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From Monday's Daily

A large number of jurors and witnesses are in attendance on the district court.

Judge Castle sent Johnny Johns, a drunken Indian, to the bastille for 60 days this morning. Johnny is a bad Indian, but the white man that tells him is worse.

Superintendent Davis of the Nevada Bunker Hill Mining company and Mr. McNeil went to Bullion this morning. They took with them a prospective investor whose name we do not know.

Ross Reynolds arrived from Salt Lake Saturday and this morning Judge Taber appointed him official court reporter for the present term. Mr. Reynolds seems to be a competent young man.

The Elko land office will be opened for business on the first of January, 1914. This information will be found in a notice from Hon. Clay Tallman, U. S. Land Commissioner, elsewhere in this issue. The notice is important to all who have business with the land office.

The impeachment trial of Governor Sulzer cost the people of New York a pretty sum. The pay of the members of the impeachment court alone amounted to \$60,987, each member receiving \$1,087.50 at the rate of \$37.50 per day. The salaries of the attaches and other expenses will run the cost close to \$100,000.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin of Mountain City are in town as witnesses in the Huber murder case. They are stopping at the Elko Hotel. Mrs. Martin was a pupil in the public school when we had charge of it. Many years have passed since then and both teacher and pupil show changes that time has made.

About 2 o'clock Saturday morning Mike Machella and Vivian Hayden had a fight with J. W. McDougall, a waiter at the Commercial Hotel. They beat him up pretty bad and he had them arrested. Their cases came up before Judge Castle this afternoon and were continued until 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

In taking charge of the Independent again, we have lost the job of foreman of the Mayer Hotel. Contractor Shraven said we were neglecting our duties at the building and fired us without ceremony. Having endured many harder knocks than this, we hope to survive the shock. We hope to be reinstated when Contractor Shraven gets over his grouch.

Mrs. Alice Eberhard, who gives her residence as Sacramento, is bemoaning the loss of a beautiful plume, which she claims was shattered to bits by an electric fan in a Southern Pacific dining car. She has filed a claim for \$75 for the plume with the company. Another woman is asking \$50 for the loss of a hat, which blew out the window when the porter opened a door causing a draught.

A few days ago, a man who had just secured employment at one of the cyanide plants in Silver City, inquired for a refreshing drink of water. He was directed to the proper place, and nothing more thought of the incident. A few moments later he returned and remarked, "what the matter; that water was no good." Investigation showed that he had quaffed a large portion of cyanide solution and there were lively doings for a short time. He was given the "third" degree and divers other forms of first aid treatment known to the craft, and a doctor summoned. When the latter arrived he found the man doing well and no serious effects have manifested themselves as yet. It was a close call, however.—Virginia Chronicle.

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J. E. Smith of Wells was in town yesterday.

Re Wulverton, Jr., of Ruby Valley is doing jury duty. He reports everything lovely in that section.

Ralph Young, of the Elko Soda Works, left last night for San Francisco to attend the Portola Festival.

Mr. Wm. Clark and wife of Cherry Creek spent the latter part of last week in Elko. They returned Sunday morning.

The Rev. Father Cocoran has returned to Carlin from his trip in the east. While away he preached in Providence, Lowell, and New York City. He will say Mass in Elko next Sunday.

Judge Ducker has sentenced George Riley, who pleaded guilty to a criminal assault on a 19 year old girl in Paradise valley, to 30 years in the penitentiary. The Star says that Riley showed no emotion when the sentence was passed.

If the Independent is being delivered by carrier or mail to any person who does not want to patronize the writer they will confer a favor on us by notifying this office. Don't wait two or three weeks and then say you did not want the paper under its present management. Notify the office and your name will be stricken from the list.

Tom Manley, a waiter at the Elk Cafe, took an overdose of fighting whiskey last night and started to clean out the place. He filled his pockets with the salt and pepper shakers and proceeded to throw them at everybody in sight. The result was that he landed in jail and this morning Judge Castle put him away for 60 days.

The American quarter, if the number thirteen has any significance is a very unlucky piece of money. Did you ever notice that on every quarter there are thirteen stars, thirteen letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, thirteen long feathers in each of the eagle's wings, thirteen upright bars in the shield, thirteen arrows, thirteen leaves on the branch, thirteen letters in the words "quarter dollar."

