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ONLY TWO DAYS MORE

THAT'S all. Two days more before the county is relieved of the incubus of the present political administration and a new set of officers installed at the behest of the sovereign people who voted that the old gang that has been in the saddle so long is incompetent to continue. The people said so on the seventh day of November, and they said so in such stentorian tones that the entire state was amazed at the outcry. The taxpayers of Nye county have endured more than their share of trouble without a murmur and without protest, but when they spoke at the polls they spoke with an emphasis that was beyond the possibility of misinterpreting.

All will be changed at the courthouse, which will seem strange and lonely in the still hours of the night without the customary dark lantern sessions and the mystic awards to favorites of the administration. No more will peddlers of old junk be enabled to sneak in the side door and sit in comfort at the official table where the good things of life are dispensed and contracts are signed when the moon is obscured by the earth's shadow. It may seem strange but it will be a subject for congratulation to observe the introduction of business methods when such officials as Ferguson, Marsh and Sanders retire, never more to inflict their presence on the citizens of Tonopah. With the incoming officers the people are assured of a clean administration that will take pains to advise taxpayers of what is going on and not spend most of their time in eluding reporters and representatives of the press. The courthouse will be an open book, the sacred seal of secrecy maintained by the former county personnel will be broken and the taxpayers will come to understand they have an interest in the business methods of the men and women they elect.

The first of the year cannot come too fast. There will be no brass band or torpedo salutes to send off the Marsh-Ferguson-Sanders coterie into channels that will divert them permanently from the long suffering populace of Nye county.

VALUE OF PUBLICITY

THE official magazine of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers' Brotherhood has a lot to say about the "kept press" printing arguments in favor of the railroads. The magazine is perfectly right. In an emergency of the present nature there is no sense of fairness in giving one side an advantage over the other. The railroads are sending out tons of newspaper boiler plate which is used in many newspapers. The sentiment is the same, the prevailing idea being to mould public opinion on the side of the great transportation corporations. The Bonanza has adopted the rule in such cases that which is fair for the goose is fair for the gander, and if either side wishes to be heard from, or to appear in the newspaper forum, it may do so at regular advertising rates. This subject is purely a matter of business to both sides. The managers want to get off by holding down their expenses while the brotherhoods are eager to get what they think their labor is worth.

The old county administration could not go out of business without adding another bad break to the long category of mishaps. The law requires that all proposals for county work shall be advertised for thirty days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered. The expiring gasp of the present board of misfits was to advertise bids to be opened January 8th with the first publication on December 16th. This will put the county to additional expense.

While Tonopah remained in darkness, except for electricity's substitutes, the realization dawned upon us that civilization is, after all, possessed of certain redeeming features and that the world today is a much more comfortable one than that peopled by our ancestry.

Before inditing your New Year resolutions, better get the preamble well fixed in mind and reduced to writing. Perhaps after the "whereases" are placed on paper you will decide not to resolve. The pathway to hell is already fairly well paved.

If you are inclined to be pessimistic, just read over the news columns of the Bonanza and thank the good Lord that you live in Tonopah instead of California, Arkansas or the dread northwest. The sun is still shining and we are all here.

The cold wave is reported to be moving eastward. No matter what direction, Tonopah people will be satisfied so long as the wave actually moves.

Give the juice a fair show and don't shout too soon. It's a long way to Inyo county and there are chances of another break.

If Villa keeps going, Mr. Carranza will have about as much territory as the kings of Rumania, Servia and Montenegro.

This must have been an awfully tough town this week if all they say about deeds of darkness is true.

Tonopah will hold a street carnival when the lights come on.

"So you advise me not to sue?" said the client.
"I do," said the lawyer.
"Well," returned the disappointed client, "it seems strange that when a man pays for advice he can't get the kind he wants."

Limited to One.
Friend—Woman, as some one has said, is a creature of moods. Henry Peck—My wife ain't. She's always in the imperative.—Boston Transcript.

A Legend of Lace.
According to Melchior de Vogue, the legend of lace is as follows: A Venetian sailor gave his ladylove a frond of seaweed to keep him in memory while at sea. But the girl found that the seaweed was rapidly drying up and disappearing. So she caught the fine branches and leaves of the plant with thread against a piece of linen and, working on, with her thoughts following her lover, invented lace.

FINDING NATURAL GAS.

It is Really a Mining Venture Based Almost Wholly on Chance.

