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BOYLE GETS IN BAD.

"I KILLED the new prison—with my little hatchet I killed the new prison." This is Emmet Boyle's explanation of his attempt to burden the state with a \$550,000 prison.

But Boyle became state engineer on March 10, 1910, by appointment of Acting Governor Dickerson, succeeding Frank K. Nicholas.

The legislature (1909) made an appropriation for the construction of a new prison and under the act it was provided that the state engineer should draw the plans and specifications and be the superintendent and architect.—Boyle's speech.

Boyle refused to accept the plans of Nicholas, which he estimated would cost from \$500,000 to \$750,000 to erect, and

The permission was granted me finally to proceed to draft plans in accordance with the provisions of the law. I finally submitted to the board a set of plans calling for the expenditure of \$355,000; but knowing that there was some irregularity in granting the steel contract, I withheld my approval, knowing that a new board was coming into office and that it would act fairly toward the people of the state. The first act I committed after Governor Oddie took office was to lay this matter before him and to suggest that the only way to block the deal, etc. I therefore claim that in stopping the building of the prison I am entitled absolutely to the credit, and in my opinion I am entitled to the credit.—Boyle's speech.

The irregularity in granting the steel contract, referred to, must have occurred on December 28, 1910, or three days before Governor Oddie was sworn in, that being the date the contract was let. Mr. Boyle's approval was therefore withheld during the Dickerson regime a matter of three days. Promptly on Governor Oddie being sworn in, Boyle, according to his statement, notified him of the irregularity, a piece of news which, although the papers at the time were full of it, Mr. Boyle evidently labored under the impression that Governor Oddie had not heard. So he enlightened him and "suggested the way to block the deal," and under his tutelage the deal was blocked and Boyle now is in a receptive mood for the plaudits of the voters.

MR. BOYLE, IN HIS EXPLANATION, HAS OVERLOOKED SOMETHING.

Was the public clamor and indignation against the new prison, which assumed the proportions of a scandal at one time, solely a matter of letting the contract for the steel cells on December 28, 1910?

Was not there something more to it? In point of fact, did not Section 7 of Chapter CXXXI, the very law providing for the new prison and under which as stated by him to the state engineer was to draw the plans and specifications and be the superintendent and architect, contain the following limitation as to cost:

Sec. 7. For the purpose of carrying out ALL AND SINGULAR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same to be transferred to the State Prison Building Fund, etc.

Yet, Mr. Boyle, in the face of that limitation and without other authority of law extending such limitation of cost, prepared plans for a new prison costing \$355,000, and was only exercised as a good public-spirited citizen and officeholder because there was some irregularity in letting the contract for the steel cells.

If we remember correctly, Governor Oddie and the people of the state were exercised chiefly as to why an act of the legislature, limiting the cost of a new prison to \$100,000, could be stretched to enable a \$355,000 prison to be saddled on the taxpayers. Perhaps Mr. Boyle can explain this, for it is a point that has never been clear in the public mind.

One thing, however, is clear, that after Governor Oddie was sworn in there was not a single additional dollar expended on the new prison that we know of.

SON AGAINST FATHER.

READ the stranger than fiction story of Woodburn vs. Woodburn, son against father, and you will find good reason for voting against Newlands, the man who never had any use for Nevada except as a stepping stone to political aggrandizement. The Carson City News treats of the matter in the following scathing editorial:

The cast of Woodburn vs. Woodburn is a most peculiar one in the annals of political history. A man—the father—fought for years for political favors. He was a strong and powerful man in his party councils; he was staunch for the right and fearless upon the stump. His enemy of those days was Francis G. Newlands and in the battles fought the old man fell, for arrayed against him was the wealth of the man who stooped to any depth to encompass the downfall of the brainy Woodburn. The old man Woodburn had a son to whom he gave every advantage within his power and in time to come saw him admitted to the bar and become a more or less successful politician within the state. The old man saw his son become a henchman of the enemy of the father and closer and closer grow the bond. The father saw the son appear upon the political rostrum of the state and eulogize his enemy. The father heard the words said which branded the father as a falsifier. He knew that his only son had turned from him and when the father had grown old and gray, and weak and when he knew that his son had turned from him to serve the God of Mammon, for political favors he would kiss the hand that struck his father; for office would bless the man who had damned his parent; would tour the state and give the

lie to the story told by his own father years before when he a child was hoping and wishing and striving that his father would prove the victor in the great battle that meant so much to the Woodburn family.

This is the case of Woodburn vs. Woodburn. A father forsaken in his old age by a son who would cause the burning words of a father to be forgotten and would ask for support for the man who had beaten his father in an unequal fray.

