

# TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

Published every evening, Sunday excepted, by the Tonopah Bonanza Printing Co., Incorporated.

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS  MEMBER NEVADA PRESS ASS'N

**W. W. BOOTH, EDITOR AND MANAGER**

**Terms of Subscription by Mail for Daily Bonanza:**  
 One Year.....\$12.00 Three Months.....\$3.00  
 Nine Months..... 9.00 One Month..... 1.00  
 Six Months..... 6.00 One Week..... .50  
 Delivered by Carrier, \$1.25 per Month.

**TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

Parties who do not receive their papers, or who have any cause for complaint, will oblige The Bonanza by notifying this office.

**\$10 REWARD.**

A reward of \$10 will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of parties stealing The Bonanza from subscribers.

All legal advertisements will be charged for at the rate of \$2.50 per square for the first insertion. There will be no exception to this rate. No affidavit of publication will be made until the advertisement is paid for.

No advertising cut, one square inch or smaller, will be accepted unless made of metal. No wood base cuts this size will be used. Wood cuts are dangerous to forms and press.

Entered at the postoffice in Tonopah as second-class matter.

**SEND US THE GOOD NEWS**

AND still the Bonanza persists that tales of disaster, battle, crime, marital infelicity and exorcism of the lower animal of humankind are not real news. What the people should be told is the story of the progress of the world and it is what they should demand. This morning the Bonanza glanced over the San Francisco Chronicle, a newspaper that possesses the instincts of journalism probably with greater keenness than any other publication on the Pacific coast and it regrets to state that on the first page there appeared a story of the encircling movement against the Russians, the mobilization of 100,000 Bulgarian troops, the chaos resulting from the non-partisan movement in California, a tale of a woman who drank chloroform, the sale of a ruined monument in Europe, despoliment of the ralsin market, loss of a letter by an opera singer, murder of woman to seal lips from police, suicide of a wife by hanging, evidence of arson conspiracy, raid by Mexican bandits, daughter's sweetheart slain by father, arsonist released on bail, court-martialing of German spies, declaration of war zone by Serbians, advance by French troops upon the enemy, death of Anthony Comstock, short measure by shingle dealers, boy falls to death, et cetera, ad infinitum, with but a single item or two relative to the betterment of the race.

We don't want to read about these affairs of sadness, crime and devastation. Pray that the Associated Press will remodel its service. The world has enough of its sorrows to not be further depressed by one half reading about what the other half does wrong. Let us have a little rainbow across our first page, a bit of sunshine to sandwich in between the rain. The world is a beautiful place in which to live. It is progressive. It has loves and sacrifices that make for betterment and joy. Give us the good news with the bad, awake the paeon as well as the dirge, the exultation as well as the regret and the desponding recollection. This is a good world, let the press correspondence assist in making it better.

**NO PARTISANSHIP, NO POLITICS, JUST PUBLIC GOOD**

NEITHER politics nor partisanship enters into the commission form of government which will be adopted by Tonopah at the earliest possible moment. There may be some who will object on the grounds that it is a socialistic type, but the objection will be overcome when it is shown that true socialism, not of the abiotic, raving, raging kind, but the calm, deliberative system, that is the outgrowth of deep thought and keen, conscientious inspiration, is really the best that may be undertaken for the conduct of public affairs.

The five good men and true who were selected after the meeting Tuesday evening have not yet made their choice of the fifteen men whom they deem most capable of naming the fifteen men who will draw up the tentative form of government. It is possible, even probable, that there will be further nominations, in which instance the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes will be selected to draw up the form of the charter to be submitted to popular vote. There will be no partisanship in this matter. The Bonanza has investigated the voting record of these five men and begs to report that at the last election two of them were registered as Republicans, one as a Socialist and two as Democrats. It is expected that there will be a representation of all three parties in the fifteen men that they will select, after carefully going over the voting list.

Then will come further procedure according to the statute, but it is assured that it will be non-partisan proceedings. There is no possibility of the commission form being representative of one of the great parties to the exclusion of the others. If anything of that nature is attempted, the Bonanza will oppose the new program to the limit of its powers. It is a matter of getting away from politics and getting closer to the wishes and needs of the people. It is hoped and believed that there will be a community of interest established and that the plans for the formation of a commission form of government for this community will be given undivided support by all parties. The matter is one that requires thorough understanding of the steps to be taken and the results to be attained and to this end the Bonanza will engage to publish the act providing for a commission form of government in full within the next few days, just as soon as space permits.

