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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The citizens and taxpayers of Tonopah, in general, deplore the retirement of George B. Swasey from the chieftancy of the volunteer and paid fire department, as under his regime the department has become the most effective fire fighting machine which is boasted by any city the size of Tonopah in the United States. He has been faithful and conscientious in his efforts to maintain the department at a high standard of efficiency, and his efforts have been successful. And in retiring, Mr. Swasey is followed by not only the regrets, but the best wishes, of the people of Tonopah.

To the new chief, W. J. Sinclair, congratulations are due, and for him we bespeak the support of the citizens and the department of which he is now made the head, that he may maintain an efficient fire fighting organization here. Give the new chief a little time to familiarize himself with his new duties—and he will make good.

A MINE INSPECTOR

The bill which Senator George Pyne proposes to introduce in the legislature at its coming session for the establishment of an inspector of mines is a good one—providing the mine inspector put in office is a man who is by education and practical experience equipped for the position, and who will actually attend to his duties. If it is merely another means of seating some political pet or some politician's creditor in a position where the only real duty will be to draw salary, to the boneyard with the bill.

But such an official could be really useful, if he would. Heretofore there has been little need for such an official in this state, as all the mines have been comparatively shallow and of limited extent in working. But the mines are being opened up on constantly increasing scale—many of them will be soon dignified by the title of deep mines—and the knowledge of the fact that a man who knows his business is "on the job," liable to appear at any mine at any time, without warning, will serve to render those mine operators who are inclined to be careless or negligent mindful of the safety of the men in the mines. But before the mine inspector can do real service, he must be backed up by comprehensive laws relating to mine equipment and operation so that when he does find violations of the law in the mines, he can prosecute, and prosecute successfully.

The Goldfield Tribune of Thursday morning features on its first page the Morning Bonanza's recent article relative to Goldfield wanting the state capitol. The Tribune says that "Sleepy Hollow is aroused by what it calls the indecent aggression of Goldfield in demanding the removal of the capitol to the sunny deserts of Esmeralda county." The Bonanza had not called the action of Goldfield "indecent aggression," but if that is what the Tribune desires to call it, and if that is what the Tribune thinks is the best definition of Goldfield's action, we are willing to let it go at that. "Indecent Aggression" goes.

Wants a Mine Inspector Made State Official

Senator George Pyne has prepared a bill creating the office of inspector of mines; fixing his duties and powers, and providing for the appointment of deputies and fixing the compensation of both. It will be presented for consideration by the next legislature and will have the support of probably all the representatives from this county, says the Goldfield Chronicle.

The bill fixes the compensation of the inspector at \$2500 per annum, and his actual and necessary traveling expenses at not to exceed \$1800 for the year. It also provides that the incumbent shall not at the time of his appointment, or during his term of office, be an officer, director or employe of any mining or smelting corporation, and further, that he shall not disclose directly or indirectly,

any information relative to ore bodies or any opinion founded on an examination made in the performance of his official duties. The bill also provides that all necessary expenses for clerk hire, printing and other office expenses shall not exceed \$1200 per annum; and that assistants shall be paid no more than \$5 per day while actually employed. The bill says that it shall be the duty of the inspector of mines, at least once each year, to visit in person each mining county in the state of Nevada and examine all such mines therein as, in his judgment, may require an examination for the purpose of determining the condition of such mines as to safety, and to collect information and statistics relative to mines and mining and the mineral resources of the state, and to

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collect, arrange and classify mineral and geological specimens found in this state and to forward same to the state school of mines.

Also, that the owners of mining properties must assist the inspector in the performance of his duty and must comply with the official's recommendations where unsafe conditions are adjudged to exist. Any manager or other person in charge of a mine who refuses to comply with the requirements shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months.

The bill also provides that, whenever a serious or fatal accident shall occur in any mine in the state it shall be the duty of the inspector to investigate personally or have an assistant perform that duty, wherever it is possible to do so, forthwith. When such officers cannot be immediately present then those in charge of the mine are to have statements made and verified by witnesses.

The bill as formed is concluded with this section:

"At the next general election held in this state, and biennially thereafter, the office of inspector of mines mentioned in this act shall be filled by election by the qualified electors of the state of Nevada as other state officers."

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WHEN JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON HAD MEETING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Jim Jeffries is reported as saying that there will be trouble for the "big smoke" if he comes around Los Angeles talking fight to him. And Jim is the kind of a man who means what he says. This kind of a threat reminds one of the last time Johnson bothered Jeffries for a fight in San Francisco before Jeffries retired. The story has been frequently told, but at this time it is worth repeating.

Johnson approached Jeffries in the late Harry Corbett's place in San Francisco and asked him when he was going to give him a fight. Jeff looked at Johnson for a minute, and, stepping up to the bar, asked Harry Corbett if he had \$2000 in the safe. On receiving an affirmative reply, Jeff told him to hand it over. Piling the \$2000 up on the bar, Jeff turned to Johnson and said:

"See here, nigger, you and I will go down in the cellar alone—alone, mind you. If you come up first you take this money. If I come up first, I will leave enough here to pay your hospital bill." Eyewitnesses of the incident say Johnson turned white, turned and ran out of the door, and it is history that he never asked Jeffries for a fight after that.

