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## Many Candidates for the County Offices

A lot of new political announcements were made this week and every thing indicates that there will be a lively crop of candidates before the respective party conventions next September.

### JUDGE NORCROSS MAKES HIS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The official announcement of Judge Frank H. Norcross, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator, appears in today's issue of the Record.

Nearly everyone in Nevada knows who Judge Norcross is. Therefore it is useless to enter into a lengthy story of his life's work and achievements. At the present time he is chief justice of the supreme court of Nevada. His term in that office is about to expire and it was with the view of not again becoming a candidate for supreme court justice that he announced his intention of becoming a candidate, some time ago for United States senator.

### MARRIAGE WOULD RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

It is currently reported that E. C. D. Marriage will be a candidate for the office of county commissioner—long term, before the Democratic county convention. However he has not made a definite statement to that effect.

Mr. Marriage is interested in mining at Atlanta, is the owner of Pioche real estate and at the present time fills a responsible position with the Amalgamated Pioche company.

### MRS. WILCOX MAY BE IN THE POLITICAL RACE

A number of friends of Jennie Wilcox, deputy county treasurer and clerk, are urging her to become a candidate before the Democratic county convention for one of the county offices and it is believed that she may consent to do so. However she has not definitely stated that her announcement will be forthcoming, yet it is probable.

Mrs. Wilcox's supporters declare that she has proven herself to be

## NOTED NEVADA RESORT GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

On account of the fact that he is unable longer to give the business his personal attention, Al. Fisher has decided to close his place of business in Wells. For the first time in about thirty-five years the doors are barred and the famous old place, conducted during all that time as one of the most orderly bars ever existing in any state in the American union, is silent. This bar, in reality a museum of the wonders and curios of the world, is known from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Rio Grande to the border line of which the Great Lakes form a part. Its wonders have been viewed by thousands of the most refined ladies of the land, safe from insult or molestation. It has always been a hobby with Mr. Fisher to conduct the business in such style that ladies could, without fear, cross the threshold of his bar to view the curios within the double room. No blinds have graced the doors and windows of his place—it being his rule that the business must be conducted with such precision that there could be no cause to hide the scenes from an observant public.

It seems strange to note the closed doors. The establishment is one of the old landmarks of the west. From all portions of the civilized and uncivilized world Mr. Fisher has gathered some curious or specimen of natural history and science, grouping and displaying the specimens in the cases and on the walls in an inviting manner, where they could be seen by all—where they could be studied by the student of nature, examined by the seeker after knowledge, and admired by those who appreciate beholding evidences of the wonders and achieve-

an efficient and competent official and on the strength of this record is entitled to advancement.

### SENATOR KEY PITTMAN MAKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT

The official announcement of Senator Key Pittman, candidate for the nomination for United States senator, appears in this issue; also a lengthy report of his work in the upper house of congress.

### WILL HAMMOND COMES FOR CO. COMMISSIONER

A late political announcement is that of William Hammond of Ursine, who aspires to become a member of the board of county commissioners.

He is going to come before the voters, he declares, as an independent candidate for the long term.

Mr. Hammond is a native of Lincoln county, having been born and raised in Eagle Valley, where he now resides and where he is engaged in farming. "I believe," declared Hammond a few days ago, "that I can hold down the job of commissioner and render just as good service as anyone to the people. Therefore I am going to be a candidate and will go before the people upon a platform pledging economy and a straightforward business administration of county affairs."

### BEN HARRIS MAY CAST HAT INTO POLITICAL RING

There are persistent rumors to the effect that Justice of the Peace Ben Harris will aspire for the nomination on the Republican ticket for one of the county offices—probably for county clerk.

