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CLARIFYING LEGISLATION

ASSEMBLYMAN FITZGERALD has the sanction of the Bonanza to go ahead and press his proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the frivolous and purely local business of county and township salaries and appointments from the legislature. These bills occupy a major portion of the time of the session without having any beneficial results. There is no reason why the legislature should occupy itself with the salaries of such officers as justice of the peace or constable of Tonopah township, or to spend days deliberating over the important matter of allowing the constable of Denio or Palmyra a mileage or per diem when he is called out to make an arrest. These questions are ones that belong wholly to the county in which they develop. The county commissioners know the duties of every officer in their bailiwick and they are the best judges of whether the position or office deserves a better regard than what it is receiving. It lowers the dignity of the assembly and senate to have such paltry matters thrust upon them. The average lawmaker is not concerned in anything that does not affect his own personal interests and therefore he is perfectly willing to agree to anything that may be suggested by a fellow lawmaker if by so doing he can secure a vote for some of his own measures. In this perfunctory fashion scores of petty statutes are written into the law without any one knowing or caring about the meaning or significance of the desired change. By all means let us have a constitutional amendment which will place all county salaries with the county commissioners who are supposed to know more about their local affairs than the man representing some district, perhaps, several hundred miles distant.

ABOLISH THE GRAND JURY

ASSEMBLYMAN RICHARDS has introduced a bill to abolish the grand jury as an unnecessary expense. This is in line with the Bonanza which has set forth at various times the waste of time and money involved in adhering to the obsolete system of waiting for the grand jury to deliberate before proceeding with the trial of alleged criminals. So far as other public affairs are concerned there is not a case where a single recommendation of the grand jury was ever followed up to a judicial determination. The grand jury is a relic of the days when judges wore wigs and gowns and justice was supposed to be invested with profound mystery. Under the present system the jury is an encumbrance that should be removed from clogging the wheels of justice that public business may be expedited and the guilt or innocence of an accused be established with the least possible delay.

MORE STAGE MONEY

CHEERFULLY oblivious of the fact that the result of a year's operation of the railways of the country registered a net loss of more than \$300,000,000, the railway administration has issued a report showing a saving of \$25,000,000 in operating expenses in the central western region. Consolidation of offices and terminals is the chief cause assigned for the reduction. But a perusal of the report shows that more than \$11,000,000 of the saving was made through the elimination of 339 passenger trains. Of course there is no estimate of the loss in fares and inconvenience to the public occasioned by cutting off these trains. A further saving of \$200,000,000 could have been made if the rest of the passenger trains had been discontinued. Stopping the operation of the roads entirely would have made a saving in operating expenses of billions. It is really surprising that the astute government experts never thought of that.

DRIVING AWAY SETTLERS

NEVADA has too many counties for a state with a population of less than 100,000 or the equivalent of a second class town back in the congested east. Every county added to the existing political subdivisions means more taxes for settlers, homesteaders, investors, miners and farmers to pay for they are the ones whose shoulders must carry the burden of packing around a lot of officeholders whose ranks show no evidence of thinning out. A division of Humboldt county at this time is not desired by any one but a strong clique having lodgment in Lovelock where it is proposed to establish the county of Pershing. Humboldt county enjoys a very low tax rate owing to the existence of an enormous railroad mileage which adds to the assets of that county but, if that advantage is to be retained, the taxpayers of the southern end of the county should make vehement protest against the proposal to inflict another county on them. There would be about as much justice in splitting up Nye county which stands second in size in the state and which was essayed when some featherheads seriously suggested the creation of the county of Rhyolite to assume jurisdiction over the southern end of the territory that acknowledges Tonopah as the county seat. That misguided movement received its quietus only after a stubborn fight in which the opponents of the measure would have the world believe that the chief civic center of the Sagebrush state would eventually be found in the Amargosa valley. Esmeralda county regrets that it gave tacit consent to the older and more westerly section to be divorced from Goldfield and re-established at the former seat of Hawthorne where there was a ready made courthouse and jail to dispose of. Stripped of its golden raiment Esmeralda stands today on the threshold of dissolution vainly wishing for a restoration of the broad patrimony so generously bequeathed to former Mineral county. There are too many county administrations in Nevada and it would be an act of charity for the legislature to get together and decide on a consolidation of

several sections with an identity of interests which have no excuse for living apart.

