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BE EARNEST OPTIMISTS.

VICE-PRESIDENT McCORMACK of the Southern Pacific, in interview with the Bonanza yesterday, struck the keynote of successful boosting when he said: "I am not a 'careless' optimist, but an 'earnest' optimist."

Let us all be likewise. Earnest, rather than flippant, optimism is what will count with Tonopah at the present time. Never was there greater occasion for optimism. Silver is mounting in price and the mines are showing better. Wartime prices prevail for the useful metals that are found in the tributary districts and commercial conditions are getting better and on a more substantial foundation. Let us all be optimistic, earnestly so.

REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER!

TOMORROW the registration books will open for the school election to be held Saturday, April 1. It is the duty of all citizens to cast their ballot at this election, whether or not there is a contest. It will evidence that interest is manifested by the voters in educational matters. It is a matter of sentiment.

Voters who were registered at the latest election need not again enroll, but all who have come to Tonopah since and those who neglected to register before, will lose their franchise if they do not enroll. And, most important of all, this is the first opportunity the women of Tonopah will have to cast their ballots and, in order to do so, they must register. Don't wait till the last day. Register tomorrow.

ANOTHER SPLENDID LOCAL MOVEMENT

ONE of the most useful movements that have been undertaken by the Tonopah public schools is the organization of a boys' club, the chief object of which is to perfect the members in mechanical science. To Prof. Anderson is entitled great credit for this movement and to the school board, the B. P. O. Elks and the Mine Operators' association for their liberality.

The trustees have agreed to appropriate double the amount donated to ward fitting up the workshop and already the Elks have appropriated \$250 and the operators an equal amount, making the appropriation by the board \$1,000.

This is the real Tonopah spirit, something that is developing day by day. It is a practical spirit with all its liberality. It is free giving, but something definite and helpful is accomplished in each instance. Prof. Anderson's donation of his time, three evenings a week, to conduct and instruct the boys' club is, perhaps, the largest individual donation of all. Others are expected to help, either with money, mechanical appliances, technical magazines or even, in the case of skilled mechanics, the offer of their time outside of their regular working hours.

MAKE TONOPAH THE CITY CLEANLY

NOW is an ideal time for cleaning up. Today is the day. Nature did much to assist yesterday, flushing out the gutters with over half an inch of precipitation and leaving the ground so that it will be fresh and sweet after the rakes are applied.

Of course, much could not be done in the downpour yesterday in the way of cleaning up, but there is no occasion for delaying it now. The municipal teams will start hauling tomorrow morning, so have your piles in readiness, if not this evening, then early in the morning. Chief Evans and Health Officer Richards will not start their inspection until Thursday morning, but it would be well to have the job out of the way before that time and escape the black mark and what may go with it.

Self interest should prompt everyone to cleanup. Pride should be an impelling factor. Safety first the incentive. If the cleansing is done in proper fashion the danger from fire will be lessened. Flies will be scarcer and typhoid fever and similar ailments may not visit the community this summer. And, by the way, while raking and scraping, don't overlook getting a liberal quantity of chloride of lime and thus dispell noxious odors as well as unsightliness.

NOTHING GAINED

SO far the president's attempt to re-establish his leadership of the Democratic party is concerned very little satisfaction can be drawn by him and his supporters from the senate's action. He demanded that the senate and the house should each do a certain thing. He wanted the Democrats in each branch to go squarely on record as accepting or challenging his leadership on a definite issue. He wrote last Tuesday to Mr. Poy, the acting chairman of the house committee on rules: "I therefore feel justified in asking that your committee will permit me to urge an early vote upon the resolutions with regard to travel on armed merchantmen, which have recently been so much talked about, in order that there may be afforded an immediate opportunity for full public discussion and action upon them and that all doubts and conjectures may be swept away and our foreign relations once more cleared of dangerous misunderstandings."