### WAR CRISIS OVER; WILL RUN FOR TREASURER

Inasmuch as the probability of war with Mexico has passed and there is likely to be no need of volunteers from Nevada, Chas. Culverwell has decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for county treasurer. Everybody knows what kind of an official Charley has made since he has been over at the court house. He is a popular fellow and knows every voter in the county.

ments of man and nature. From foreign lands and dark ages, from the hottest and the coldest countries on the globe, there were curios. A cabinet, filled with specimens of minerals depicting all the stages of mining life in the west, had a prominent position in the display, and a very remarkable and valuable display of heads and horns of wild animals from the plains and mountains of the Pacific slope to the snowy fastnesses of Alaska, adorned the walls, as natural as life, owing to the treatment of the taxidermist.

It is a remarkable collection, but no more remarkable than the stalwart owner, now bent under the weight of nearly eighty years, the greater portion of which have been passed in Elko county.

Allen Fisher and his place of business are known all over the union, and while many will regret the passing of his museum of wonders, thousands will trust that this genial old gentleman may yet live for many years before entering upon that eternal rest in that unknown land where his good deeds will stand out in bold relief—where curios more wonderful than those ever gathered by human hands will suffice him to continue the studies begun on earth.—Wells Herald.

### BULLIONVILLE MILL IS READY FOR COMMISSION

The Bullionville mill, constructed recently by the Prince Consolidated M. & S. Co., was given a try-out during the week and it is expected that the plant will be placed in regular commission tomorrow.

The plant has been built with capacity for the treatment of 200 tons a day and it is estimated that there are enough tailings at Bullionville and in Dry Valley to keep the plant going steadily on the above basis for a period of two years.

## Lower Prices Hit the Tungsten Camps

C. Barr and Fred Mansir have returned from a trip to Ely where Mr. Barr went to do some mineral surveying. They passed thru the tungsten district of White Pine, and Mr. Barr claims that the showings are big and that some of the best tungsten mines are being opened up in the northwest. Just now though the market for ores that had not miners who had made contracts are shipping all they can produce, but been contracted for is dead. It is

expected that in a short time the consumers of tungsten will do something to fix the price so that a producer will know where he is at. It is not expected that metal will continue to bring the fancy figure now had, but will relate enough to make tungsten mining profitable. Mr. Barr says that Wm. Starr is getting out a fine bunch of silver ore and will ship as soon as the transportation problem is solved. Mr. Starr is operating near Geyser.

### WHITE PINE PAPER COMMENTS ON COPPER TAX

A serious menace to the prosperity of White Pine county and to one of the chief resources of the State of Nevada is threatened by the proposed enactment of the new revenue law reported by the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives.

Word comes from Washington that by his new revenue measure it is proposed to single out the copper industry and the munitions factory industry (largely centered in the New England states, as the two industries which shall be taxed for the purpose of raising additional revenue required to fulfill the preparedness program. The bill, which according to reports will be voted upon in the house of representatives tomorrow imposes a tax on the gross receipts of copper smelters and copper refineries of one per cent of the product between a quarter and one million dollars per annum and two percent on the receipts between one million and ten million, and three percent on the receipts above the last named figure.

This is an enormous tax and very vitally affects the leading industry of White Pine county. It is an enormous tax by reason of the fact that the proposed bill only aims to raise the required revenue from the specified industries instead of burdening the duty of paying this excise on all industries alike.

It should be well known to Washington that is generally throughout the commercial world, that copper is not only metal the price of which has enhanced within the last 20 years as the result of the war, but increased enormously in market value. So, too, should Washington know that the increase in the industry follows, is not limited to the metals but to wheat, wool, meats and food products generally have likewise enjoyed a period of prosperity; and hence they, with a great many other branches of American enterprise should share the burden. Indeed one can hardly think any commodity of necessity used in these increased at least substantially as the result undoubtedly of the European war. Why then should Washington administer the blow to an industry which in some seven or eight of the states, principally western, are interested?

The citizens of Nevada, although their state is far within the United States' borders, north, west, south and east, have never taken a provincial view of the preparedness question and so far from decrying or opposing those who have contended for the necessity of preparedness—such as the citizens and representatives of some of the states likewise remote from the exterior boundaries, have done—have always taken the broader national view and favored preparedness in a reasonable and adequate measure. If the time has come, however, when those in charge at Washington can settle the cost of such preparedness upon certain industries to the exclusion of others, it is certainly in order for the citizens of this state and its representatives in congress to arouse themselves and oppose such a vicious measure by means in their power. If copper can today be singled out as the object of such nefarious revenue raising law, the silver industry may be so individualized tomorrow and honored (?) by a corresponding enactment.