**WILSON AND THE TARIFF**

REPORTS from Washington are to the effect that President Wilson is opposed to tariff tinkering. He thinks that the Democratic tariff law should have a longer trial, and expresses a belief that, after the war is over and imports are back on a normal basis, the ability of the Wilson-Underwood tariff to produce necessary revenues will be established.

The revised tariff schedules of the Wilson-Underwood law were in effect more than a year before the war started, and in that time it accomplished a great deal in the direction of putting business on its back and wage earners on their "uppers." The conditions produced in the industrial and commercial fields in this country every time the Democrats have undertaken to enforce their free trade policy were reproduced by the Wilson-Underwood tariff revision. Foreign manufactures poured into the American market, with the result that opportunities for citizens of the United States to earn an honest living were reduced and hundreds of thousands of idle men and women were obliged to eat out of the hand of charity.

And that would undoubtedly be the condition now were it not for the war, which is doing for us what a protective tariff did for us under Republican rule for upward of sixteen years. In spite of an income tax and a war tax, this country is running behind financially every month, and if it wasn't for the war a great army of wage earners would be taking an enforced vacation.

**CLIPPED AND CREDITED**

It is said that women are the best haters, but they are the best lovers, too.—Ohio State Journal.  
 Many a significant military secret reposes in the silence of Davy Jones' locker.—Washington Star.

**Velox Transparent Water Color Stamps**

make the coloring of prints a very simple matter—there's nothing to it except results.  
 The beautiful color combinations of nature are artistically, simply and easily reproduced.

**PROUTY'S UNION DRUG STORE**

## PUBLIC SERVICE DECISION IN FAVOR OF SEWER CO.

Before the Public Service Commission of Nevada.

Public Service Commission of Nevada, complainant, versus Tonopah Sewer and Drainage Company, a corporation, respondent.

Opinion and order, case U-58.

Bartine, chief commissioner.

This case has been pending for a considerable period of time, which is due partly to the fact that the Commission has found the case involved and difficult to deal with satisfactorily, and partly to the pressure of other business. Some three years ago a complaint was filed with the Commission by a number of citizens of the Town of Tonopah, under the name of the "Business Men's Association."

The complaint charged generally that the rates for sewer service were excessive and discriminatory, and that the rules, regulations and practices of the company were unjust and unreasonable. The commission gave that complaint a great deal of consideration at the time, but could not see its way clear either to make an order reducing the rates or changing materially the rules, regulations and practices of the sewer company. The recommendation of the Commission was that a sanitary zone be established in Tonopah by the Board of County Commissioners, acting as a Town Board, and that all parties having buildings within said district, needing sewer connections, be required to make connection with the respondent company's sewer system. Nothing has come of this recommendation, although it was believed, and still is, that it would be, or at least lay a foundation, for the best solution of the general problem.

Later, a series of complaints was filed by one S. R. Moore, president of S. R. Moore & Company, a corporation engaged in the real estate business in the said Town of Tonopah. These complaints were varied in character, and went into specific instances of what the complainant undoubtedly believed were unjust and unreasonable rules, regulations, practices and charges by the respondent company. It seemed to the Commission that the better way to deal with the questions involved was to make the case its own, and institute an investigation of the whole situation under the provisions of Section 19, of the Public Service Commission Law of this State.

A hearing was held at the Town of Tonopah on January 15 and 16 of the year 1914, which hearing was presided over by the chairman of this Commission. The case against the company was conducted by Mr. S. R. Moore, who had filed the various complaints referred to above. The respondent company was not represented by attorney, but the president of the company, Mr. J. G. Crumley, appeared in person and made such showing on behalf of the company as he desired to.

At the hearing it seemed to the Commissioner presiding that a great deal of personal feeling was existent and cropped out at almost every stage of the proceeding. He endeavored, rather unavailingly, to hold the representative of the complainant or complainants down to something approximating the rules which obtain in judicial procedure. The result was that a great many statements of alleged facts found their way into the record which would never be regarded as testimony in any judicial tribunal. If this Commission were to make an order based upon such evidence, and had nothing else to stand upon, when the order was contested in court there could be but one result, which would be that the court would hold the order invalid, assuming always that the order was in line with complainant's contentions.

However, out of the mass of matter introduced as evidence, it is possible to gather what seems to be the principal grievances of those who were dissatisfied with the actions of the sewer company. These will be separately stated, and so far as possible treated separately in this opinion.

I. It is complained that the sewer company pursues the custom of compelling the new tenant of a house having a sewer connection, to pay the unpaid bill of the previous occupant.

