

**BARTINE'S NEW DUTIES**

Something About the Work of the Examiner for the State.

The Reno Journal has the following: The State Board of Revenue, consisting of the Governor, Attorney-General and Controller, has very wisely selected Hon. H. F. Bartine as State Examiner. Mr. Bartine is an excellent appointment. He has a familiarity with Nevada conditions resulting from thirty-four years residence in the State; a residence which was broken only for a brief interval of years during most of which time he was engaged in the silver propaganda east of the Rocky mountains, a work for which he has a thorough knowledge of the money question pre-eminently fitted him. During this time his material and substantial interests have all been in Nevada, his family have been here and he has never for a moment been out of touch with those matters which peculiarly and deeply concern the people of this State. Besides all this, his perfect understanding of the tax reduction law, passed by the last Legislature will enable him to perform his duties effectively and with a view of benefitting the several counties and the State as a whole. He is a lawyer of unquestioned ability, well versed in public affairs and finance and the county officers with whom he will necessarily have to confer will find in him a capable and willing adviser regarding the application of the new law.

Owing to the doubt in some quarters of the State as to the practical working of the law, and the misapprehension concerning some of its provisions, the State Board of Revenue deemed it advisable to appoint an attorney to this position, so that a clear interpretation of the act might be given where doubt prevailed. Fortunately Mr. Bartine was available and Attorney-General Sweeney suggested that he be appointed and that he assume his duties at once, in order that the officers of the various counties be fully informed regarding the law by the time it goes into effect, viz. 1904.

Mr. Bartine is now at work upon preliminary matters and will very shortly start on his tour of examination over the State. He will visit the county seat of each county and endeavor to meet the county boards of equalization, as well as the Assessor of each county, examine the systems employed in keeping the accounts, and the situations of the various counties from a financial standpoint, urge a uniform system of reports to the State Controller and such other detail as will insure a system by which comparisons may be made. If the new law should in any way cause complications in the affairs of a county, or apparently cause any hardship, Mr. Bartine will endeavor to suggest a remedy for the trouble.

The fact that the law does not go into effect until 1904, will give the officers of the various counties opportunities to canvass the situation thoroughly and when the Assessors meet as required by law early in the year, the valuations can be so fixed as to cover any difficulties which now seem apparent.

In all of these matters the county officials will find in Mr. Bartine a most willing and able coadjutor. He will also be in attendance at the State Board of Assessors' meeting and the information and data he will gather and compile will greatly simplify the work of that body.

It is expected that Mr. Bartine's tour will cover a period lasting at least three months and in order to meet the county boards of equalization, he will be compelled to notify the members in advance. He will endeavor, of course, to arrange his visits so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible, but the territory to be covered is large and the work delegated to him can be greatly facilitated by the assistance of and prompt fulfillment of appointments, on the part of the officials, previously made by the examiner.

**Death of T. W. Rayercraft.**

T. W. Rayercraft was found dead in his bed in the Starke hotel, in Gardnerville Sunday morning having passed away peacefully during the night without even a struggle.

About two years ago Mr. Rayercraft was seriously injured in a runaway accident and since that time has been steadily falling rapidly. Tow Rayercraft was a generous, wholesouled, open-hearted man, who was everybody's friend and probably not an enemy in the world.

Deceased was aged 47 years, and was born in Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois. He leaves a mother, two sisters and eight brothers.

The funeral will take place from the church in Carson today at 1 p. m.

**PIONEER PASSES AWAY**

Death of James W. Holbrook in this City Sunday.

Sunday afternoon, James W. Holbrook, one of Carson's best known citizens, died in this city. He had been ailing for about a year, the results of a fall, which resulted in dropsy. His splendid constitution kept him on his feet until almost the last, and up to the very last he uttered no complaint to the many friends who called upon him.

