

Quincy, Illinois, Times  
Gives South Nevada  
City Big Play in Column

## GRETNA GREEN, SAID

Becoming Whoopee Re-  
sort of the West, News-  
paper Article Says.

Las Vegas is taking the play away from Reno, is developing into a whoopee center, and is enjoying all the wickedness of a real, grown-up city, if one is to believe a story that appeared in a recent issue of the Quincy, Ill., Times. Flowing liquor, speedy divorces and wide-open gambling have made of this little city near the dam an honest-to-goodness Gretna Green, says the Quincy paper, which continues as follows:

"With divorces as easily obtainable there as anywhere in Nevada, Las Vegas today is stealing away some of Reno's popularity as the whoopee resort of the west.

"LEGAL GAMBLING, flowing liquor, elaborate speakeasies and night clubs, as well as quick divorces, are attracting the play boys and girls of the entire country to Las Vegas in their eternal search for pleasure.

"It is the cosmopolitan cross-section of humanity that wanders the streets of Las Vegas. Mormon ranchers, smartly dressed divorcees, leather faced miners, and professional gamblers mingle with merry parties of filmland celebrities enjoying a week-end under Nevada's liberal laws.

"In the more secluded resorts on the boulevards leading out of the city divorcees gather for dinner, dancing, or a session at the games. As yet Las Vegas has no professional gigolos.

"THE LITTLE desert city is not bashful about its frontier hospitality. It does not attempt to hide the fact that liquor is sold in downtown establishments. Peephole doors as a method of entrance have fallen into disuse.

"All establishments, saloons, cabarets, casinos and dance halls are strictly supervised, and any one attempting to take advantage of the hospitality offered is politely but firmly ejected.

"The leading liquor king, finding business rushing, opened a new saloon in a building formerly occupied by the police station. To this day consultation of the telephone directory will lead you to this newest and smartest of speakeasies by simply following the directions for finding the police station.

"WEEK-ENDS mark the influx of romantic couples from Los Angeles, Hollywood and other southern California cities. They are rapidly making Las Vegas a Gretna Green for the Pacific coast. Engaged pairs, wishing to avoid the three-day "intention to wed" law of California, dash up to Las Vegas, are married early Saturday, celebrate over the week-end.