

COUNCIL MAY DO SOME PROBING

ALDERMAN FORSYTHE DEMANDS A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

ANENT PUBLICATION LAW

SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW AUTHOR OF "OUTRAGEOUS" MEASURE.

ALSO DISPLAYS PATRIOTISM

SUCCEEDS IN HAVING COMMITTEE NAMED TO PURCHASE FLAG FOR CITY HALL.

If Councilman B. F. Forsythe has his way, those men who preside over the destinies of the city are going into the investigating business.

This subject came before the council when the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk, showing that a communication addressed to congress has been passed by the council and forwarded to that honorable body, protesting vigorously against this law and urging its repeal.

"I think that this body should take steps to find out the author of this 'outrageous' measure," said Mr. Forsythe, in the course of his remarks.

Forsythe on War Path. Councilman Forsythe also raised another question. He asked the city clerk when the present contract for city printing with The Optic expired, intimating that thereafter bids for the city printing should be called for and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

Under the business of reports of standing committees, the committee on public health reported that there were no scarlet fever cases at present in East Las Vegas.

Although it was generally expected that the council last night would take some action on ordinances affecting the electric light and street railway companies, Councilmen Forsythe and Nolan were of the opinion that these ordinances should be referred to a special committee to be thoroughly gone over by this committee and an attorney who could give them all the information they desired on the subjects dealt with.

Bubbles Over With Patriotism. It seemed to be Alderman Forsythe's busy night. In a patriotic speech he made a plea for a flag to float from the flag pole over the city hall and expressed great indignation

that Old Glory in the past was never seen floating over the city building on proper occasions. He thought it a disgrace to East Las Vegas for such negligence to be tolerated and made a motion that steps be taken by the council at once to have a flag adorn the city hall flag pole hereafter, particularly on Memorial day. He put this suggestion in the form of a motion for the appointment of a committee with instructions to attend to the matter and secure a flag for the purpose mentioned no matter what the cost.

Tax Ordinance Held Up. The annual tax levy ordinance came up on third reading preparatory to its passage. It had already been published, but a discussion arose as to its provisions and after considerable talk pro and con, the mayor referred it to a special committee which is to meet with a like committee from the Board of Education, for a thorough discussion of the ordinance. This committee was instructed to make a report at the next meeting.

The council after a prolonged discussion took action on the application of Gus Lehmann for a permit to construct a one-story brick building with plate glass front on Railroad avenue, adjoining Bacharach's store. The application was referred to the building inspector with instructions for that official to issue a permit to Mr. Lehmann for the erection of this building, the contract for which will be awarded in the next few days.

At last night's meeting there were present Mayor Goodall, President J. K. Martin and Councilmen Forsythe, Hubbard, Bacharach, Rogers, Hedgcock and City Attorney Coors. An adjournment was taken at 9:30 o'clock to meet at the call of the mayor, which probably means that the council will meet soon to take action on the electric light company and transit company franchises and other matters affecting these corporations in their relations with the city.

ADAM GOD TESTIFIES IN TRIAL FOR MURDER

Kansas City, Mo., May 27.—An unusual spectacle was presented in the criminal court here today when James Sharp, known as "Adam God," and his wife Melissa Sharp, who went under the name of "Eve God," to the followers of their band of roving religionists, went on the stand at the trial of Sharp, who is charged with murder. The woman is yet to be tried. The testimony of the couple proved a weird, pitiful exhibition of tears, lamentations and wild sayings. Mrs. Sharp reviewed the history of herself and husband. When she told of their conversion she wept piteously and screamed so loud she could be heard in the street.

"Adam God" wept almost constantly during the half hour he was on the stand. He explained in detail the beliefs of himself and band and told of their deluge. "Brother," said Sharp finally, addressing the trial judge, and with tears streaming down his face, "it all came to me in revelation as I lay asleep in my cell last night. The Lord said to me, just like it was in the Bible, that my enemies are my friends. Now the Lord means I must turn that saying around if I'm to find my friends. I must go among my enemies. That's just the reason God led me into this court room."

Sharp denied he shot Patrolman Mullane with whose death he is charged. He declared he fired into the air.

TAFT DRAWS BARREL OF SAUER KRAUT AT FAIR.

Sandusky, Ohio, May 27.—President Taft holds the ticket that drew a barrel of sauer kraut worth \$3 at the Elks' fair here last night. It was presented to him by William Homer Reinhart, president of the Perry Victory and International Centennial Peace commission, who was in Washington recently.

OCEAN LINER AGROUND IN FOG SOUTHERN CROPS

PRINCESS ALICE MEETS WITH ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

PASSENGERS NOT IN DANGER

CAPTAIN CONFIDENT OF GETTING VESSEL OFF ROCKS WITH RISING TIDE.

VERY LITTLE EXCITEMENT

ABSENCE OF ANY CAUSE FOR ALARM PREVENTS POSSIBLE PANIC ON BOARD.