The interests in the western part of the state are alive to the possibilities of such injurious legislation and the Commercial club of Reno, which is practically the State Chamber of Commerce, we understand has voiced itself in clear and emphatic terms to our Washington representatives. Action has also been taken by the Nevada Mine Owners' association at a meeting just held in Tonopah. In the debate on the measure in the House of Representatives one of the congressmen opposing its enactment charged the south with saddling the burden and cost of preparedness upon the north. He might have added the west also, for it is the states of the west which are vitally interested in that phase of the bill applying to the copper industry.

It is interesting to note that the copper producers of this state are at the present time paying a three-fold tax. They first pay the bullion tax to the state and county, next pay to the state and county a tax upon their property including mining equipment transportation facilities and milling and smelting plant, all assessed at a value which does not take into consideration the amount paid quarterly under the bullion tax law, and they then pay to the United States a corporation income tax upon the net proceeds of their operations. If the proposed revenue measure becomes a law they will in addition have to pay to the United States a tax upon the gross receipts of the smelter and thereafter a tax upon the gross receipts of the refinery, the burden of which refinery tax will of course be thrown on the smelter operators by the refinery companies.

The air is vibrant these days with talk about the principle of "Americanism." Would it not be well to apply that principle to our domestic affairs as well as in our relations to foreign countries? It is essentially un-American to single out certain industries and impose upon them disproportionate burdens of the government.—White Pine News.

## AUTO LICENSE MONEY FOR ROADS

Secretary of State Geo. Brodigan has completed a list showing the amount of money due each county in the state as a result of the sale of automobile licenses during the first six months of the year.

Lincoln county's share is lower than any other county in the state, amounting to \$194.50. The law provides that this sum shall be applied toward the betterment of roads.

The money apportioned to each county is as follows:

Churchill	\$ 904.50
Clark	1038.50
Douglas	804.50
Elko	1987.00
Esmeralda	955.50
Humboldt	1720.50
Lander	377.50
Lyon	852.00
Mineral	529.99
Nye	1488.69
Ormsby	476.00
Storey	233.50
Washoe	5003.00
White Pine	891.50

### Camp Valley Precinct

The citizens of Camp Valley have petitioned the board of county commissioners to establish an election precinct there. The application will be granted in time for the general election.

## Nevada Cavalry Is Ready to Mobilize

The mobilization of the two troops of Nevada cavalry is going ahead. It is stated that the new soldiers will commence to arrive here next Tuesday and that they are to be quartered at Armory hall. Before their arrival a detachment of 10 men under the direction of J. R. Curry, recruiting agent at Reno, will be in the city to make the necessary arrangements for the men.

Replying to a telegram sent by Governor Boyle, requesting that the department issue 200 Gold Medal coats and 400 blankets for the 200 cavalrymen who had signed up and were now awaiting the equipment, the following answer was received: San Francisco, July 7, 1916. Emmet D. Boyle, Governor, Carson City, Nevada.

### NORCROSS REPLIES TO PROPOSAL OF SAM PLATT

Judge Norcross has made reply to Sam Platt's recent communication in the following: Hon. Sam Platt, Reno, Nevada.

My dear Mr. Platt: Your letter of June 29th addressed to A. H. Howe, Esq., and myself as candidates for the Republican nomination for United States senator, received. I take this first opportunity to reply.

You make the following main proposition:

"That a separate ballot be handed the voter at the Republican state primary election containing each of our names, so that the voter may designate thereon a choice for United States senator and that the delegates to the state convention vote for the candidate receiving the highest vote at the polls."

Permit me to say that if any practical means, which will protect the rights of all concerned, can be devised whereby such plan can be carried out, I will most heartily approve of the same.

