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WHAT IS THE TAX COMMISSION?

LAST fall when the outrageous taxes of Nye county and the Tonopah district were called to the attention of the Nevada Tax Commission that body cut fifteen cents off the taxes and let it go at that. Had the commission known anything about the business of the county or had its members paid the slightest attention to the duties of their office they might have succeeded in wiping out the entire levy by simply collecting the money that the grand jury reports is due from the mining companies. At this time the commission is engaged in a frantic effort to convince the people that they are entitled to another term, since their jobs expire by limitation, but the arguments of the members will not prove of any avail in the way of securing necessary legislation until they can clear their skirts of the serious suspicion that they either were incompetent in the Nye county case or were partial to the companies in question. They are between the horns of a dilemma. Either side they wish to assume will leave their conduct open to the charge of dereliction that is grave enough to demand an investigation from the legislature. Two days have elapsed since the publication and nothing has been done to explain the remissness of the body of men who insist that their creation has saved an enormous sum to the state. Their statements may be correct, so far as the cattlemen and ranchers are concerned, but this activity in one direction does not cover the gross neglect in another. The report of the grand jury must be accepted as a positive arraignment of the men entrusted with the revenues of the state and no amount of promises or explanations can controvert the array of facts brought against them in this one county. If the mining companies of Tonopah, Manhattan and Round Mountain could run things their own way there is no reason for not believing the companies operating in every other county in Nevada have done the same thing, since such matters are usually determined by the action of the Nevada Mine Operators' association. Before the tax commission can come before the people with an urgent petition for reinstatement they must first purge themselves of the crime laid at their doors. The laws are not made to be interpreted at the pleasure of the lawyers. There is not one law for the poor and another law for the rich. The laws enacted for the collection of taxes do not grant any immunity to the wealthy malefactors of Philadelphia, while exacting the last drop of blood from the owner of a small home in Tonopah. Neither does the law contemplate taxing the stockmen and sheepmen on the basis of 100 per cent and letting the mineowners arrange their own taxes. The disclosures of the Nye county grand jury are not calculated to provoke an outburst of admiration for the men charged with administering the laws. Therefore it is incumbent on these gentlemen before asking any favors from the legislature to come forward with their reasons for letting the mining companies do as they pleased about paying taxes.

RAILROAD SERVICE

THE announcement of the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad that it is about to restrict its splendid service will be received with regret by every person who has the welfare of southern Nevada at heart. The alternative was between operating at a loss or conserving the interests of stockholders by bringing the revenue and disbursements into parity. For years it has been manifest that something of the kind must occur, since it was known that the company was giving this section a much better service than industrial conditions warranted. Nevertheless the management deferred the day of reckoning, hoping that some development would occur that would enable it to prolong the pleasure of traveling on first class, splendidly equipped, fast express trains through a sparsely settled country with mining as the only resource. The expectations of the company could not be realized owing to the rapid extension of the milling branch of the mining industry that was steadily cutting into the revenues by absorbing tonnage that formerly went to the smelters on the coast or Salt Lake. The mills of Tonopah are treating approximately 10,000 tons of ore every week and extracting values ranging from \$165,000 to \$200,000 in gold and silver. There is no disillusionment about this. The ore is here and the values are daily converted into dividends that go out to advertise the robust backbone of this district, but it should not be forgotten that in the earlier days of Tonopah the entire desert country much of this tonnage was diverted to smelters. Depth brought metallurgical alterations that called for more economic processes of separation, which was responsible for developing the milling era that now hold forth grand allurements to capital to come to Tonopah. By the installation of mills the miner is enabled to save the charges that formerly went to defray transportation and the stockholder receives the benefit of enhanced dividends. The mineral tonnage of Tonopah today is the greatest in the history of the camp, and, with several mines in the making, there is every prospect of the production continuing to increase and multiply.

With respect to the resolution of the railroad there cannot be anything but commendation. The management has taken action which should convey an urgent lesson to the county and state governments that there is a time when retrenchment is essential to the continued prosperity of the interests committed to the charge of elective officers. For years the people of Nevada have been crying out and protesting against the reign of extravagance. Each session of the legislature has seen the state go from bad to worse with an ever increasing list of officeholders and their families pensioned on the public. No attempt is made to curtail the outgo or to place a limit on the taxes to be collected. It is high time to call a halt that business may not be crushed and that fresh investments are not repelled. If a railroad begins retrenching the state should not lose sight of the example. Retrenchment at the capital would have a great stimulating effect on business and the legislature should be first to set an example by running all appropriations to the quick.

BILL DRAFTER GRAFT

IT was nothing else than a subterfuge to employ a wheelhorse of the Democratic party that an attempt was made at Carson City to pass a bill authorizing the employment of a bill drafter. There was and is no use for such an office, especially when it is enveloped in the corollary of a fifteen dollar a day salary. The indecency of the suggestion may be imagined when five Democrats in the senate refused to vote for a resolution condemning the appointment, but their cowardice in refraining from coming out in manly

condemnation of the pork barrel was responsible for the measure not receiving a regular solar plexus that would have told the ringmasters that they could not force this kind of stuff on members pledged to economy and reform. The vote on the resolution in the senate was six to six, with five Democrats not voting. The resolution that called forth the tie vote stated that the position was unequal for, a graft on public money and a precedent unheard of in this state. Senator Sol M. Summerfield led the opposition in the senate in a ringing speech wherein he said the position was unnecessary and that he would not be a party to squander the people's money in this way. The members of the senate voting for the resolution condemning the appointment were Campbell, Husman, Penrose, Stewart, Summerfield and Thateher.

When defeated Democratic candidates go to Carson City and unbosom themselves by explaining their turn-down was due to the Socialist-Republican frame-up they might as well come closer to the truth by admitting that the Democratic party deserted its chosen ones. And there was good reason for it.

From the way they are going about it the committee appointed to investigate the management of the university under the Hendrick regime seems to imagine the newly elected regents are under surveillance. The investigators better stick to their assigned task.

As an antidote to the rabies scare, how would a coyote center do for a near fox trot in Tonopah social circles?

Wilson says, as a salaried man, he is in favor of a revision upward of federal salaries.

Between Brother-in-law Bolling and Son-in-law McAdoo, Woodrow seems to be on the double O every time the little ivory ball drops.

Miss Byrne, the hunger striker, has solved the H. C. O. L. which is agitating the nation, but, somehow, the fashion is not contagious.

That \$290,000 billion tax would make a nice nest egg for Nye county taxpayers, who are still engaged in paying that \$3.86 levy.

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Balance on hand December 31, 1916	\$

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A side issue of more than usual interest in the Vanderbilt Cup Race, Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 16th, was the battle of The Tires. Both Goodrich and Goodyear were out to win, and much emphasis was placed upon the standing of the contestants in the championship table. While Aitken in the early stages of the race was leading, it looked very much as if Goodyear would score; but Resta, who was the backbone of the Goodrich offense, soon made his presence felt, and when he assumed the lead there was much animation apparent in the Goodrich camp. Later, when it developed that the four leading cars were equipped with Goodrich tires, telegrams were flashed to every section of the country announcing the victory, which again places the Goodrich in the van for 1916 championship honor. Every car that finished carried Bosch equipment, the majority of them having Bosch spark plugs in addition to magnitos of the same make.

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