New York, May 27.—The North German Lloyd passenger steamer Princess Alice ran aground near Fort Wardworth, Staten Island, today passing out of this harbor today bound for Bremen. The accident was due to a fog.

Although the Princess Alice was making her way cautiously through the Narrows, the weight of the great liner forced her bow high on the rocks and almost in touch with the sea wall which surrounds Fort Wardworth. The vessel's stern, however, remained afloat and as the tide was rising when she grounded, the captain is confident of getting his vessel afloat within a few hours.

The Princess Alice carried a large number of passengers but there was little excitement when the accident occurred, due to the absence of any immediate danger.

Steamer Collides With Iceberg.

St. John, N. F., May 27.—With her bow badly damaged from a collision with an iceberg, the liner Almeriana came into this port today from Liverpool. She reported great bergs of ice off the coast. The liner hit an iceberg about midnight on Tuesday. The passengers on the steamer Prospero, which was obliged to put back into this port today because of ice floes, stated they counted over one hundred icebergs during a sail of forty miles.

SENATE TURNS DOWN AMENDMENT BY BRISTOW.

Washington, May 27.—The senate today refused by a vote 36 to 47 to strike the Dutch standard test out of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill as proposed by Senator Joseph R. Bristow of Kansas.

THIRTEEN TREACHEROUS TURKS SUFFER DEATH.

Constantinople May 27.—Thirteen men were hanged in public at daybreak in Constantinople today having been found guilty of complicity in the revolutionary outbreak of April 13.

BRILLIANT COMMENCEMENT AT NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Graduating exercises last night closed the series of brilliant exercises which have filled commencement week at the Normal University. All the exercises have been of a very high order, in fact there has been an air of finish and elegance about them that has been a pleasant surprise to most people. Few have realized during the year that such high class work was being done in the university.

In the first place the address by Dr. Gowen last Sunday was unusually able and finished, in fact many pronounce it the finest address ever delivered at the institution. It was crammed with thought, expressed in forceful language and splendidly delivered.

The exercises of the Literary Society on Monday night opened the

UNPRECEDENTED RAIN AND WIND STORMS OCCUR IN GULF STATES.

VAST AREAS UNDER WATER

MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA AND ARKANSAS AT MERCY OF ELEMENTS.

TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

TRAINS STALLED AND IN MANY INSTANCES ONLY MEANS OF TRANSIT IS BY BOAT.

Memphis, Tenn., May 27.—Reports from the surrounding country bring advices of the devastation done by recent rain and wind storms in the south. Mississippi and Arkansas seem to have suffered the most. The Arkansas river is out of its banks and flood warnings have been sent out that other rivers will rise above the danger point. In both states crops are said to be destroyed in several localities, while many towns are under water and families have been driven to the roofs of their homes and the only means of transit is by boat. Great damage has been done to railroads and several trains are stalled, while telephone and telegraph wires are down in many localities. Yesterday a tornado passed over northern Mississippi wrecking many houses.

Loss Complete in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., May 27.—Practically every river and creek in lower Alabama and Mississippi is at the flood stage, resulting in practically drowning all land crops, also many cattle and destroying much lumber. Reports from Shubuta, Miss., are that that town is virtually an island, being cut off from the outside world except by telephone and telegraph.

MOTOR CAR PATHFINDERS BUCKING THE QUICKSANDS.

Torreon, Mex., May 27.—The Denver to Mexico pathfinders are here, having covered 310 miles over good, bad and indifferent roads without trouble since leaving Chihuahua Monday morning. They were lost five times. The pathfinder was dug from the quicksand last Friday and the party traveled all night. The following night they slept in the mountains, reaching Chihuahua Sunday noon. On their trip territory has been covered where motor cars never traveled before. Seven hundred miles remain to the destination, which they expect to reach by June 1. Eddie DeCamp, of the City of Mexico, is on his way to act as pilot from here.

diplomas were Misses Artless Browne, Beulah Hartman, Geraldine Lange, Bertha Papan and Maria Schaefer and Benjamin Armijo. The custom of wearing caps and gowns has been revived, and this added to the occasion last night. Dr. Gowen, of the Normal University, made a happy speech, in introducing Dr. A. E. Winship, who delivered the address to the graduating class. Dr. Winship lived up to his reputation of being one of the most entertaining of speakers in the country. He has a fund of common sense and a concise way of saying things.

At the request of the president of the Board of Regents, Dr. Gowen presented the diplomas. Before doing so he made a very appropriate talk to the graduates, urging them not to consider their education completed simply because they possessed a diploma and not to value their diploma itself more highly than the knowledge and training the diploma is supposed to stand for.