I assume that you have considered that your proposal not only involves the approval of the several candidates and delegates who may be elected, but also the co-operation of a thousand or more election officers and public officials in no way legally obligated to observe the conditions of the proposal and that you are prepared to present a feasible scheme to carry your proposal into execution.

I regard it as regrettable that the views you have recently expressed were not made public during the session of the last legislature and that those who were opposing the passage and approval of the present law, which abolished the direct primary, could not have had your active co-operation. I have heretofore assumed that you favored the passage of the present law. Such assumption which I deem reliable, to the effect that your partner, Mr. Sanford, urged the legislature to pass and the governor to approve the act now in force. If I am wrong in my assumption, I will be glad to be corrected and I would be pleased to have you state what, if anything, you did in the way of opposing the passage or approval of Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5, which is the present law.

That my attitude towards the present law may be known, permit me to state that I prepared the proposed amendment to the bill introduced by Senator Harrington and which is published in full on pages 325 and 326 of the Journal of the Senate, and which, had it been adopted, would have permitted an expression of choice by the voters for United States senator as well as other of the more important offices in which the public is most vitally interested, and would have permitted nominations to have been made by such means.

While I have grave doubt whether any feasible means can be devised whereby your proposed plan can be carried out, I am willing to co-operate in every way possible, and to this

Your telegram requesting Gold Medal coats and blankets has been taken up by the war department. Action will be wired you at the earliest possible date.

CAMPBELL, Adjutant General.

Since the arrival of the telegram, it has been learned that the blankets and coats have been ordered and will arrive in a few days.

At the present time recruiting offices in various parts of the state report the following number of volunteers who will make up the two troops of Nevada cavalry.

Reno 31, Las Vegas 60, Lovelock 35 and Tonopah 40. Making a total of 166 men. It is also stated that a number have volunteered in Elko and Ely, but the reports have not yet been received.—Carson News.

end would be pleased to appoint representatives to co-operate with other representatives to be appointed by yourself and Mr. Howe or any prospective candidates, if any such there may be, in an effort to devise a safe, workable plan to be presented for the consideration of the several candidates.

Permit me now to present for your consideration a plan that in my judgment will work, is consistent with the present law and will better accomplish the desired result than any voluntary agreement which the candidates can enter into, an agreement which at the best would not be sanctioned by law and is of extremely doubtful feasibility.

I propose that the candidates for delegates to the convention be requested to publicly state their choice for nominee for United States senator, so that the voters may know where the candidates for delegates stand; thus indirectly the voters may accomplish the purpose which our present law deprives them of. I have already advised this course wherever I have been and shall continue to do so.

It seems now that there will be but one main contest before the Republican state convention—that for the nomination for United States senator. I want the rank and file of the party to know whom the candidates for delegates will favor so that they may express their choice accordingly. I shall continue to work along these lines even though we may subsequently be able to agree upon a plan to carry out your proposal, in which event the voters would have a double opportunity for an expression of choice.

A copy of this letter I am mailing to Mr. Howe.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,  
FRANK H. NORCROSS.

### YOUNG PEOPLE ON TRIP TO BIG TREES

Wednesday evening a party of a dozen or so of Pioche young folk made a moonlight excursion to the Big Trees, about nine miles from town. They had the Culverwell bus and it was loaded to the guards. At the place of destination the young people built a bon fire, had lunch and enjoyed themselves generally in the bright moonlight. Coming home they had the misfortune to break the wagon tongue and that caused some delay, but they reached home early—in the morning.

Those who made up the party were: Misses Smith, Franklin, Nesbitt, Roeder, Orr and Lena Franks; Messrs. Franklin, Clark, Ewing, Franks, Smith, Dolan and Harry Smith.

### Kahn Prospective Delegate

E. Kahn has filed his name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican state convention. Mr. Kahn will go to the convention, in case of his election, obligated to no candidate, but declares that he will work for the nomination of persons who, in his opinion, will yield the greater influence for the welfare of his party.