"Jim" Holbrook has been a resident of this city for nearly twenty years, coming here as the Deputy State Controller under the term filled by the late Controller Halleck. The friendship of the two was the closest, and his death following so close upon that of his friend, has caused considerable comment among the admirers of the two. In 1863 Mr. Holbrook took up a ranch on the Truckee river, where he remained during the boom days of Washoe City and that section. From there he moved to Wadsworth, where he acted as forwarding agent of Jas. Ferguson, and later acted in the same capacity for M. W. Gilbert. This was at the time when all of the freight for Candelaria, Belleville and other big mining camps was shipped through Wadsworth, in fact the houses that he represented were the largest in the State at the time.

Mr. Holbrook was trained for a life at sea, he having come from a family that had been bred to the ocean and its hardships. His father before him having perished in a ship of his own. Another brother was lost at sea, and Jim took a cruise around the world before landing in California. When he reached San Francisco, the gold fever set in, and his first love was abandoned for the silver camps of Nevada.

After Mr. Halleck was out of public office Mr. Holbrook remained in the employ of the State for about a year. From that he was employed as a Deputy United States Marshal, and served in that capacity up to ten days before his death.

His familiar figure will be missed by many. James W. Holbrook was born in Brewer, Maine, about 65 years ago, where one brother survives him. He was a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masons, under whose auspices the funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon.

**ARE AFTER SUSPECTS.**

Officers in Search of Men Connected With Chinese Murder.

At midnight Monday Jim Sullivan and Harry Manon, who had been specially deputized, procured John Doe warrants and went in search of two men who have been prominently identified as having taken part in the Chinese murder and outrage on the 15th of last month.

The men had a big start over the officers, but from L. L. Patrick, who came in last night from Tokop, it is learned that on Thursday the deputies were only a few hours behind the men and had hopes of catching them before they reached the California line. The men had been traveling with burros and have made numerous stops along the road. One of them is said to have been present at killing of Chong Bing Long, and it is also said that he got away with a big part of the money secured. The men are the same ones that ex-Deputy Sheriff Jones had located and for whom he had warrants at the time he was removed by Sheriff Cushing.—Bonanza.

**No Deaths Reported.**

For the first time in many years no deaths were reported in the Nevada jurisdiction of the A. O. U. W. for the month of September. The change in the assessment rates of the A. O. U. W. do not go into effect until January 1, 1904.

Controller Davis and Attorney-General Sweeney departed for Winnemucca Sunday night, where they were called by the District Attorney in the matter of the tax cases.

Parties desiring remnant wall paper for small rooms will do well to call at the Fox Store, where a sacrifice sale is being made in order to make room for new stock that is on the road.

The County Commissioners are asking for bids to sell the pavilion and grounds. This is a chance for someone who has an eye to business to get a fine piece of property at a reasonable figure.

A private detective, who claims to be on the track of Convict Miller, was in Carson Valley last week. He believes that aft breasinsrshrdwlyn leaves that after his narrow escape in Reno, Miller retraced his steps and passed through the valley on his way south.

**EQUALIZATION COMPLETED**

Number of Valuations Raised—Few Lowered.

The County Board of Equalization has practically completed its labors for the year and will hold its final meeting next Monday. Thus far the following business has been transacted.

Mrs. A. S. George and Mrs. Simeon Guier were allowed widow's exemption of \$1000 each, as provided by the laws of Nevada.

The following show the valuations placed upon the various bits of property mentioned, by the Assessor, and the last set of figures show the reduction made by the Board of Equalization:

- Frank Ambrosetti, ranch, assessor's valuation, \$3865; Board of Equalization reduced it \$500.
- P. H. Wilcocky, dwelling, \$600, reduced \$100.
- T. R. Hofer, Jr., residence, \$5500, reduced \$1000.
- Mrs. G. T. Davis, King street store, \$1050, reduced \$250.
- State Bank and Trust Company, \$58,000, reduced \$2500. The resulting valuation is an increase of \$17,500 over last year.
- Comstock Mill and Mining Company reduced \$2500.
- Mexican Mill & Mining Company, \$22,500, reduced \$2000.
- John Wood (Clear Creek), ranch, \$550, reduced \$450.
- John R. Cook, dwelling, reduced \$100.
- Mrs. Daisy Jones, house \$450, reduced \$250.