F. H. Pierce, president of the board of regents, spoke a few words highly complimentary to Dr. Gowen, as president of the Normal University and referred to him as a man of splendid executive ability. He dwelt on the fine college spirit which has been instilled into the students and the excellent work which has been accomplished under Dr. Gowen's administration. He said Las Vegas has a right to be proud of the institution and he believed they were, for the auditorium has not been able to hold the people who had wanted to witness the exercises of the closing week night after night. The Optic spoke of Dr. Gowen's educational equipment when he was made president. It may be repeated here that he is a graduate of both Yale and Clark universities, holding two degrees from the former, and one, the doctor's degree, from the latter. He was a member of the faculty at Yale several years. Las Vegas is indeed fortunate in securing the services of a man so well equipped and should follow Mr. Pierce's suggestion to make in trying to secure a larger annual appropriation from the territorial legislature so that more extensive plans may be carried out at this institution in the near future.

FAVORS ABOLISHMENT OF LIQUOR REVENUES

Denver, May 27.—President Taft, Emperor William and President Elliot of Harvard University, were placed on "dry" pedestals today by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church when their example of turning teetotalers after many years was commended in an approval report by the temperance committee. Far reaching reforms through memorials to congress are proposed in the report, among them the following:

That the receipt of revenue of any form from the liquor traffic be discontinued; that the federal government shall no longer issue liquor tax receipts in prohibition territory; that interstate shipments of liquor shall be discontinued; that a prohibitory zone twenty miles in width be established around every Indian reservation; that the United States mails be closed to the advertising or distribution of liquor.

Newspapers which carry liquor advertisements fell under the ban of the assembly. The report of the temperance committee commended one fraternal order "heretofore noted for convivial membership" for its action in discontinuing the sale of liquor about its lodge premises.

SEEKING MONEY FOR TOURIST HOTEL AT CAPITAL.

Washington, May 27.—Dr. John P. Wagner, a promoter of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is in Washington seeking capital for the construction of a modern tourist hotel to cost \$150,000 to be erected at the territorial capital. He is meeting with some encouragement.

Harry W. Kelley, prominent business man of East Las Vegas, is here working on the wool schedules in the tariff bill and is protecting the interests of New Mexico sheepmen in splendid shape. He will leave in a few days for home, and will be accompanied by his daughter, who has been attending a finishing school at Mount Vernon.

COMING FOR MURDER SUSPECT

PUEBLO SHERIFF DUE TO ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS THIS EVENING.

PRACTICALLY IDENTIFIED

LITTLE DOUBT THAT MAN IN COUNTY JAIL IS "BAY" GORDON.

HE HAS NOT CONFESSED

RUMOR THAT PRISONER HAS ADMITTED HE IS BADLY WANTED FUGITIVE IS DENIED.

With the arrival in East Las Vegas this evening of Sheriff Fields W. McMillan, of Pueblo, Colo., the identification of the man arrested here several days ago on suspicion of being "Bay" Gordon, the Oklahoma cowboy wanted for the brutal murder of Peter Dieter, a Rye, Colo., ranchman on November 12 last, will be made complete, and incidentally Deputy Sheriff Enriquez Sena, who arrested the man, will know whether he is to be made richer by the \$500 reward offered for Gordon's capture.

Last night considerable excitement was caused by a rumor that the prisoner had made a complete confession to Sheriff Romero and Deputy Sena, admitting that he was Gordon and also that he had killed Dieter, but inquiry at the sheriff's office this morning proved this to be untrue. Sheriff Romero making a positive denial of the rumor of the alleged confession.

Still Denies He is Gordon.

The prisoner sticks to the story that his name is James W. Williams and that the officers are mistaken in taking him for the alleged slayer of Dieter. While he has made several damaging admissions and told conflicting stories while being "sweated" by the officers, he has not made a confession, although during the past twenty-four hours he has weakened under the mental strain and should Sheriff McMillan upon his arrival in the city this evening identify him as Gordon, it is believed that he will break down and tell all.

Fits Description Exactly.

After exchanging photographs and minute descriptions of Gordon, the Pueblo officers were so certain that the man under arrest here was the badly wanted fugitive, that Sheriff McMillan decided to come to Las Vegas to get the prisoner. Gordon is described as being 23 years old, 6 feet tall, weight 150 to 160 pounds, slender build, eyes blue-gray, hair brown and smooth shaven. The supposed Gordon in the county jail tallies exactly with this description even to the "secret" mark on the forehead and scar on one of his wrists and because of these all doubt as to the suspect here not being Gordon was eliminated in the minds of the Pueblo officers.

Crime a Most Brutal One.

Gordon's crime is unprecedented in brutality. Penniless and destitute Peter Dieter befriended Gordon when no one else would extend a hand. He took him to his ranch at Rye, Colo., and shared his cabin with him. On the night of November 13 last Gordon arose and shot Dieter dead as he slept. He then carried the body to a neighboring haystack where he buried it.

Gordon then went to Pueblo and forged Dieter's name to a check for \$540, and succeeded in drawing out every dollar Dieter had in the bank. Gordon returned to Rye near where Dieter's ranch was and by showing a forged power of attorney sold everything on the Dieter ranch even to the very stack of hay under which he had buried his friend.

Gordon then returned to Pueblo and began a week's carousal of wine, (Continued on Page 5)