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EASTER IN LAS VEGAS

Because Las Vegas poses as somewhat of a wide-open "last frontier-of-the-Old-West" city it is assumed by some of our visitors that we are lacking in moral and religious decency.

Compared with any city of similar size in the country Las Vegas stands high in all the things which go to make up a community of homes. Its schools are among the best in the state, well equipped and splendidly housed. It has churches of all denominations, some of them housed in beautiful and fitting edifices. It has a larger proportion of prosperous civic organizations, fraternal societies and service clubs than most cities. It supports music, literature and the various arts fully as generously as other communities.

The manner in which the suggestion of the churches that the community generally observe the holy days of Good Friday and Easter is accepted and acted upon by the business houses of Las Vegas, including bars and gambling houses, is an illustration of the general spirit. Yesterday afternoon, Good Friday, practically every business house in Las Vegas was closed in observance of the day and out of respect for the religious feeling of the people generally.

Tomorrow people will flock to Easter services at the churches and drive to many of the magnificent out-of-doors temples just as they do in California.

VEGAS NOT PERVERTED

Because Las Vegas has open gambling under the laws of Nevada, it has been assumed by some outsiders that the people of this city are a lawless, Godless set, bereft of morals and religion.

Without going into a discussion of gambling, as to its moral or immoral character, the fact remains that open gambling in Las Vegas is far less harmful and demoralizing than the illegal gambling which infests other states and cities.

It is probable that within a radius of four blocks of the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles there is more gambling than in the whole state of Nevada. Moreover, such games being illegal and run under cover, there is no reason why those who operate them should observe any of the rules of fairness and decency which necessarily characterize the open gambling of Nevada.

In this state the gambling houses are run on the same general principle as other entertainment enterprises. They pay real money for licenses and help support the city, county and state governments. Moreover, if the suspicion should become public that any house was operating a "crooked game," the business of that house would just simply disappear. It is to the interest of the gambling houses to operate their games as amusement enterprises and it is not likely that any gambling resort in Las Vegas would under any circumstances take chances of losing its license, its business and its costly investment by operating crooked games. There is plenty of profit in the business if operated legitimately as an amusement enterprise. Thousands of tourists stopping in Las Vegas get a real thrill seeing the old-time games operated in the open and in playing a few dollars on the same basis they would if patronizing any other amusement. And we may say without fear of contradiction that far less money is lost by the players of legitimate games here where there is some chance to win, than in the hundreds of silly games at the beaches and elsewhere in California, where the player stands no chance at all to get his money back even when he "wins."

TREE PLANTING PLANS

Bob Kaltborn, president of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, hopes to have a long-range program for uniform tree planting along our streets sponsored and carried out through one of our civic organizations.

The idea is that in the newer sections of the city where many handsome homes are building, certain trees should be adopted for uniform planting on certain streets, and that the plan should be carried out in an orderly manner from year to year and include, eventually, the replacement of the cottonwoods in the older portion of the city with some other tree.

The Age believes that the cottonwood, indigenous to this section, is the quickest and easiest tree to grow for shade, in spite of some disadvantages it may have. In the early days of the town the discovery that cottonwoods would grow readily from planted posts resulted in entirely changing the character of Las Vegas, robbing the summers of their greatest distress and making it a really beautiful city.

Now that most of the cottonwoods planted twenty-five and thirty years ago have about reached their life's limit, we should begin to consider a plan for replanting either cottonwoods or some other suitable variety of trees in the older sections of the city.

It does not, perhaps, make much difference what trees we plant, but it is very desirable that the planting be uniform and be made to conform to a general plan of beautification. For this purpose it is suggested that some organization like the Mesquite Club, which was largely responsible for the present tree-shaded streets through its efforts more than twenty-five years ago, or the Junior Chamber of Commerce, full of the vigor of youth, or a committee consisting of members of both organizations, should undertake the work of planning and supervising the tree planting campaign which must be immediately undertaken. It is a work which must be spread over several years and includes the purchase and caring for suitable nursery stock for future planting, it being now too late to undertake any tree planting this season.

Kaltborn's suggestion is an excellent one and should receive the careful consideration of the property owners.

PICK-UPS

By JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

Three boys — and what they would do if Dame Fortune came their way.

Boy number one would tour the world—go everywhere and turn the world upside down—not a city would be missed—he would shoot the works and then come back to the good old U.S.A. and show the populace how to spend money in true playboy style.

Boy number two would put his money in government bonds. He would not become a hermit—satisfy pleasure. When the time came he would take up himself a wife and pave the way for a "happy home." He would have sufficient income from the good old U.S. bonds to live happily ever after.

Boy number three scoffed at the boy who would buy the U.S. bonds—maybe there would be no U.S. when things got straightened up—if ever. His talk suggested strongly of a "Communist." Maybe there would be no U.S. I would suggest the proper place for boy No. 33 would be in Russia, where he would fit in better.

