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ARE THEY AFRAID OF THE SEARCHLIGHT?

THE outgoing sheriff's administration at the courthouse objects to an audit of the books and accounts which are about to be turned over to the legally elected successor in office. No reason has been vouchsafed. Therefore the taxpayers are entitled to some explanation of why the incumbent should assume this questionable attitude. The audit was ordered by the district court through the grand jury and there appears no tenable ground on which the official can stand in openly defying high judicial authority of the county. The audit should be welcomed by both incoming and outgoing administrations. The latter should be gracious enough to accept the consequences as a vindication, while the former is entitled to know exactly what is the true condition of affairs bequeathed by a regime that has held sway for the past eight years. A clear bill of health would clear the skirts of the present officials and advise the state at large that the conduct of the office has been exemplary. The books are public property, and, under the law, they are supposed to be open to any citizen who desires to verify receipts and expenditures. This is no family affair, although it has been conducted as such, and the sheriff should be first to invite the most thorough examination of his accounts and business. The excuse that the auditors chosen by the grand jury are not certified accountants of Nevada and are non-residents is a frivolous pretext that will not impress the average taxpayer. The simple objection only tends to create in the public mind an ugly suspicion that there is something to conceal, and the grand jury should insist on the fulfillment of the court's order to the very letter of the law.

That the action was taken advisedly appears plain from the fact that, when the accountants appeared at the sheriff's office with their credentials from the grand jury, backed by the court order, there was no antagonism and the books of that office were placed at the disposal of the examiners. Next day the sheriff experienced a change of heart, for he refused absolutely to permit the auditors to proceed further with their work. The flimsy ostensible reason for this refusal is based on the statutes, which provide that examinations shall be performed by duly certified accountants. There is no denial of the fact that repeated audits of the sheriff's books have been made by other than certified accountants and therefore the incumbent laid himself open to conviction for a misdemeanor. If ordinary bookkeepers, selected by the courthouse machine, are deemed competent, it is more than singular that the functions of one of the best known firms of municipal accountants on the Pacific coast should give rise to puerile opposition. Is Mr. Slavin willing to retire from public life under the imputation that his books are private property and therefore that he is justified in withholding or suppressing the truth?

This remains to be seen. The PEOPLE are behind this effort to arrive at the exact condition of affairs, and, if the refusal is insisted upon, means will be found for enforcing the probe. The perfunctory audits of public accounts amount to nothing, since the men chosen for the task are the creatures of the machine and the only end sought is a report that is nothing more than a schoolboy proposition of verifying sums in addition, multiplication and subtraction. The incoming sheriff is entitled to a statement of the business of the office and his bondsmen will insist that when he enters upon his duties it must be with a clear understanding of the liabilities he assumes and the knowledge that every cent has been accounted for up to the last minute of his predecessor's incumbency. The same statement applies to all of the departments of the old county administration and it is the bounden duty of the grand jury to assert its right to the information.

LEGALIZED WHITE SLAVERY

THREE years ago congress enacted a law directed against traffic in human flesh and blood. This was known as the white slave law, but the statute did not go far enough. It only applied to the barter of the souls of innocent girls or unfortunate women by disreputable masters with the one idea of checking commercialized vice. The operations of the law have not been as effective as the authors would like, for it has degenerated into one of the strongest weapons in organized blackmail. Another form of white slavery was not affected by the law and the business of trading in men's bodies goes on with perfect impunity. The baseball world is at present debating what it profits a player to win championships for his masters when he derives nothing more than a salary with the privilege accorded his owners of selling and disposing of his services whenever they get the price. Last Saturday the telegraph columns of the Bonanza told the story of how Walter Johnson, the prince of pitchers, may be traded to another team for the sum of \$60,000, or a greater sum than what the president of the United States formerly received. No mention is made of the action of Mr. Johnson in the premises or whether he shares in the profits of the transaction. True enough, he is one of the best paid attaches of the national game, but it does seem strange that the law should wink at a transaction that is apparently as much an act of slavery as the auction block of ante bellum days when black men and women were sold to the highest bidder. Nevada has an indirect interest in the welfare of Walter Johnson since he is the proud husband of one of the fairest daughters reared in the sagebrush state, better known

at home as the daughter of Congressman E. E. Roberts. Papa-in-law might do something in the way of instituting a legislative inquiry into this bartering in flesh and blood.

If the British cabinet gets rid of some of the deadwood and moss-grown ideas it may come back with a punch to astonish the gentleman whose word is law in Berlin. As the English editors are proud of saying, "We always muddle through somehow." Some one better begin the game in earnest.

No Christmas gift would be more appropriate for Tonopah than a return of the railroad shops to emphasize the change of county administration and the restoration of efficient and economic management in local affairs.