In the case of Humboldt county the sudden change of heart of Senator Friedman cannot be accounted for. At the time the Humboldt court house at Winnemucca was destroyed by fire the question of removing the building and county seat to Lovelock was broached with an indirect hint that if this policy was not satisfactory the southern end of the county would secede from the mother organization. At that time Senator Friedman, who was a candidate for the senate, placed himself on record in an autograph letter which he closed with the following statement:

While Humboldt is large in area, it is, however, proportionately small in population, and if a division of the county should ever take place, it can safely be predicted that it will never come within the life of the present generation, as, while we have one of the greatest counties in the state as it is, divided it would make two failures and an unwarranted burden on the taxpayers, and therefore with respect to county division, I say now that I am unalterably opposed to any such movement as being against the best interest of the taxpayers and, if elected, this will by my course as to county division and I want everybody to know it.

That's a workolager to spring on the new senator who is boosting for county division.

Nowadays you can't tell whether the man in the loud-checked suit and red tie is a pugilist or an oil stock salesman.

If there is such a surplus of woolen goods on the market, why doesn't somebody start a demand for accordion plaited trousers?

Somebody complained the other day that elevators in many office buildings are being operated too swiftly. Best way to remedy this would be to have Barlison take 'em over.

If a cyclone should happen to wipe out Houston, Texas, where would we go to get our cabinet members?

CHAMPION WRESTLER WILL TURN FARMER

(By Associated Press) DES MOINES, March 3.—Friends of Earl Caddock, world's wrestling champion, are inclined to accept, with reservation the announcement just received from France that he has decided to quit wrestling and turn farmer exclusively.

This information was contained in a special bulletin from the overseas edition of the Camp Dodger, the publication of the 88th division, to which Caddock was attached as sergeant. It came from Grandcourt, France, and was as follows:

"Caddock is on his way home, but he will wrestle no more. Before he left the division, he told his friends that when he was released from the army he was going to retire permanently from the struggles of the mat and turn farmer.

"It is to be a Wyoming ranch and it is all on account of friend wife. For Caddock frankly admitted that

his wife objected to the wrestling game. He said he cleaned up \$80,000 in the last year and was ready to retire anyway. He added that he would ignore all the many offers of matches he had received.

Caddock left the 88th division at Langley to attend an officers' training school, but the armistice was signed before he could complete his course. His name was brought to the fore at the announcement of the coming Olympic games at Paris next spring and the 88th wired to find out whether he was coming back. They received a telegram that he was on his way home."

Every previous report had been that Caddock was anxious to defend his title and would meet all local opponents. It has been known, however, that Mrs. Caddock has never favored his continuance in the wrestling game.

SUCCEEDS FATHER ON THE DIAMOND

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, O., March 3.—Jimmy Cooney, a son of the famous shortstop of the Chicago Nationals 30 years ago, is the player manager Pat Moran of the Cincinnati Nations desires to fill the gap in the infield. Cooney belongs to the Boston Americans and was kept off the Red Sox infield only because Everett Scott was there ahead of him. Moran hopes to arrange a deal for the young star. Cooney, a snappy batsman and a lightning fielder, was a sensation with the Providence club before Boston laddered him.

PROSPERITY OF AN ALASKAN FOX FARM

(By Associated Press) ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 11.—(By Mail)—After two years operations, starting with eight pairs of blue and two pairs of black foxes, Claude Green of Petersburg now has between 250 and 275 blue and 17 black foxes on his fox farm in the Tongass national forest. The farm is on Sukoff island, which he leased from the government. A fish house holding 16,000 dry fish has been constructed on the farm.

MAY EXPLORE (By Associated Press) NENANA, Alaska, Jan. 16.—(By Mail)—Anchorage capitalists have begun a movement to organize an exploring expedition for Siberia. As soon as peace is restored, it is planned to send an expedition into the Anadir bay district, where in 1907 extensive gold deposits were found.

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RED CROSS SURVEY OF NURSE RESOURCES

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The Red Cross survey of nurses in the Pacific division which recently was completed by the division bureau of nursing, pronounced the survey of 10,000 nurses in California, Nevada and Arizona to be a total of 10,000 nurses in California, Nevada and Arizona. The survey included all nurses in the field in their communities at the time of need, such as after the recent epidemic of influenza among the nurses who filled in special places in the three states named.

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WILL NOT SELL OR TRADE PLAYERS

(By Associated Press) ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 3.—Members of the St. Louis National Hockey association will not sell or trade players from the St. Louis Blues to any other team. The association has agreed to a contract which provides that no player shall be traded or sold to any other team without the consent of the St. Louis Blues.

SMELTER AT NENANA

(By Associated Press) FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 20.—(By Mail)—Reports of a smelter at Nenana near here to be the result of a large deposit of gold in the area, according to the Department of the Interior, are being investigated.

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