Springdale Custom Mill to Start Soon

The fifty-ton custom milling plant of the Springdale Bullfrog Mining and Milling company will be placed in commission within a short time, says the Rhyolite Herald. Superintendent Scott Newcomer and a force of men are working diligently to complete the installation of the machinery and perhaps by the first day of February the equipment will be ready for the trial run.

The completion of this plant is being accomplished at an opportune time, as the production of milling ore from the Bullfrog Pioneer, less than three miles to the south, is expected to be sufficient to keep the mill busy without the assistance of other producers in that vicinity. The first run will be on Pioneer ore, according to present plans, and if the mill works successfully, it is likely that steady shipments will be made to that plant.

The Springdale mill is a new departure proposition, and its try-out will be watched with interest. T. L. Rankin conceived the idea of roasting the ores of the camp before subjecting the same to the cyanide process, in order to eliminate any salts of iron, bismuth, arsenic or any neutralizing chemicals contrary to cyanide. The plan is built on this scheme, with a rotary roaster patented by Mr. Rankin.

From the mill bins the ore will be fed into the crusher, which has a capacity of fourteen tons per hour, and from the crusher the material will go to the rolls, which are capable of handling fifty tons per day of twenty-four hours. From the rolls, the material will pass over an eighteen-inch mesh screen to the T. L. Rankin rotary roaster, which is forty-two feet in length. After roasting, the ore will pass to the cooler drag, and then elevated to the bins over the cyanide cylinder, which has a capacity of eight tons.

From the cylinder, the material will go into the filter tanks, and the solution will be drawn off by a vacuum pump and passed into the gold solution tanks; thence into the zinc boxes.

This is the first mill of the exact character that has been built, and its builders expect much from it in the way of large percentage of saving at a small cost.

The Springdale mill is situated close to the Tonopah and Tidewater railroad track, within a half mile of the townsite of Springdale. Water for the plant will be secured from the townsite, where there are numerous large springs of fine water. A pumping station has been established at the railway to elevate the water to the mill.

Charles S. Newton, of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Moss Newton, of Boston, are the financial end of the

Springdale mill project. The company owns a number of mining locations close to Springdale, and one of a commercial nature has been developed.

JUDGE WRIGHT AMUSED BY THREATENING LETTERS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—"I have not been measured for my shroud yet, nor can I say I am afraid to go home in the dark," commented Justice Daniel T. Wright, when asked about the hundreds of threatening letters sent to him by persons who were displeased over his recent decision sentencing Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison to prison for contempt of court. "Of such communications I have received a waste basket full," said the justice, "but I am losing no sleep over the threats contained in them. I am amused, rather than terrified."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. All members of Mizpah Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, and all visiting members are requested to be present at the regular meeting Monday, when installation of officers will take place. Grand Chancellor W. C. Pitt will be present.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union will meet at headquarters, the home of Mrs. Hurlbut, company house No. 3, on Friday, January 8, at 3 p. m. All interested are cordially invited. By order of the officers.

ATTENTION EAGLES Tonopah Aerie No. 271, Fraternal Order of Eagles, meets tonight at Butler hall at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited. ALEX. A. DEWAR, W. P.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION The regular semi-annual examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will begin at 8 a. m. January 11, 1909. In Tonopah the examination will be held at the high school. 1-6-3t

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HIGH K. OF P. TO VISIT THE TONOPAH LODGE

W. C. Pitt, grand chancellor for the domain of Nevada of the Knights of Pythias, will visit Tonopah Monday and will conduct the installation ceremonies for the local lodge of Knights of Pythias on that evening. Following the ceremonies there will be a big feed and every local and visiting knight is requested to be present. The committee on arrangements are fixing up a fine program for that evening and a good time is promised.

This is Mr. Pitt's first visit to Tonopah since last June, when he was elected to the office, and his visit is the official one he is required to make to every lodge in this state. From Tonopah he will go to Goldfield, where he will visit the lodge in that city.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP FOR LINCOLN MEMORIAL (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The issuance of a new postage stamp of the 2-cent denomination in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln is provided for in a joint resolution introduced by Representative Dawson of Iowa.

EVIDENCE STOLEN FROM SOCIALIST NEWSPAPERS (By Associated Press.) GIRARD (Kans.), Jan. 7.—Evidence collected at considerable expense by Attorney Clarence Darrow of Chicago for the defense of Fred M. Warren, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist paper published here, was stolen from the safe of that paper yesterday. The safe was wrecked with nitro-glycerin. Warren is under federal indictment, charging him with sending "scurrilous, defamatory and threatening language" through the mails in connection with the trial of W. D. Haywood of Idaho.

LOSES HIS WIFE ON NEW YORK STREET CAR (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—F. P. Harrison has appealed to the police to help him find his young wife, Elizabeth, who disappeared mysteriously on last Saturday evening from a Columbus avenue street car. The young husband says he arose before his wife, making his way to the car door, expecting that she would follow. When he stepped from the car she was nowhere in sight and he again boarded the car, thinking that she had been delayed for some reason. He found no trace of her, however.

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