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FLYING COTTON

Just now we are entering on our annual annoyance by flying cotton from the cottonwood trees. So far as we can observe the cotton does not real harm and it does not seem to induce hayfever. But it tickles one's nose and gives the town a generally untidy appearance which is annoying especially since we have so many strangers on whom we wish to make a good impression here this time of the year.

It seems that the city officials could, at very little expense, look over the town, list up the comparatively small number of the cotton-bearing trees and then after a campaign of education and persuasion, give some aid with the street equipment in removing such trees as the owners will not voluntarily remove at their own expense.

It seems that some compensation might be had from selling the wood for fuel, even though this wood is not easy to cut into proper sizes.

The Age believes there would be little or no opposition on the part of property owners to removing the very small proportion of our noble cottonwood trees which produce all the cotton. If you take notice you observe that perhaps only one in a dozen of the cottonwoods produce cotton and that one cotton-bearing tree is enough to blanket a whole neighborhood.

ELDORADO CANYON

Clark county, which includes Las Vegas of course, has profited by millions of dollars through the production of its mines. Mining is still pouring a steady stream of wealth into our business channels and will continue to do so for ages to come.

Las Vegas, however, seems to be singularly indifferent to the great assets in mines now operating and the still greater assets which a little capital and intelligent development would create. Perhaps this is because many people think of mining only as a speculation in shares of stock, and remember only that Mark Twain or some other famous humorist defined a mine as a hole in the ground owned by a damn liar. Yet the odd part of it is that in Las Vegas (as in other towns) there are plenty of folks who will risk their dollars in the most crazy of speculative shares of stock providing the promoter lies on a sufficiently large scale. The vaguest possibility of vast profits is more enticing to some than the reasonable certainty of profitable investment.

Eldorado Canyon is one of our mining camps which has been for nearly eighty years a producer of precious metals. Some of the mines which produced golden fortunes in the 1860s are still profitable producers. However, there are other properties in the district which have ores which, with modern methods and equipment and engineering knowledge could be developed into steady and profitable producers. Yet the prospector-owners of those properties find it almost impossible to get money by grub and powder while working to open up their ore bodies.

There is probably no other business more stable and more certain of legitimate profits than mining. Owners of small producing mines, which most of us overlook in the search for "big bonanzas" are taking out profits of several hundred to several thousand dollars a month, year after year, but little affected by the vicissitudes under which most other lines of business suffer.

It does not take large capital to develop such properties and it can be done with a little chance of loss as there is in developing any other line of business. And Eldorado Canyon appears to offer perfect opportunities for such enterprises.

THE JUNIOR PROM

Tonight's the night — the Junior Prom. The night looked forward to throughout the year and back upon as one of the great moments of youth. For days the shops have been crowded with pretty young girls, eagerly searching for suitable raiment wherewith to set off their charms. Now every thing is in readiness and we hope their fondest dreams will come true. That the Prom will be all that they hoped it would be.

Years Ago

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 6, 1915
The Civic League has planned to hold open house next Thursday for the purpose of assisting all the women of the city to register. Automobiles will be available on that day to take the newly enfranchised to the registry office and they will also receive instruction on the manner of voting.

James Kelly is here from England to make his home with his aunt, Miss Mary Doyle and his brother, Mr. Matt Kelly.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 2, 1910
The Las Vegas band has now been reorganized and is now including in regular practice. The membership is as follows: Frank Black, leader, trombone; Leland Ronnow, solo, coronet; Wm. Mitchell, first coronet; Milan Black, baritone; George Devererell, bass; Emmett Pettitt, snare drum; Frank Ferris, bass drum.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 6, 1920
Mrs. Jane Griffith of Pasadena, California, the mother of E. W. Griffith, recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth. Senator Griffith and his niece, Mrs. Will Grover were present at the birthday celebration.

Jack Price has purchased the W. N. Schuyler home on fifth street and will occupy it.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

April 6, 1925
Dr. and Mrs. Forest R. Mildren entertained at dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. John Schaeffer, sister of Mrs. Heese.

Will Beckley is building an addition of a breakfast room on the

north side of his home on Fourth street.

TEN YEARS AGO

April 5, 1930
James Powers was installed as Exalted Ruler of the local Elks lodge Thursday evening, the honor coming as a reward of many years of effort in behalf of the organization.

FIVE YEARS AGO

April 5, 1935
Edgar Rice Burrows, distinguished artist and author, creator of the Tarzan series, yesterday married Mrs. Florence Gilbert Dearholt, former film actress. The ceremony was performed by Judge Wm. E. Orr in his chambers in the court house in this city. Witnesses to the ceremony were: Mrs. C. D. Keller and Frank McNamee who was attorney for the author in his suit for divorce recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Harnedy and daughter Virginia, are planning a trip to Mr. Harnedy's old home in Ireland. They expect to take their car and tour Ireland, England, Scotland and the continent.

