is the will of the majority to follow a certain course and the decision has been made as to which side of the road we will take, it is folly for each to continue to kick and pull in his own direction, and more likely than not results in tipping over the rig, covering us all with mud and stopping progress entirely.

(That is not bad advice to Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce of this year of 1940, except that most of them probably never drove a team. It was written by this writer and published in The Age of June 12, 1909).

### PICK-UPS

By JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT  
"You big bully I will get even with you if it's the last thing I ever do." That was in San Bernardino about fifty years ago. The speaker was just a boy in his early teens named Bob Taylor. The other boy, Rube Sharp, was bigger in every way, had jumped on the kid and handed him a beating—and it was surely a good one. Both eyes blackened, lips cut—in fact he was a pitiful looking kid.

Years passed — I came to Las Vegas and was working for the U.P. I had at that time about fifty men made up of about every kind of fellow that I could get. I had two men who gave their names as Tom Quinn and John Hepburn. They were hired about a month apart and seemed apparent strangers.

### Years Ago

#### TEN YEARS AGO

Las Vegas has 69 slot machines according to figures in the office of City Clerk Viola Burns, who has been working with Police Chief Percy Nash in checking up on delinquent city license payments.

Drs. J. H. and A. C. Jeffery, chiropractors are now established in their new office in the Gateway hotel.

City Commissioner Roscoe Thomas is spending a few days in Los Angeles on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Taylor will hold open house this evening to celebrate the completion of their beautiful new home.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Mr and Mrs. Roscoe Pyeatt have purchased the attractive bungalow recently finished by Ball & Adams on eighth street.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

Rev. Father O'Grady expects to leave soon on a visit to his parents in Tipperary, Ireland. He has not seen the old home folks since 1910 and plans to remain in the old country about six months.

In this city Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moser, a daughter. Mother and augdter doing nicely. The young lady, we understand already responds to her name. Eleanor Louise.

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

B. G. Bleasdale, who has for three and a half years been deputy superintendent of public instruction for this district, was on Monday last appointed to succeed the late E. E. Winfrey, as district deputy for Washoe, Ormsby, Storey, Douglas and Lyon counties. The appointment is made by the state board of education and the preferment is considered a signal honor, the deputyship with headquarters at Reno being the choice post in state educational work.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO

Work has started this week for the construction of a handsome business block by the owner, W. R. Thomas, on the property at the corner of Fremont and Second street.

The work of sinking for water on the Matzdorf ranch south of town is proceeding in good shape. The operators report a depth of 120 feet has been gained.

W. E. Hawkins spent the early part of the week in the Angel city. He is purchasing stock for a new store to be located near the scene of construction in the Meadow Valley wash.

#### MOTOR TO LOS ANGELES

Mrs. W. N. Schuyler and Mrs. A. E. Cahlan and small son "Frosty" motored to Los Angeles Wednesday morning for a few days visit.

### CATCH HIM!



—National Safety Council

### Travel In America Now Big Business

Leaders of the travel industry of the United States and Canada recently gathered in Washington at the invitation of the Secretary of the Interior to lay plans for implementing President Roosevelt's proclamation declaring 1940 "Travel America Year." The meeting included representatives of all segments of the travel industry who came to Washington at the invitation of the United States Travel Bureau and the American Hotel Association. Travel agencies of all kinds are undertaking activities intended to stimulate travel in America this year. Directors of the Four States Highway Association will do their part to attract a proper share of this Travel America traffic to U. S. 93-95 Route.



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### ENTERTAINS "PAN" CLUB

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### RETURNING FROM KANSAS

Mrs. Roy W. Martin, and daughter, Maisie, who has been visiting with Mrs. Martin's daughter and son-in-law and small son in Wichita, Kansas, for several months are expected home this week.

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