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THE LID OFF IN NEVADA.

Every state in the union has resources strictly its own, and Nevada is no exception. It would be hard to conceive a tangible reason why any man or set of men, unless bent on publicity, should set to work to destroy any or all of a state's resources. In such states as Indiana, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and others, where resources are diversified and where population is so large that taxes do not fall upon them as an unbearable burden, the people have to contend with the agitator, the reformer—or to be more plain, the "calamity howler," the one who can always tell you at what particular moment he will be "touched off," who can foresee how you and yours are going down to perdition and ruin. If the measures championed by him are not enacted into law. He is usually so narrowly contracted, mentally, that his leathered cranium will not permit the most plausible objection to receive any consideration in the gray matter of his brain pan. He can not understand that other people (and they are in a large majority) have any voice in a matter in which he may be interested. Time and time again you, Mr. Reader, have heard some fanatic, religious or otherwise, bore a suffering audience with his theories, and you have watched that very individual from year to year barking away like a coyote to the detriment of his interests and those of his family. You have seen him grow from a comparatively rich and self-respecting man to a condition of poverty and mental distress. When that stage was reached, you have seen him wake up—come to his senses, as it were—and spend the balance of his days deploring the fact he had been (as he might express it) such a d— fool. But it was then too late.

The state of Nevada today is in the throes of a campaign which is being inaugurated by the goody-goody element and grafters for the suppression of gambling, saloons, dance halls and the like. The Bonanza is not prepared to question the good intent of some of the agitators of this cause—but believes there is deep-rooted graft in sight for the ringleaders should their efforts to put the lid on in Nevada prove successful, and this paper wishes to be understood as going on record as being radically opposed to any such legislation in this state. In doing so the public is entitled to know the "ifs" and "ands" that prompt such opposition.

While Nevada has other resources than mining they are of comparatively little consequence when the enormity of her mining industries are taken into consideration. The gambling and saloon interests have ever been a friend of the prospector. Many of our prosperous mining camps have been discovered through a "grub-stake" furnished by these liberal and public-spirited citizens. Take our own little city, for instance. Walk down the streets and look at the most substantial buildings. Whose money contributed to these permanent improvements? If you are fair-minded you will have to admit that the saloon men have done the most of it.

Miners, as a rule, should receive the credit for what Nevada is today—one of the richest mineral districts of the world. It was they who migrated to this desert country only a few years ago and who by sheer grit, industry and an almost superhuman power to withstand hardships, succeeded in developing the mines that today are known from center to circumference of the world. They were the rough-shod, free-hearted, free-and-go-easy sort of men. Comforts to them in those days were an unknown quantity. While they suffered untold hardships they remained strong, open and above board in their dealings with their fellow men. Their home was a cabin, ungraced by fire-place and luxuries they had left to come out here to seek fortunes. They knew not the gentle voice of mother or sister, and they were justly entitled to crave for a life which carried with it something bordering on the wide-open policy. It was but natural they should do so. The galling solitude of the desert was not conducive to contentment without something to interrupt the monotonous quiet.

These conditions were responsible for the establishing of saloons in Nevada. They were likewise responsible for the gambling evil (so-called), the dance hall and kindred amusements which were and are now enjoyed in Nevada as in no other state in the union. This was what Nevadans wanted then, as they do now, and the lives our people prefer to lead should not, and we believe will not, be denied them by legislative act simply because a coterie of graft artists and a few conscientious (?) people ask it. We might suggest the opposition element is so vastly in the minority that should they feel unable to exist under present conditions and decide to remove from the state, their company would not be missed.

If any taxpayer of Nevada will take the trouble to investigate, it will not take him long to conclude that the element these people are desirous of suppressing, are paying into the treasuries of the various counties a huge proportion of their taxes. Curtail (even partially) or suppress their business if you will. But in doing so, ransack your better judgment and see if you are willing to shoulder the increased taxation that will fall upon you; for you must agree taxes will not be reduced should the lid be put on in Nevada.

Another point, and an important one, is the fact that these men came to Nevada, invested their money, helped to build up camps in all parts of the state, reared families, built homes, built schools and, in fact, have been public-spirited in almost all instances. Some of the palatial bar rooms of the state have been built at the cost of fortunes. Do we want to enact a law which can have no other end than to jeopardize the value of these interests, that will strike at the very foundation of nearly every camp in the state? Do we want to enact a law that will force a large portion of our population to leave the state, and by so doing stagnate immigration within our borders? Do we want to enact a law which will make a living corpse of nearly every village in the state and that will depreciate values generally?

