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THINK IT OVER, MR. TAXPAYER

THE year is nearing an end. Looking backward over the twelve months, the taxpayers may well wonder what has been done with their money. No public buildings were erected and no work of any consequence was done on the highways. Yet the general fund became exhausted and a loan had to be obtained.

The valuation in Nye is heavy and the tax rate high. Next year both will be increased. What a merry time the board and its legal adviser will have concocting plans to scatter this big roll without any permanent or even visible results. Just wonder over it, Mr. Taxpayer.

EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES

WHEN a public Christmas tree was first planned for this holiday, it was the original intent to have it for the benefit of the children who would have no Christmas festivities at home, but the plan was broadened to include all little folk, rich and poor, in the city. And still the project grew. It now includes all the children in Nye county, and many who have no means of transportation will be brought here in Tonopah autos.

By no other means could the Christmas spirit be better exemplified than in the manner in which it is shown in Tonopah this year by the citizens generally and also by the Elks in particular, who raised more than \$700 clear at their recent bazaar and are expending it to bring pleasure to many a home where even the necessities of life are lacking. The Tonopah spirit, so prevalent and so prominent of late, is the Christmas spirit and it will be kept alive through future years.

THE ROADS IN THE SOUTH

THERE are tremendous developments under way in Southern Nye. Formerly arid plains are being alchemized into fertile farms. Mines are beginning to pour forth their treasure and the great marble quarries are being put on a productive basis. The people of Southern Nye are heavy taxpayers. They are not grudging in giving of their tithes, but they expect and demand soem return. If provided with fairly good roads they would be content, but not one-tenth of the money they pay into the county is used for their direct advantage. No wonder the Carrara Obelisk complains and threatens. It has a kick coming.

REITERATION OF OLD SUGGESTION

DURING these long winter evenings the assembling of business men and citizens generally once a week to discuss community matters and take action thereon, would be a pleasant diversion as well as accomplish good for the city. The old town meetings have far from passed out of existence. There is hardly a town in Nevada that does not possess such an organization and they all accomplish good.

Under its peculiar form of government, Tonopah has no means of securing action in matters pertaining to public welfare, except once a month when the board is in session, two of the members living remote from the town. Thus many opportunities have been permitted to pass. The Bonanza recently fathered a town meeting and it was attended by more than two hundred people, but for reasons which are too well understood to be expressed, it is deemed best to have such a movement originate from another source this time.

IS THERE A HOLE IN THE TREASURY?

CONGRESS ought to find out whether Senator Smoot is telling the truth or whether Secretary McAdoo is telling the truth. The head of the Treasury Department says there is a balance of \$120,000,000. The Utah Senator insists there is a balance of only \$3,000,000, and that the more favorable showing presented by Mr. McAdoo is the result of juggling the books. Now a thing like \$117,000,000 may seem to the most opulent government on earth a mere trifle, but it represents about a dollar and twenty cents for every inhabitant.

It is by no means a trifle for an already overburdened taxpayer. It is not a trifle when Mr. McAdoo is easting around to find new ways to extract more money from our pockets than was ever before paid out by Americans in a single year for government support. Whether there is really a Democratic treasury deficit covered up by a new style of bookkeeping, as Senator Smoot asserts, we know not, but we do know that there is nothing but extravagance at Washington. A party committed by tradition to economic practices has squandered more than any previous administration.

This showing is all the worse, since it came during a period of the most drastic business depression witnessed for twenty years. Everybody had to economize except the Federal Government, and it forged ahead in reckless waste as if the people had nothing to do but pay taxes to be pork-barreled by Congress. By all means let us know if there is or is not a hole in the United States Treasury.

Yesterday was the shortest day in 1915. Everybody was short, but Christmas comes only once a year.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

A movement has been started in Chicago for a state matrimonial agency. The state must be looking for trouble.—Baltimore American.

An Atlanta man claims to drink fifty bottles of beer a day. Such a man is well fixed for forcing prohibition on others.—Florida Times Union.

With the United States so peaceful and prosperous, Colonel Roosevelt may be driven to offer his services to one of the European belligerents.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Chicago boasts of a citizen ninety years old who never used a "cuss" word. Maybe he was just born in Chicago and spent all his time elsewhere.—Birmingham Ledger.

It is interesting to know, from Wall Street, that "the surplus of money is growing." In Washington, however, it is the deficit that is doing the expanding.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The person who delivered a caged squirrel to the Henry Ford party just before sailing probably figured that as there was a cargo of nuts aboard the little animal would have plenty of food.—New Orleans States.

Carter Harrison insists that the postmaster at Chicago must be a German-American. We do not insist on the German but the American should be there.—Florida Times Union.

George Bernard Shaw, who bids America build thirty-two dread-noughts and spend a billion for defense, has been reading dime novels or the works of Theodore Roosevelt.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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