The obtaining of natural gas is essentially a mining proposition with, however, more unknown, uncontrollable and uncertain features to contend with than exist in any other class of mining or in any other business.

There is absolutely no certain way of finding natural gas. The only method to pursue is to drill holes in the ground until a field is developed.

There are no sure surface indications for guidance, although some geologists claim that they can locate gas. The results of their endeavors, however, very rarely substantiate such claims.

The first process in the work is to send out men to secure the leases. They visit the farmers and landowners and endeavor to secure the gas rights on the most favorable terms.

If the territory is strictly "wildcat"—that is, remote from gas developments—the land can usually be leased without much difficulty and at prices ranging from 10 to 25 cents an acre a year, for say ten years, with the provision that unless oil or gas is found in paying quantities before the expiration of the term the lease becomes null and void.

If, however, a successful well is drilled during the term of the agreement the lease is extended for "so long as oil or gas is found in paying quantities."—National Magazine.

FINE MEAT IN THE SEA.

The Supply is Plentiful, but Man Allows it to Go to Waste.

It is reported that in 1690 an inhabitant of the island of Nantucket, which has very poor soil, looking at the whales playing in the ocean, said:

"There is a green pasture where our children's grandchildren will go for bread."

He considered the ocean from a commercial point of view. We now observe as we look at the waterscape of the world, "There is a green pasture where our children's grandchildren, far removed, will go for meat." So writes Zoula Baber of Chicago in the Scientific Monthly in an article urging "an international closed season for all marine mammals except the killer whale—the only one that destroys warm blooded animals—until these valuable sea creatures could multiply in sufficient numbers to replace in part the position in the food supply now occupied by sheep and cattle."

Among the animals that are being extinguished by man, animals that if properly preserved could supply us with an almost limitless quantity of fine meat, are the whales, manatees, dugongs, sea cows, seals and walruses.

Roman Bricks.

When the preparations for rebuilding the Campanile, in Venice, were undertaken the archaeologists were afforded an opportunity to make some interesting studies of the bricks. It was found that they had been used in arches, fortifications, the tops of walls and in other ways before they were built into the campanile and that they were not Venetian but Roman bricks. These ancient bricks were made in slices, for in many the layers could be seen undisturbed. It is said that bricks made this way can bear a greater weight than modern bricks. The bricks examined were of the first century. One of them bore the imprint of a horseshoe, which may prove that Romans used a horseshoe like ours, although it is generally believed that their horseshoes were strapped on, not nailed.

Breaks the Rule.

A new story is being told about a certain London club, famed internationally for both its exclusiveness and its dullness.

In one of the rooms a rule of silence is stringently enforced, any necessary order to a waiter having to be given in a whisper. One day occupants of the room were startled to see a member press a bell button with evident annoyance and when the waiter appeared to hear him exclaim, pointing to a neighbor in a chair:

"Waiter, remove that member."
The man in the chair had been dead three days.—Exchange.

Occupational Diseases.

A study of the subject of occupational diseases affords abundant surprises. Housemaid's knee, for instance, which for many years has served as a subject for humorous comment, proves to be a frequent malady of miners. Dust has been found to contain not only minute particles, but a watery envelope surrounding the particles. Sawing certain kinds of woods is said to produce irritation of the mucous membranes of the nose, throat and eyes. Chimney sweeps are especially subject to cancer because soot gets into the system.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Lost Art.

The four-year-old had just been reproved at the table. He continued to talk cheerfully, though unanswered, to father. After some minutes of soliloquy he turned to mother and remarked:

"Your husband doesn't talk very much this noon, does he, mother?"—Harper's Magazine.

Thumb Rings.

Thumb rings, which must have been very ungalant and ugly, were worn from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century, and in "Henry IV." Falstaff boasts that in his youth he was stiff enough to "creep into any side: a man's thumb ring."

Talent gets paid every Saturday. Genius often has to wait years.

"Everybody emits rays. An angry man emits violet rays; a contented person emits pinkish rays."
"Sounds interesting. I wonder if my boss would emit a ten dollar raise of salary?"—Exchange.

Opposites.

Wigg—I suppose we should all marry our opposites. Wagg—Yes, but there is no reason why a man with a future should marry a woman with a past.—Philadelphia Record.



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DEATHS	
1913.....	75
1914.....	78
1915.....	101

Think it over. Concerted action for sanitation might save lives.

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