

'WIDE OPEN,' IS NEVADA'S GOAL IN NEW LAWS

Liberal Policy Keeps Down Crime Figures, Say State Heads.

By United Press
RENO, Feb. 20.—Nevada, proud of being known as "the last frontier state" in the Union, is considering legislation that would make the laws of the state even more liberal than they are at the present time.

Nevadans are probably the least-regulated persons in the country. Reno considers itself one of the most wide-open cities, and officials claim it has less crime than any city four times its size. The state prison is one of the smallest in the nation and the state's crime problem is nil.

Gambling Stopped
Gambling is illegal, but has been practiced openly, with full knowledge of officials and citizens, until a district attorney in an eastern Nevada city, Ely, swooped down upon the city and closed all gambling casinos. City officials announced this action costs Ely approximately \$10,000 per year.

The legislature is now considering a measure which would legalize gambling, making a gambling debt legal, imposing licenses upon operators to keep out dishonest gamblers.

Gambling, and felonies recognized as crimes in any language, are the only activities prohibited by law.

Justice Is Swift
Justice is swift and sure in Nevada. More often than not, if a person is arrested for a crime, he is arraigned, brought before the court and jury, and if found guilty, sentenced and sent on his way to the state penitentiary, all in one day.

There is only one stop-and-go traffic signal in the entire state. There is no enforced speed limit to travel on the open highway.

The state highway patrol consists of one man most of the time. Cities have their restricted red-light districts. There is no such thing as a motor vehicle operator's license. There is no state prohibition law.

The legislature also is considering bills which will make divorce easier than it is now, and simplifying court procedure.

13 MARINES ROUT 200

Because he routed 200 Haitian bandits with only twelve men, Sergeant Clair S. Christian of the United States marines will be awarded a naval cross if a bill now pending in the senate is successful. Sergeant Christian's post in Haiti was attacked in October, 1919, by a bandit force, which was routed. Sergeant Christian himself seized the gun and papers of the bandit leader, whom he killed. His home is in Independence, Kan.

Claims Capone Is Chicago Dictator
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—Al Capone was described as virtual dictator of Chicago and guiding influence in ninety-eight different racketeers by C. Ray Hansen, special assistant prosecutor of Chicago, at a Rotary Club meeting.

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REPTILES' NEW HOME IN ZOO IS FINEST YET

Soon They'll Move Into Separate, Heated Apartments.

By Science Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The reptiles and snakes and other creeping and hopping inhabitants of the National Zoological park here are moving into a new home with all the modern comforts enjoyed by human beings, including separate electrical heating of each apartment. The new reptile house of the park, which will be thrown open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 28, has a considerable number of its smaller glass-fronted cages individually warmed by automatically regulated electric heating units. Thus val-

uable but temperamental reptiles and amphibians that prefer a temperature of 70 degrees can have it, while in the next cage equally exacting creatures from the tropics can have 85 or 90 degrees if that will induce them to "look pretty" for the public.

In a number of other cages shower baths have been installed. This has not been done because the reptiles like to be rained on, but because they feel their best and look their best in a damp, heavy atmosphere like that of a tropical swamp.

Still other cages will be kept warm but arid, for the greater happiness of desert lizards and rattlers. The climatic preferences of a diamond-back from Arizona are quite different from those of his zoological brother from Florida, and for purposes of ready comparison by zoo visitors the rattlesnake cages all have been arranged side by side.

In addition to adjusting temperature and moisture to the in-

dividual needs to the fascinating scaly inhabitants, the zoological park authorities are building close reproductions of the actual habitat surroundings out of stones, logs and moss.

One cage which has been finished is so good a picture of a nook in a District of Columbia ravine that Director William M. Mann declares, "When my local rattlers and copperheads are turned into this they'll tell each other, 'by golly, we've escaped at last!'

In caring for the comfort of the animals on exhibition, the comfort of the crowds who will look at them has not been forgotten. The heating and ventilating system for the spectators' corridors is entirely separate from that of the cages. The visitor will be able to stand in the temperate zone and look through a plate glass window into the tropics or the desert.

Many rare reptiles have been collected for the exhibits, and more are on the way. Those now on hand

include several species of the most deadly snakes in the world. There is a king cobra, largest of that very venomous family. With him is a splitting cobra, which jets its poison into the eyes of any person or animal that annoys him, causing great pain and temporary blindness.

There are three extremely poisonous African snakes: the sand viper, the Gaboon viper and the rhinoceros viper.

BOTTLERS' CONVENTION ELECTS STATE HEADS

E. L. Yuncker, Indianapolis, is New Secretary-Treasurer.

L. R. McCool, Evansville, Thursday was elected president of the Indiana State Bottlers' Protective Association at the closing session of the annual convention.

Other officers elected: Edward

Higgins, East Chicago, vice-president; L. E. Yuncker, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer, and four directors, Russell Smith, Lebanon; Perry Furgason, Connersville; George Kremp, Washington, and Ralph Harmon, Franklin.

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