In that speech of years ago the father said "The history of politics in no country has ever revealed such an anomalous condition as exists in Nevada," and the statement made at that time is true today. The case of Woodburn vs. Woodburn will be talked of in the state for years to come and we wonder what the verdict of the people will be. Will they vote for the man who has won a son to sing the praises of his father's enemy?

FAMOUS SACK OF FLOUR.

A STORY going the rounds of the state press recalls that in 1864 Gridley, an enthusiastic grocer of Austin, who after winning a sack of flour on an election wager, gave a sack of flour to the Sanitary Commission then conducting what would be known today as Red Cross work in the southern war camps. This sack of Nevada flour realized \$275,000 by being passed along from one town to another where it was offered at auction. The buyer always donated the sack back to the cause and the flour made the rounds of Nevada and California. So far so good. But the patriotic people who have revived the flour are taking advantage of the faith of the average citizen who will not stop to inquire what kind of flour was equal to the strain of keeping wholesome for a period of fifty years. The late report states this flour will be part of the semi-centennial of the birth of the state as the gift of the daughter and granddaughter of Gridley, who will present it to the Nevada Historical Society. The editor of the Bonanza would like to have some information on the subject. When he was a boy the Gridley flour was going the rounds and after every device had been exhausted to make it a drawing card, the contents of the sack were finally made up into biscuits and sold. This was the last of the famous Gridley flour and if there is another sack being palmed off on the public as the only genuine one it is well to inquire how the owner came into possession of the prize and how he or she succeeded in preserving the flour to the present day. If the biscuits were not genuine, the citizens of Nevada fifty years ago were imposed on and if they were genuine some one is imposing on the credulity of the citizens today.

Thatcher has joined the Newlands bunch with misrepresentation that befits his character. George Springmeyer nails the lie circulated in Tonopah Saturday night by proving that at no time did he assail Hon. Hugh H. Brown or do anything for the railroads that and public-spirited citizen might not do with perfect propriety. To advance himself Thatcher is willing to sacrifice Bartine, that grand old man of the Democratic party who has acquitted himself with credit in the office of chairman of the State Railroad Commission. What Springmeyer did was done openly and formed part of the records of the Republican party as shown by the railroad plank inserted by the committee on resolutions.

The more they say about that prison scandal the worse it appears. The best policy for Boyle to adopt would be strict silence. The prison scandal is an ugly mess whose stench drives people from support of the party that tried to foist a \$550,000 prison on a state of 85,000 people when the legislature, only called for a building costing not to exceed \$100,000.

Oddie's direct appeal to the decent voters of Nevada may lose him some votes among the saloon element of Reno which thrived on gambling and divorce, but the governor's course will bring hundreds of voters to his support.

Sam Platt is willing to make the campaign on the issue that Newlands pays taxes on \$105,000 while he only pays taxes on \$1,400. Platt says he was not lucky enough to marry millions of the Sharon estate and had to earn every dollar he received.

Oddie is a tower of strength, just what Nevada needs in this crucial period when the mining interests suffer from the indifference of the Nevada senators.

If open gambling and divorce are dead issues, as Boyle chooses to regard them, they will prove very live questions on the third of November.

Will the German right extend to Ostend?

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Neutrality, like morality, is a personal matter which neither laws nor admonition can enforce.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Armor plate is down to \$446 a ton and the demand light. Buy a ton and put it away.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A duke insists that American girls should pay for titles. They do, and very often, too, in coin much dearer than money.—Omaha Bee.

A new tack hammer has a con-tainer for tacks in the handle. In this container also may go a rag for the pounded thumb.—Minneapolis Journal.

Reports of cholera in Austria are heavily countered by Berlin with reports of the bubonic plague on the side of the allies.—Springfield Republican.

Why is it that the civilians killed by bombs are always "innocent"? Can't they nip off an offensive one now and then?—Chicago Evening Post.

Alabama hasn't so many packing plants as she ought to have, but there is no reason why every farmer in

the state should not have a smoke-house.—Tuscaloosa News.

Monte Carlo, Monaco, is another neutral which must have been hard hit by the war, Europe has all the gambling she can afford at the front.—San Francisco Chronicle.

"Buy a bale of cotton and forget it till next year," says a cotton booster. Piffle. Nothing is so cheap nowadays that you can buy it and forget it.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Since Colonel Harvey and the president signed one of those peace treaties, there has been some wigwagging going on between the state department and Champ Clark.—Minneapolis Journal.

Russia is winning another victory and slaying the enemy by the thousands, according to the latest from Petrograd, which always tries to send encouraging news.—Nashville Tennessean.

If Germany actually were contemplating a Zeppelin raid on England, of course, the first thing for Berlin to do would be to send out a complete synopsis of its intentions.—Sioux City Journal.

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