Some of those eastern editors who have been preaching against mining investments will not find much encouragement in reading the list of Nevada dividend payments for 1916, with a lot more ahead for the ensuing year.

The discipline of the state penitentiary will stand improvement if it is true, as reported, that one convict slashed another with a "huge carving knife that was lying on a table."

The allies are having a perfect nightmare over the unqualified victories of the kaiser which must convince that gentleman that he is one of God's elect. Hoch der kaiser.

Eight tons of gold and silver bullion in one day from Tonopah's mines is a reminder that the camp is very much on earth. Here's to many long years of prosperity.

TONOPAH HAS ADOPTED FRENCH WAR ORPHAN

Tonopah has subscribed \$73 for the care of one French orphan under the auspices of the society known as the "Fatherless Children of France." This society undertakes to pension the widows of France much as the local law pensions the widows of this state, so that these hundreds of thousands of orphans made by the war may not have to be raised in orphan asylums. The society works upon the idea that French standards of civilization can best be kept from deteriorating by keeping the French children in their native environment, thus preserving the traditions of the fathers and thereby allowing greater expansion for the individual talent. The society appeals to the United States for assistance in this splendid charity upon the grounds of the debt we owe to France for her support during the revolutionary and civil wars. Had it not been for the moral support of France during the revolutionary crisis it is very doubtful whether that movement would have succeeded, and how better can America repay that debt than by upholding the children of France today?

The society known as the "Fatherless Children of France" is so well organized that it can support a child at home on \$3 per month. They request people to guarantee the payment of \$3 per month for a period of two years, after which time it is expected that the French government itself will be able to assume the responsibility.

Mrs. Hugh Brown is the local representative of the society and has already secured six pledges of \$3 a month.

During the summer Mrs. Burnham raised \$40 toward the support of the French orphans, and since Mrs. Brown's return she has been adding to this fund in the shape of securing the necessary \$73 which will support a child for two years and entitle the subscribers to the name and address of one child whom they can thereafter consider as their own special charge. Last Friday Mrs. Brown raised the last \$13 and the money was sent Saturday morning by certified check to "Life," wherein it will be acknowledged about Christmas time.

Couldn't Tonopah raise a similar sum for another baby as a Christmas present to one another? One dollar is so little, but one dollar in France today provides food for a child for ten days. It is only necessary for 73 men or women to subscribe \$1 apiece and one baby's future is secured for two years. Think of it! Mrs. Brown assures the Bonanza that she will accept any sum from 5 cents up; also gifts of toys or wearing apparel. This latter

SETTLING DISPUTES OF THE FISHERIES

CANADA AND UNITED STATES COMING TO A DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Negotiations are under way for a permanent adjustment of all issues arising between the American and Canadian governments connected with fisheries, not only on the Pacific coast, where troubles recently have been most acute, but on the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A general discussion of the international fisheries, it was learned today, has grown out of negotiations over disputes between American and British Columbian ports in regard to the Puget sound and southern Alaska fisheries.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Sixteen members of the grand jury have been constituted a sanitary committee for the purpose of inspecting the city and enforcing sanitary laws wherever any infraction is found. These jurors have subdivided the city so that every householder and every business man will be seen and the premises examined to compel the removal of garbage, waste material and to provide for the proper disinfecting of outhouses to remove elements of contagion from our midst. All offenders who do not clean up their premises by December 20th will be visited by these committees and, if the offense continues, the parties responsible will be summoned to appear to testify why they should not be indicted for maintaining a public nuisance.

Tonopah, Nev., December 4, 1916. D-4-20 J. G. CRUMLEY, Foreman.

The list of those subscribing to Tonopah Baby No. 1 is as follows: Mrs. Burnham, \$3; Mrs. Nesbit, \$1; Mrs. Kelz, \$1; Mrs. Connor, 50 cents; Verdi and Marian Luce, \$1; Mr. Luce, \$1; Mr. Dale, \$2; Mr. Thomas, \$2; An Alsatian, \$5; Lenore and Daddy, \$1; Geo. Beckley, \$1; Mr. Govan, \$5; Tonopah Banking corporation, \$10; Mrs. Curieux and Mrs. Gregovitch, \$3; C. P. T., 75 cents; Hunts, \$1; Mrs. G. R. Moore, \$10; Vail Pittman, \$1; Mrs. Robt. Highland, \$1; Jay Carpenter, \$1; Arthur Keenan, \$1; Con Fiesler, 50 cents; Jules Smith, \$2.50; Miss Hazel Perry, 50 cents; Louis Lazer, \$1; Hugh H. Brown, \$5; R. Fred Brown, \$3; A Friend of France, \$10. Total, \$73.75.

Who will start the next baby?

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A. H. HOWE, Secretary, Goldfield, Nevada.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 27th day of December, 1916, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 1st day of January, 1917, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

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