Subtract the last from the first set of figures in each paragraph and the result in the present valuation.

The following valuations by the Assessor were increased the several amounts named. Add both sets of figures to gain present valuations:

- John Bath, ranch, \$5000, raised \$1000.
- Robinson & Bath ranch, \$7450, raised \$1000.
- Henry Bath, ranch, \$6250, raised \$1000.
- H. M. Anderson, ranch \$5845, raised \$1000.
- Chartz & James, drug store, \$2000 raised \$500.
- F. J. Steinmetz, dwelling, \$1450, raised \$250.
- Dan McDonald, dwelling \$550, raised \$250.
- M. P. Simmer, ranch, \$1150, raised \$500.
- A. J. Pedroll, ranch, \$1700, raised \$600.
- Wm. David, residence, \$600, raised \$150.
- Mrs. S. A. Nevers, ranch \$3225, raised \$1000.
- Mrs. S. J. Fox, \$16,500, raised \$1000.
- Mrs. Witherell, \$1800, raised \$500.
- Mrs. Emma Kitzmeyer, brick store, \$1200, raised \$1000.
- Mrs. M. E. Rinckle, Eagle Market block raised \$1000.
- Bank, mortgage, \$250.
- Frank Langevin, mortgage, \$2000.
- Mrs. Ann Rickey, mortgage \$250.
- Elmer David, mortgage, \$200.
- John Wagner, raised \$500 on the Burlington store building.

**DRIVER KILLED**

Four Horse Team Runs Away With Fatal Results.

On Sunday morning W. C. Wyncoop manager of the City property at Liberty, started a four-horse wagon load of provisions from Tonopah to the camp in the charge of driver William Blackmore. When near Ray in some unexplained manner the team ran away, throwing the driver from his seat and strwing the supplies along the ground for nearly a mile. When the news reached town Mr. Wyncoop dispatched a team to the place of the accident and had Blackmore brought in. One of the horses was found in a badly crippled condition and was killed.

Blackmore was in an unconscious condition when brought in and never regained his senses, dying Wednesday morning, and an examination showed that concussion of the brain caused his death. How the accident occurred cannot be determined. The team was supposed to be a steady one, and Blackmore was a reliable, careful driver. When he left town he had at least \$100 in his pockets, and this had disappeared when he was found on the road.

"Bill" Blackmore was one of the most famous drivers in the west. For years he drove one of Buffalo Bill's crack teams in the Wild West show, and later on he drove stage on the Bodie, Hawthorne and Candelaria routes, and also in many parts of California.

He was born near Freeport, Ill., and was aged about 68 years. Little is known of his people, but an effort will be made to find them, in order to appraise them of their relative's death. His funeral took place Thursday and was attended by a number of friends and acquaintances.

"Bill" Blackmore was well known in this city, where he was among the early day drivers, as he managed the ribbons over nearly every grade in this section. A few years ago he came to this city and drove to the lake a season. He then removed to California, but hearing of the strike in Tonopah, when he was engaged in the business of driving. Bill died in harness, and could he have had his way of going, this would probably have been the choice. "Bill" Blackmore was one of the few old time drivers who was left in this section, as he flourished about the time Hank Monk was in the driver's seat.

**Married.**

Mr. Chas. Harris and Miss Cissie Newham were married Sunday afternoon in this city.

The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Jesse Newham, a brother of the bride, and was a very quiet affair.

The bride has been a resident of this city all her life and is a great favorite with those who know her best who love her for many charms of person and disposition. Mr. Harris is a well spoken of young man of Virginia City, well worthy of his excellent wife.

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