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REDEEMER OF TONOPAH.

In an interview which appears in the Reno Gazette, Superintendent of State Police Henrichs poses as the man who purified Tonopah by cleaning out the infamy which, he says, flourished here before his coming. Having accomplished this job, Mr. Henrichs says he is coming back to see that the camp remains pure and clean, according to his standards, and to see that there will be no other infractions of the law. The officer mentions gambling and bootlegging as two of the great evils which he abolished. In making this claim the police superintendent justifies himself and writes down his representatives in Tonopah as aiders and abettors in defying the law. For months before the coming of Mr. Henrichs and an increased force of policemen the camp was wholly under the jurisdiction of state officers. These men saw no cause for complaint. They reported daily that the camp was the home of law abiding and God fearing people, that intemperance and drunkenness were things of the past and that gambling was conducted along the same lines that were countenanced in other Nevada cities. If it demanded the presence of Mr. Henrichs to disclose the presence of crime he should not halt at self glorification but should enlighten the public on what his officers were doing here before his arrival. These men are either criminally culpable or they were working under instructions from the higher-ups, which seems plausible if we are to accept the statement of Mr. Henrichs, as follows:

"When I went down there three months ago to take charge of the enforcement of the prohibition and gambling laws, violations of both were quite open and flagrant."

Yet in three months time the state superintendent was not able to make a single case against Tonopah dealers for this open violation of law of which he now boasts. It would sound better for Mr. Henrichs to furnish a statement of what his score of deputies did during these three months and why they are retained here, since, according to his own admissions, there is no longer any reason for their presence. The question might be carried further by demanding from Mr. Henrichs an explanation for his return to Tonopah. Officially he is warden of the state prison which seems to have got along nicely without his presence and the suggestion is offered that the state could readily dispense with either one of both positions without hurting an administration which is notoriously shy of funds. Had Governor Boyle and his superintendents kept out of the Tonopah trouble, the situation would not have been so badly muddled that a settlement should be delayed for almost two months. Neither the operators nor the workers wanted him, and if the state police had applied their well known kidnapping proclivities to removing the chief executive from Tonopah and the Divide an understanding would have been reached before the expiration of a month. Now that peace has been restored, no stretch of the imagination can justify the state police in remaining a disturbing element in Tonopah.

REGULATING UTILITIES

In Carson City today, the Public Service Commission is occupied bearing a protest against the Nevada California Power company's action in resolving to discontinue its northern line running between Aurora and Wonder and serving numerous camps between the two points. The company contends that with the exhaustion of the Nevada Wonder mine there is not sufficient business to justify it in maintaining service. On this plea the corporation proposes tearing up its poles, removing its wires and shutting off power connections which would deprive the entire territory of a service to which the company pledged itself, when chartered, to deliver electricity to that region during its prosperous days. This policy should not be encouraged. The principle is vicious, for it leaves every consumer at the mercy of the company. Many patrons installed plants at considerable expense and these companies and individuals would be left without any recourse. Southern Nevada had an experience with the high handed methods of the Nevada-California company when, without warning, it removed its lines from southern Nye county and paralyzed several important industries which never recovered from the shock. One of these companies, the Carrara Marble company, was compelled to substitute an oil burning device at great expense which failed to fill the bill as fully as the stockholders expected to be served by the electric company. Another company, at that time just blossoming into the producing stage, was the Reorganized Pioneer Mines company, representing the investment of almost a million dollars, which was crippled and set back by sudden suspension of electric service. The same experience is about to be repeated in northern and western Nevada unless the Public Service Commission takes a firm stand against the ruthless action of the corporation which recognizes no moral obligation where there is no immediate profit. This proposed action is manifestly unjust to a section of the state where numerous old silver properties are just coming back after twenty and thirty years of idleness, following the stupefying blow of demonetization. These mines have a great future before them if aided by the present electric service, which would enable mines and mills to operate at the highest efficiency. Withdrawal of power would preclude owners from reopening and condemn the mines to remain idle when the whole world is looking to Nevada to replenish the stock of silver.

The principle of liability should be clearly enunciated by the Public Service Commission to the end that no public utility should abandon operations without at least five years warning to present and prospective consumers. The company in this case was well protected through the terms of its construction contracts which carried a clause by which the cost was assessed against the consumers and amortized from assuming any great risk and the charges for isolated service was predicated on the theory that the tenure of the contract was not of long duration and the company was justified in charging all the traffic would bear. Wonder is not dead, according to well advised engineers who hold out the promise of many years of active and profitable operation, without taking into consideration the prospect of new consumers entering the field. The rape of the Rhyolite district should not be repeated

elsewhere by the same company which displayed utter heartlessness in removing its lines in the dead of the night while negligent county officers were calmly considering the propriety of enjoining such action.

Southern Nye county would not have been robbed of electric service had J. F. Saunders, then district attorney of Nye county, acted as he should have done to protect public interests. Injunction proceedings were urged but, as it was on the eve of election, the district attorney evidently played politics to hold the influence of the power company and refrained from doing anything until every vestige of the transmission lines had been removed. It was another case of the public be damned, and this man Saunders was elected to the supreme bench.

RAISING BABIES IN HONOLULU

(Correspondence Associated Press) HONOLULU, Oct. 20.—About 1,400 Japanese "picture brides" have entered the port of Honolulu every year for the past ten years, according to the statement made by one of the United States immigration officials here.

These women, it is stated, are nearly all laborers. They are married on their arrival here. In addition about 200 wives who have been married in Japan come yearly to the islands. In Honolulu alone, the records show a hundred marriages monthly between Japanese residents of Hawaii, giving a total official estimate say, of more than 2,800 Japanese families started in the islands in a year.

Ebert is referred to as the "imperial president" of Germany. Why not refer to him as the republican emperor?

MUD SPRINGS REGION ACTIVE

"My trip to the Mud Springs district was by no means a visit to unfamiliar territory, as I had been over that section on several occasions in 1907 and 1908, when I was directing the development work on Nevada Crown properties at that time," said Engineer Fred E. Young.

"I was very favorably impressed with the possibilities of the district at that time, and advised my company to put prospectors in the field, but gold was the metal we were after then and the scheme was dropped when we found that silver predominated.

"There was little or no work done at that time, and I was very agreeably surprised to find, upon this visit, that several shallow shafts had been sunk in recent years, well as a number of open cuts which showed very strong and promising veins.

"The formation differs very little from that surrounding Tonopah and the Divide, the country being capped for the most part by flows of rhyolite, rhyolite tuffs and breccias, with an occasional dike of diabase and basalt.

"The veins are strong fault fissures, filled with breccia and mineralization is in the form of interstitial enrichment.

"Several shipments of ore from shallow workings have been made and are said to have averaged about 80 per cent.

"At Iona, we heard good reports of new discoveries which added to the already well known former producers of the district, and should once more bring this region into prominence.

"It is safe to say that there is no other region in Nevada today which, having such excellent mineral showings as that between Iona and Mud Springs, is so little known and appreciated. This cannot last very

long, for sooner or later the enterprising operator will seek out its mines."

ALL KIND MONEY IN CIRCULATION

(Correspondence Associated Press) NOME, Alaska, Oct. 10.—Russian paper money of half a dozen or more brands was left in Nome last week by sailors given shore leave from Admiral Kolchak's gunboat, the Yakut, when it spent several days here taking on supplies.

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