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WHY THIS STATE POLICE?

ONE of the puzzling questions arising in Carson City for the lawmakers to solve is the reason why it should be necessary to offer a reward of \$5000 or any other amount for the detection of criminals when there exists an alleged state police force without any visible means of employment. So far as the slights of the legislature can make out the most serious undertaking of these police is the capacity for drawing salaries at regular monthly intervals and the submission of expense accounts without any explanation of why they were contracted. Ex-governor Dickerson, who is about as well posted as any man in Nevada on the peculiar situation, takes a fling at the system by mildly suggesting that the best way of testing the detecting abilities of this organization would be to give them a preliminary center down to the wilds of Clark county where they could exercise their talents in tracking a triple murderer who has terrorized that section. The local authorities are powerless for lack of funds and the police would find a fair field and no favor for self determination of their ability to continue longer in the employ of the state. It is so long since we have been regaled with any report of the doings of this constabulary that some well meaning persons are under the impression that the body has been consigned to the grave of oblivion where the cadaver has been left to reek in its own putridity. These state police have always been more acute about scenting prize money than in securing evidence against criminals and the records show that the only performance of any merit was under analogous circumstances where the police turned out and scoured northwestern Nevada in pursuit of a band of Indians who were lured by one of their own race who came in for the bulk of the money after a heated controversy by which the regularly paid state police try to bamboozle the poor red trailer out of his dues. The same result would probably bring about another fiasco in Clark county, but with the previous experience glaringly in mind, the offer of the reward should clearly designate to whom the money would be paid in the event of a capture or a killing.

In other states enjoying the benefit of a well organized and thoroughly disciplined police force the members would be debarred from sharing in any reward any more than a city policeman would receive any financial compensation for risking his life in capturing outlaws. The Nevada state police are a burlesque who should be relegated to the movies where they belong instead of being thrust upon the taxpayers with a demand for an appropriation of \$75,000 to carry them through the biennial term. The whole proceeding is based on an amateurish effort to enforce prohibition where prohibition has proven distasteful to the masses. The question is left to the broad visioned readers of the Bonanza who are asked if they know a single one of their neighbors who would convict a fellow townsman of the heinous offense of carrying a little whiskey in his vest pocket for the creature comfort afforded thereby. Is there a man in a community like Tonopah who would deny the working miner the privilege of taking a little jolt of whiskey on coming off shift? After a day of exhaustive toil there is no man to whom such stimulant would not prove a sensible and necessary refreshment which would be denied by the presence of an official gumshoe representative of Governor Boyle. If the appropriation is to be taken as a criterion of what is to happen in Nevada the bankruptcy of every county in the state may be expected. These parasites would become the chief troublemakers through having to make a showing of their activities by leading the local courts with jury fees. The best way to treat this appropriation would be to consign it to the waste basket where it belongs.

BOOSTING THE INCOME TAX

THE administration has begun a country wide crusade for the collection of the internal revenue tax on incomes great and small, principally the latter. The treasury department has a hunch that the people are not going to come across with their annual contributions with the avidity of war times and will refrain from besieging the branch offices of the collector until they are forced into submission by threats of suits and penalties. The action of the people at large finds some warrant in the fact that there appears no disposition on the part of the powers at Washington to curtail war expenditures or to accelerate the return to normal business standards. The best way to stimulate patriotism and prompt payment would be to notify the world that an era of retrenchment has set in at Washington and that the thousands of swivel chair heroes who dodged the draft have been turned adrift on an unfeeling world to earn a livelihood. Get rid of the supernumeraries, should be the slogan of the income taxpayers. The tens of thousands of men and women favorites installed at Washington for the period of the war are mostly there still with the chances in favor of their remaining at their station for another generation. Cut down expenses at Washington. Let the war clerks rustle for a living and, if there is a drop of red blood in their anemic veins they can find ways of making an honest living without officiating as toadies and hangers on to absorb the earnings of men and women who have to work for every dollar they are forced to contribute to this ten billion dollar war impost.

Formerly many worthy citizens either ignored politics or excused themselves from even interest in campaigns on the grounds of lack of time. No business is more important than the administration of the government and the creation and application of the laws under which we live. The exercise of the franchise is more than a privilege; it is a sacred duty which should be performed with painstaking care by each individual qualified to exercise it. And this applies to municipal, county, state and national affairs.—Oakland Enquirer.

TRAVEL IN MACEDONIA NERVE RACKING PROCESS

(Correspondence Associated Press) ADRIANOPLE, Dec. 22.—(Via London, Jan. 15)—Railway travel in this section of Europe nowadays, is calculated either to develop or shatter one's patience. A trip from Saloniki to Constantinople, which in peace

time required less than fifteen hours, now takes a week or more. The correspondent of the Associated Press spent five days journeying from Serres in Greece to Adrianople, a distance which a fast American train would cover in less than ten hours. The correspondent traveled in store less box car with Bulgarian soldiers who outdid themselves to make him comfortable.

COAST RECORD FOR MAKING BUTTER

(By Associated Press) SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 15.—A new Pacific coast record for short time butter production has been established at Knightsen, Contra Costa county, by Adirondac Weltske Dairy Maid, a registered Holstein cow, according to H. V. Briderford, one of the owners of the cow. In an official test under the supervision of University of California testers, she made 41.013 pounds of butter from 331.7 pounds of milk in seven days. The former coast record of a fraction more than forty pounds was held by Tilly Alcartra, holder of the world's long-time butter and milk production record.

\$5 TO \$9 A PINT IN W. VIRGINIA

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 15.—Since the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States forbidding the transportation of intoxicating liquor into West Virginia, the price of "bootleg whiskey" has been from \$5 to \$9 a pint in Charleston, says Chief of Police William A. Sparks. Chief Sparks added assertion that the flow of spirits into the state has not been checked.

EMIGRATION PROBLEMS (By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 15.—A committee has been appointed by the colonial secretary to deal with the problems of emigration which are likely to arise during the period of reconstruction.

RUSSIAN COAL MINES (By Associated Press) VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 15.—For the purpose of utilizing the rich coal fields of Saghalin island it is proposed to build a port at Alexan drowsk.

The British army has taken over the operation of main railways in Bulgaria and Turkey, and while the wretched condition of the German locomotives which have fallen into their hands, makes travel extremely slow, the service is unusually efficient. The traveler is always certain of reaching his destination, however long it may take.

ALL RED CROSS WORKERS, TAKE NOTICE

- The National Red Cross has requested that service ribbons be secured and given to each and every worker of the Nevada chapter who has donated either in knitting, or sewing at home or in the workrooms, over 800 hours of their time and in order to secure these ribbons by February 22nd it will be necessary that each and every member phone or send their names to Harry H. Grier, chairman, in order that their claims may be checked up and vouched for before the present executive committee meets.
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