II. It is complained that the company requires the new tenant to bear

the cost of reconnecting the building with the sewer system in cases where it has been discontinued.

III. It is claimed that these reconnection charges are excessive.

IV. It is alleged that the sewer company wrongfully refuses to allow two tenants to be served through a single lateral.

V. It is alleged that the custom of the company in demanding a deposit as a pre-requisite for service is unjust, and unreasonable, and that such practice should not be allowed.

VI. It is alleged generally that the sewer charges are excessive, exorbitant, and unreasonable.

We will consider these in their order.

I. It must be stated at the outset that any custom on the part of the company requiring a new tenant to pay the bill of a previous occupant of the premises as a condition for the furnishing of sewer service to him, cannot receive the approval of this Commission. And, had such custom been clearly proved, the Commission would certainly feel that it should make an order prohibiting it in the future. The evidence, however, fails to sustain the complaint upon this point. Mr. Crumley, the president of the company, positively denies that any such custom exists or that he has made the rendering of sewer service conditional upon the payment by a new tenant of the unpaid bills of his predecessor. That such was the custom was rather strongly asserted by Mr. Moore in his conduct of the case, but it seems to the Commissioner who listened to the testimony, and who has since carefully read the record, that the evidence does not sustain the assertion. The witness Reynolds, whose case had been referred to us as sustaining this charge, refused to testify that his service was made conditional upon his payment of a previously existing bill; that he did not pay the bill, and yet he received the service. The testimony bearing upon this point was quite indefinite and does not furnish a basis upon which the Commission can make a specific order.

II. The practice of requiring a tenant to bear the expense of reconnection when the pipes have been discontinued because of a building being unoccupied.

The evidence on the part of the sewer company went to show that when a building was vacated, and remained

(Continued on Page 3.)

**Wittenberg Warehouse & Transfer Company**  
**Exclusive Agents**  
 FOR  
**Genuine Rock Springs Coal.**

NOTHING ADDS SO MUCH TO YOUR PERSONAL CHARMS AS PEARLY WHITE TEETH

**MERITOL RIBBON TOOTH PASTE**

heads the list of pleasant tooth preparations. It whitens and preserves the teeth, leaves the mouth sterile and purifies the breath.

Sold only by the

**TONOPAH DRUG CO.**  
 Prescription Specialists

### For the Hot Weather

Try an ice chest, a fireless cooker, window and door screens and a fly swatter or two. Everything seasonable in our line.

**TONOPAH HARDWARE CO.**

### THE BANK BUFFET

ARTISTICALLY ARRANGED UNEXCELLED SERVICE  
 AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONGENIALITY AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP

WALTER DRYSDALE, Proprietor

### FRESH MEATS

FISH - and - POULTRY

We Handle Only First-Class Nevada Beef

**TONOPAH-GOLDFIELD MEAT COMPANY**

## Nevada First National Bank of Tonopah

Capital, \$100,000.00



More extensive service for Ford owners is assured by the addition of new branches and more agents. Over 900,000 Fords now in daily use—7,000 Ford agents to give service,—should be evidence enough to any prospective buyer of the stability, quality and general popularity of this universal car, and the prices lower than ever. Runabout \$390; Touring Car \$440; Town Car \$640; f. o. b. Detroit. Why pay more?

ON SALE AT  
**TONOPAH AUTO SUPPLY CO.,**  
 Tonopah, Nevada.

## CAMPBELL & KELLY FOUNDRY and MACHINE SHOP

"Tried in the Fire"

TAKING ORDERS AND FILLING THEM  
 AUTO REPAIRS A SPECIALTY  
**TONOPAH, NEVADA**

## NATIONAL REALTY AND INVESTMENT COMPANY

208 MAIN STREET TONOPAH, NEV.

## TONOPAH CLUB

The Most up-to-date house in town  
 OPP. THE POSTOFFICE  
 Everything strictly first-class  
**NICK ABLEMAN & CHAS. TAYLOR, Props.**

## NEW STAGE LINE

between  
**Tonopah and Goldfield**  
 Connecting with Las Vegas & Tonopah R. R. and Tonopah & Tidewater R. R. trains to and from the south.  
 Leave Mizpah hotel, Tonopah.....11:45 a. m.  
 Leave L. V. & T. office, Goldfield,..... 8:00 p. m.  
 Fare, \$3.50. Big, comfortable cars.

**DESERT AUTO CO.**

E. J. WENGER, Manager

## MUSIC AND SONG

...AT THE...

## Big Casino

EVERY NIGHT

**Private Dance Floor**

**AL. THACKERY** - - - Proprietor