THE INCONSEQUENTIALS

In this busy world that is full of real duties our Congress has been excited about some simple questions contained in this year's census blanks. It has been disturbed as to whether or not politics will be "clean," with or without the Hatch Act which forbids but will not keep persons who receive public money from butting into politics. Tapping telephone lines is banned by Attorney General Jackson as a device which even J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI is forbidden to use. The anti-lynching question is again bobbing up in Congress.

Our statesmen are in a hurry to get through with this session before the political conventions meet in less than three months from now.

PICK-UPS

By JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

"The Land that God forgot." If the Almighty did forget any place he certainly picked out the right place — Teocopa. I was there from April 1910 until September 1910 and I about came to the conclusion that he also forgot the people who lived in Teocopa.

The mining property of W. J. Graves of Philadelphia consisting of seven claims were located about eleven miles north of Teocopa. The Gunsight and the Noonday were in active operation—about 200 miners were employed. Every payday which was then once a month a string of miners could be seen headed for Teocopa. They remained there until they were broke and then back to the mines to raise another stake. Each payday the same old routine—firewater and girls, sent from Tonopah.

The mines were being mined for lead principally as Graves had been operating a big paint manufacturing plant in Philadelphia and Atlanta City. Tons and tons of lead were shipped to Murray plant Utah. Then came the big washout here in Nevada and over a long period the ore was sent to Needles. The difference in temperature was not noticeable between Teocopa and Needles but finally the lead gave up the ghost—the mines closed down.

But many interesting things happened while by family and I were residents of Teocopa. I spent my spare time rescuing the burro from horse files — you couldn't see the burro for files so I just took a side of a box and after quite awhile by hitting the files the burro would be reached and he was surely a grateful burro.

A Frenchman employed by the company thought that he would give impetus to the loading of ore. So one noon he got himself a bar and thought he would move the ore car just a little bit so the ore from the tramway would be into the other portion of the car. He surely did move it—around curves and down hill went that car. It hit a sharp curve and that was the end—ore was scattered over the hill-sides. It took three days to get the car back to the track and four days to find the Frenchman.

We had to carry our drinking water three miles in clay containers. The water was good coming from a flowing spring. How that water ever got there was always a mystery to all who ever lived in Teocopa.

Talk about heat—even the train running between Teocopa and the mines had to wait until the track relaxed and got straightened out.

Churches

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

316 South Fourth street.
Sunday Services 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Reading Room 112 N. Third St.
Open Daily.

"ARE SIN, DISEASE AND DEATH REAL?" will be the subject of the Lesson - Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, April 14, 1940.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah 33:22, "The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, he will save us."

The Lesson-Sermon includes the Bible passage, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17, 18).

Also the correlative from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does for man." (p. 26).

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,
Eldorado Empire Mining Company.
Spiers Camp, 620 South Fifth St., Las Vegas, Nevada.

Siam Changes Its Name to Thailand

An interesting development in the kaleidoscopic change of nations has occurred in the Kingdom of Siam, which recently changed its name to "Thailand" which means Land of the Free, and the people are now being called "Thai" instead of "Siamese."

Luang Thavil, commissioner general for Thailand to the New York World's Fair, gives the following interesting facts about his great country which is so little known in America:

How the country came to be known as "Siam" dated back to an early period when contacts with foreign nations were few. Chinese merchants traded with the country through a small trading post by the name of "Sayam." For their convenience this name was used to signify the whole country of the Thai. The word "Sayam" was first corrupted to "Siem." Foreigners who entered the country later on found it convenient to adopt the name used by the Chinese and called the country "Siam." However, the name "Siam" was mostly used among foreigners but among my people, the country has always been known as Prades Thai. "Prades" means Land; "Thai" means Free. To facilitate foreign pronunciation, "Thailand" was adopted as the official foreign name of the country.

Thailand is a kingdom having a population of about 15 million, while it is estimated that the Thai race consists of about fifty million people, living in Thailand and the neighboring countries.

ENJOYS VISIT FROM MOTHER

Miss Sonya Worthy is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Lou E. Magill of Fort Worth, Texas.

SHACKS TO BE REPLACED BY COTTAGES

The latest wrinkle in new house-building will provide for the eventual building of a million model cottages to replace the present shacks in which farm tenants live. President Roosevelt has authorized the United States Housing Authority to lend more than 2½ million dollars to finance the construction of 1,300 farm homes to start the ball rolling towards streamlining country homes all over America.

THEY ADMIT NO MISTAKES

The policy of the administration and of its supporters in Congress is being definitely defended these days by methods which back such existing laws as relate to labor, the census, unemployment, farm policies and other important positions that have been maintained in the Government for the past seven years. New-Dealers are doubling up their fists and preparing to solidify their ranks and defend their record in the coming campaign.

TWO WORLDS

This may be a small world but for practical purposes it has become two worlds as far apart as the earth and the sun. While the press carries reports of thousands dying in the carnage abroad in one column, nearby it reports the progress of an investigation by the TNEC of the life insurance industry in this country. What a contrast!