These three boys were school boys attending the Las Vegas high school. I thought boy No. 1 was just spouting off—maybe he was and maybe he wasn't it brought me back to when I too was attending school. One of the debating club's subjects was, "Resolved—that more can be learned by observation than school studies." Maybe boy No. 1 had this

Operations At Tecopa Mines

Operations are starting at Tecopa mines, lying partly in Inyo county and partly in San Bernardino county, Calif., taken under operation recently from Tecopa Consolidated Mining Co., Tecopa, Calif., by George Kingdon and associates, Peach and Davis, formerly identified with United Verde Extension operations at Jerome, Ariz., who took over an option held by Paul Gemmill and J. H. Buelher of Pioche, Nev. Since shutdown in early 20's properties have had only occasional development work but large quantities of good ore was reported uncovered. Tecopa mines were owned for many years by Dr. L. D. Godshall, father of Postmaster Cal Godshall of Victorville, Calif.

—Mining and Industrial News.

Autos Will Change In Future Years

What will the car of 1960 look like? It's only a prediction but according to the Automobile Club of Southern California, automotive engineers paint the following picture:

The car two decades from today will have transparent plastic in place of glass. It will be air-conditioned, more comfortable riding, easier handled, safer, and probably smaller and more economical. The present gear-shift and transmission will have become just a memory.

in mind. The question is debatable one.

Boy No. 2 I think was the more sensible one. Following the old saying "laying up for a rainy day."

Boy No. 3 — just a plain fool — who will some day find himself "a man without a country."

Two young fellows strayed from the straight and narrow path in Los Angeles and came to Las Vegas and started in on a ten day spree. Near the close of the tenth day one of them phoned for a doctor to come to a certain place, "right away quick." The doctor said he could not come right away as he was busy. Soon the same fellow called again saying, "Doctor come quick—it's serious. The doctor following a hunch replied, "What's wrong—seeing pink elephants?" "Yes, doctor all over the place but my partner cannot see them."

One going south on sixth street would be surprised at the number of pretentious homes being erected. Homes that will be an ornament to the city — in fact all over the city comes the sound of the hammer and saw. Who says Las Vegas is not stepping out.

I was talking to a man who has not been in Las Vegas since 1922. "John," he said, "I never thought I would see the Las Vegas of today — and to top the whole thing off—look at the UP depot—one of the latest things in comfort and architecture. The Las Vegas of old cannot be compared with the Las Vegas of today."

NO JOB FOR A WEAKLING



—National Safety Council

Years Ago

TEN YEARS AGO

The board of city commissioners today received from Frank A. Stevens, attorney for the estate of E. E. Smith, deceased, a check for \$1,000 the sum bequeathed to the Las Vegas public library, of which Mr. Smith was trustee for many years.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Tom Fanatia returned Thursday from Carson City where he represented Clark county in the legislature during the term just ended.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mr. C. P. Ball this week sold his transfer business including trucks to Sam Mikulich and M. S. Pinjiv of this city.

It is reported today that the Gunn Supply company has purchased the stock of the Vegas Cash grocery. The soda fountain and fixtures of the confectionery department were purchased by C. E. Pembroke of the Oasis.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Mr. D. G. Lorenz has suffered the loss of a number of two year old fruit trees of choice varieties, which have been dug up and removed from his ranch west of Las Vegas.

The Bridge Club enjoyed a pleasant session with Mrs. J. J. Williams Friday evening. A delicious supper was served after the game.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

While attempting to cross the

Low Down From Hickory Grove

It is not so long since the Pony Express, but is it long enough so folks now do not know what it would be like to have no railroads, or banks, or electric lights, or running water—and you shave by a mirror hung on a tree by the creek. Our grandpa had plenty to worry about, like tomahawks, and such, but even so, it was not so much different from today.

If you have a bank, or a powerhouse or about any kind of business today, you got a bunch of Potomac Indians circling your camp.

And the latest I read is about the Govt. there in Oregon and the Northwest, threatening to scalp all the little outfits already there in the electric business. And the paper says that one Govt. plant at Grand Coulee, about a third finished, will cost, complete, 400 million.

But there is a flicker of light in the distance—a Scotchman just got elected to Congress in Ohio.

If Grand Coulee would stop right now and charge off as a dead horse, everything to date, it would get 3 cheers.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

Vegas had the misfortune to lose the boat and cargo through the accidental leakage of the boat.

Frank R. McNamee and Henry Ingram, the Caliente attorneys, are still detained in Vegas by court matters.

MINING INVESTMENT

Recent developments in Eldorado Canyon have confirmed my belief, based on the development I have so far done on my property, that the Eldorado Empire Mining Company ground adjoining the Wall Street is one of the most valuable mines in the district.

Three years ago I was engaged in building a small mill with which I expected to treat sufficient ore to place the property on a profitable and self developing basis. The disappearance of water with which I expected to operate the mill, made it impossible for me to continue and I was forced to stop operations and leave the mill only partially completed. The water is now back in the Canyon in ample quantity for my operations.

It is my wish now to secure sufficient money with which to take out and ship a small amount of high grade ore from rich stringers in the mine and in this way secure sufficient money, which I estimate to be approximately \$2500 to complete the mill and begin operations.

To do this I will sell 10,000 shares of my personal stock at ten cents per share. This will enable me to start operations and follow my development program which will make the Eldorado Empire, I believe, the most valuable mine in Southern Nevada.

I am appealing to those who are willing to back a property which will bear the most careful investigation with the very small amount of money which will, I can prove to the satisfaction of any interested party, make the Eldorado Empire a steady and very profitable producer.

C. E. L. GRESH, President,
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