The Bonanza answers: No—most emphatically. Leave the lid off in Nevada.

ANENT TONOPAH MINING.

A subscriber to the New York Mining Age recently addressed a communication to that paper requesting information as to the exact status of affairs in the Tonopah mining district. The letter was answered in a conservative way, as follows:

"The highest market quotation in Tonopah Mining was reached when silver was selling above 60 cents an ounce. Today the white

metal is quoted at 52½ cents, or a difference of 7½ cents an ounce. As the company handles about 3000 tons of ore per month, yielding between twenty-two and thirty ounces of silver to the ton in addition to the gold values, the loss in profit figures in the neighborhood of \$1.85 per ton, or a difference of over \$3000 per week.

"The company's ores, as is generally known by this time, average 32 per cent gold and 64 per cent silver, figuring the bullion recovered as a unit of 100 per cent. Its tonnage in sight measures in excess of 400,000 tons, or enough in sight to keep the mill going for three years without blocking out any more.

"Its future and outlook depend upon what is going to be found below the 600-foot level. The latest news advice say, that as yet there has been no material changes at 1200 feet.

"The company's quarterly statement just rendered shows net profits of \$451,000 for the quarter ending November 30, 1908. In addition there is on hand, after paying the present dividend, \$392,800 in cash."

The Tonopah Bonanza wants to go on record as approving the plan of keeping Nevada a strictly wide-open state. Wide-open people have made Nevada what she is today; and it is not for a few of the divinely inspired contingent to ruin business interests that have been built up by years of integrity on the part of those who came to this state at a time when the pin-headed element would not dare to have risked themselves in the barren wilds of Nevada.

Going into a licensed gambling house and playing your dollars on the boards, or going into a licensed saloon and getting and paying for what your appetite may crave, has got the "lid closed" localities beat a mile. Sneaking behind the prescription case of a drug store in a prohibition town and murdering one's self with "T. A." whisky don't look good to us out here in Nevada. Likewise the hay-mow and corn-crib poker games have no charms.

The many people who are today endeavoring to abolish gambling and saloons can, when any charitable work is being carried on, be seen soliciting aid from the men they are so dextrously trying to ruin. Were it not for the liberality of the gambling and saloon element, it is quite doubtful if these agitators would be able to buy bread and butter in this neck o' the woods.

When it comes to a show down will the legislature defeat the proposed raise in salaries of state officials as they did the prayer stunt? Somehow, we are inclined to sympathize with the poor chaplain who befuddles his brain to enthrain the big guns at Carson at \$2 per.

If the psalm singers of Reno want to kill off those enterprises in Nevada which a large majority of the state's citizens depend upon for a livelihood, they should keep up their coyote-like rantings. Otherwise they should shut up like a clam.

California may be all right (in a way) for racetrack interests, but Nevada is better prepared to give this element the kind of welcome that makes the heart glad.

When the promoters of the county division scheme get through with your Uncle Zeb they will know what it is to butt into a real live buzz saw.

"If Bryan could only see me now!"—Senator Newlands, upon hearing of his endorsement for the presidency in 1912.

If prayer manufacturers are to receive an advance in salary, the tangible solution would seem to be a "prayer union."

A huge joke—that Newlands presidency stunt.

O'CONNELL DRAWS SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL AT GOLDFIELD

W. B. O'Connell, one of Sheriff Owen's star boarders who was recently given a six months' fender, was sentenced Tuesday in Goldfield to serve three months in the county jail for disturbing the peace. It appears as soon as O'Connell arrived in the southern camp he immediately filled himself with fire water and then started a disturbance which landed him as usual behind the bars. He will take the pledge for three months.

THE CINNABAR MINING CO.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday at the county clerk's office of the Cinnabar Mining company. The company is incorporated for \$200,000 and the incorporators are W. E. Roche, J. W. Simonds, J. A. McDaid, Harry Quinn, and Emil Feltman.

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Dillon was boarding a car on December 30, when the motorman started up, throwing him to the ground. His arm was so badly lacerated by the car wheel that amputation became necessary.

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