Ostensibly, the investigation was intended to dig up adverse facts about the insurance companies. But probably the greatest service it has rendered thus far has been in revealing the incredible security of millions of Americans.

Twenty-six of the largest life insurance companies have more than \$92,000,000,000 of insurance in force. And if the past record of the insurance industry is any portent, that sum will be paid to living policy holders or beneficiaries down to the last penny.

What would not the thrifty of Europe give for \$92,000,000,000 worth of good old-fashioned security right now.

Mrs. W. R. Bracken entertained with two prettily appointed luncheons the past week at the Apac.

OFF TO FALLON

Mesdames A. C. Grant and C. P. Squires of the Mesquite Club and Mrs. Hazel Denton or Caliente are leaving Sunday morning for Fallon, to attend the State Federation of Women's Clubs which convenes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

VISITING IN L. A.

Mrs. Will Beckley left Tuesday evening to join Mr. Beckley in Los Angeles. They expect to visit their son, Bruce, in San Francisco before returning.

Australian Nags Come To America

SYDNEY, Australia. — William J. Smith, chairman of the directors of Australian Consolidated Industries, who has been some months in the United States, has formed a group, including Bing Crosby and Larry Crosby, which will bring six or eight Australian race horses sired by Beauhere to race in the United States, three under Smith's colors and the remainder for the group under Bing's colors.

Mr. Smith is enroute to Australia carrying Bing's colors under which the group will race a horse in the Commonwealth this season. At the close of the season he will bring back a jockey, trainer, groom, fodder and water and will race Beauhere's progeny at Hollywood.

Bing says he does not expect to make money out of the venture but is acting from "love of racing, and a gesture of international good will."

Burhan Ali, a two-year-old colt purchased from the Aga Kahn at the Newmarket December sales on behalf of P. H. Osborne, the well-known Australian owner, is to race in Australia this season.

IN A NUTSHELL

Labor is awakening to the fact that laws which kill business also kill jobs.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor recently made this declaration: "We urge that all Government actions that tend unnecessarily to discourage business expansion cease and that a positive effort be made to encourage greater industrial activity. . . . At this time there are not enough jobs in private industry to go around. . . . This is largely due, in our opinion, to the fact that lack of confidence has stunted business growth and expansion."

Any policy, any law, or any political clique which fights and discourages private industry, fights and discourages employment. That's the case in a nutshell—and it's a good sign that labor is recognizing it.

WE LIVE ON CREDIT

Credit keeps the wheels of commerce and industry turning.

Relatively few business transactions involve the immediate use of cash. When you make a telephone call, when you purchase a new car, when you order tonight's groceries, as a rule you defer payment until some future day. And the telephone company and the automobile dealer and the grocer also live by credit—when they buy from wholesalers and manufacturers it is agreed that payment will be made, not at the time of delivery, but 30, 60 or 90 days hence.

Some 90 per cent of all business transactions in this country require the use of credit. In only 10 per cent is "cash on the barrelhead" involved.

A very large part of all credit is provided, of course, by banks. And when the banker loans you a thousand dollars he is doing precisely what the grocer does when he trusts you for ten dollars' worth of food until pay day. On top of that, the banker is bound by rigid rules designed to protect his depositors from loss. It is his job to analyze your past credit record, your abilities, your character and your prospects. And if it appears that you will be able to repay the loan as contracted, the money is yours. If it appears you will be unable to, he must decline the loan, irrespective of his personal feelings. His obligations to his depositors who own the money, plus the strictures of the unrelenting banking laws, leave him no other course.

Without bank credit our economy and industrial structure, as we know it, would collapse. Bank credit was far more of a factor than most of us realize in the astonishing commercial and geographical development of this nation. And in the future, as in the past, bank credit, extended by a publicly-regulated privately-owned banking industry will continue to be a vital progressive factor.

HALF MILLION TROUT TO BE RAISED AT SMITH CREEK

The three hundred and fifty thousand young rainbow trout in the rearing tanks at the state fish hatchery at Smith creek, west of Austin, were reported as doing splendidly by Superintendent George H. Bonner when he was in town at the end of last week.

The little trout are now on an average about one inch in length, eating well and growing rapidly. One hundred and fifty thousand more eggs for hatching are expected daily at the hatchery which will make half a million trout which will be reared at the state institution this year and will be awaiting the hooks of Nevada anglers in the streams of this region at the opening of next year's fishing season.

This large number of fish is far

too great to be reared in the big Balzar pond and as soon as the snow is off the ground another pond, nearly as large, to be called Gatchell pond will be constructed to enable this enormous number of young trout to be reared during the season under the best possible conditions.

The very exceptional natural conditions for fish culture existing at

Smith creek, which led to its wise choice by the state fish and game commission for a central Nevada hatchery, have resulted in fine success in its operation from the beginning and the installation is now so complete and perfect that the hatchery is one of the best in the west with a very large capacity and the best possible facilities.

—Reese River Reville.

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