The senate has not done what the president wanted done. When he wrote to Mr. Poy the Gurn, McLawrence and other similar resolutions were securely pigeonholed. There was no chance of action on any of them. Mr. Wilson demanded a free discussion and a series of votes which would show where every Democrat stood. He has not attained his object. The senate has merely allowed one set of propositions, contradictory in their nature, to come up for consideration, and then shut off debate and action on them on their merits by laying them on the table.

CHILDREN OVERTRAINIED

JOSEPHINE DODGE DESKAM BACON has undertaken to give her readers something a little more substantial than mere fiction. Moved by the necessity for protest against what she calls "pathetic rot" in child culture, Mrs. Bacon—who is a mother as well as a writer—tells the public frankly that children are fussed with and fussed over entirely too much. "Many modern theorists," says she, in the New York Times, "believe that a child's mind is an empty space which they must constantly try to fill. What dangerous nonsense that is!" Then she continues:

This constant prying into a child's mind is a ruinous thing. A child has his right, he should be allowed his own individuality. The modern American woman has a fatal fondness for analogy—that is why she is so fond of Maeterlinck. Some one tells her that a child's mind is like a garden in which she must plant beautiful flowers, and she seizes the idea with tremendous enthusiasm. If one of my children had a mind like a garden I wouldn't let it come any nearer me than the laundry! I haven't the remotest idea what my children do with a great deal of their time. They go away somewhere and yell. They have a perfect right to do so, just as grownup people have a perfect right to play bridge or read Robert Chambers' novels.

If we will stop our "prying" long enough to think about it, we shall very likely see a good deal of truth in what Mrs. Bacon says. Children nowadays, it must be confessed, are hedged about with "Do's" and "Don't's" to an extent that leaves them little latitude for initiative of their own. As a result, Mrs. Bacon says, "the modern American child is appallingly lack-

ing in initiative." It is overtrained, overdirected, she charges, and finally over-Montessoriized. It ought to be let alone more. There is too much supervision, too much restriction. The consequence is seen in the fact that its capacity for independent thought is much less than it used to be. And as for self-reliance children lack it as much as they lack initiative.

Of course, Mrs. Bacon is probably indulging in the feminine fondness for hyperbole. Things are not so bad as she thinks, or says, they are. But the grain of truth is in the utterance nevertheless. Children, as she says, are entitled to more independence—to all, indeed, that they can use to their advantage. And they are as she charges, "too much of a laboratory product"—too much studied and supervised and directed. Lengthening the apron string is not a bad thing to try now and then.

RANCH BRINGS BIG SUM

The deal whereby the big Dolf Dressler ranch, comprising over 900 acres, near Genoa, becomes the property of Delbrich Winkemann, is being closed up today. The ranch is one of the oldest in Carson valley and is quite well stocked with range cattle, horses and a dairy herd, besides wagons, farm machinery, automobiles and all that goes with a well appointed farm. The purchase price is said to be over \$50,000.—Appeal.

OLD CURIOS FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A large collection of historical documents from eastern Nevada has recently been presented to the Nevada Historical society by Mrs. Alex Moir of Hamilton. Many of these date back to the days of Treasure Hill excitement and some to the Civil war. Among the latter are a number of internal revenue stamps and a newspaper containing a picture of Virginia City in 1853 and an account of the illumination of the flag on Mount Davidson, July 30, 1853, which natural

phenomenon was regarded as a good omen for the union cause.

INCINERATING CARCASSES

Complaint has been entered against the colored man who is employed to shoot unmuzzled dogs on the streets because he hauls the bodies out to the dumping ground and leaves them there to rot. Chief of Police Evans and Health Officer Richards have directed that the bodies be either buried or incinerated, which latter is being attempted, the canines being burned with other garbage.

MRS. FLORENCE SWASEY came up from Tonopah Monday afternoon on business in connection with the estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Sarah E. Strossider, of which she is administratrix. She returned to Tonopah Tuesday afternoon, having almost completed her official duties. Mrs. Swasey is an exceptionally competent and efficient business woman.—Mason News.

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