Jack Salisbury on his way home from Carbonate, the new lead-silver district in Death Valley, stopped long enough in Tonopah to tell his friends of the successful operations of the new mines west from Zabriski, on the Tonopah & Tidewater railroad. He said that forty horses are employed hauling ores for delivery to the tractor at the Funeral range and that the output is now eighty tons a week and growing as fast as they find teams to do the hauling.

In Austria there has been formed a great association for care in sickness, which is model in its way. By law every Austrian has to belong. The poorer members must pay something like 20 cents a month. Those who can't afford to pay are members just the same. In all the Austrian communities treatment is provided for the minor ailments. For the more serious diseases patients are sent to Vienna. The leading physicians in the country are on the staff, specialists of world renown.

The total assessed valuation of Nevada is \$106,000,000. To raise sufficient money to run the state government this valuation must be increased to at least \$114,000,000, according to the state tax commission. To secure this increase the commission is arbitrarily raising valuations on the struggling farming and mining communities throughout the state, regardless of the conditions under which they struggle. And yet it is proposed to contribute \$140,000 of state funds to the California expositions. Will the taxpayers suffer this outrage in silence?—Clark County Review.

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Mrs. Irwin McDowell and daughter left this morning for their home at Provo, Utah.

We are informed that the jury in the Matthews case stood 7 for conviction to 5 for acquittal.

Architect Ware arrived from Salt Lake this morning. He is still on the job at the Mayer Hotel.

P. P. Means, representing Hubert S. Brown Richmond Andrade properties, of Richmond, California is registered at the Commercial.

W. W. Booher has taken over the reins once more of the Elko Independent after an eight months rest. W. T. McNeil having given up his lease. Mr. Booher has at once restored the Independent to its former lines, and the same old "punch."

Now, that the anti-suffragist orators have invaded the state look out for lively hair pulling times. The suffragette has about as much love for an anti as the devil has for holy water. We hope there will

be none of the antics of our sisters across the sea injected into the Nevada campaign by either party. Sisters, keep your bonnets on.

Peter Wilsell started from Carson for Genoa with a buggy load of sacks in which to put his potato crop. A spark from his cigar ignited them and as the wind was from the west and the smoke passed out of the back of the buggy, the vehicle was so far gone before he noticed the fire that all he could do was to unhitch the horse. The car, with the exception of the wheels was entirely destroyed.

G. A. Seibert, who left Elko in 1880, stopped over between train's today on his way from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to San Francisco. He was a resident of Elko for several years and clerked in the M. P. Freeman & Co's bank and attended to Wells Fargo express, their office being in the bank at that time. This was his first visit to Elko since he left and he was greatly impressed by the improvement of the town and its future prospects. He continued on his journey this afternoon.

Western Pacific engineers were at work at Palisade last week engaged in selecting a site for a new bridge that company has arranged to put across the Humboldt river there. It is learned that the site for the new bridge has been selected and the crossing will be made about opposite the car shops of the Eureka Nevada railway. The connecting line between the Western Pacific tracks on the south side of the river and Eureka-Nevada tracks at Palisade on the north side of the river will be built as a narrow gauge, the E. N. cars doing all the transferring across the river.—Eureka Sentinel.

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Dr. W. P. Murray, formerly of Caliente, Nevada, is in town and will locate here for the practice of his profession.

Dr. John E. Worden, formerly of Fallon, has located here and will be pleased to attend all who may need his services. See his card elsewhere.

Wm. Martin, who has been at the bedside of his daughter at an Ogden hospital, left for North Fork today on his way to his home at Gold Creek.

Contractor Shraven has the thanks of the Independent for a treat of banana apples from Utah. His visit this morning was one of peace and good will.

Delia Martin, the 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin of Gold Creek who was operated on at Ogden for appendicitis, is getting along nicely at the hospital. Her many friends will be glad to learn that the young lady will soon be out again.

Miss Minnie J. Reckhart, a former resident of Elko, was married in New York on the 15th, to Mr. S. E. Donnelly. They are on their wedding trip to San Francisco and on their return will stop in Elko to visit the bride's former friends. Mrs. Donnelly grew up in Elko and her many friends here extend congratulations and wish her much happiness.

We are glad to welcome Brother W. W. Booher back in the fold. He has been long identified with the newspaper game in the State that for the Elko Independent to issue without his name at the editorial masthead seems out of place. Mr. Booher is one of the pioneers of the State and has spent his energy in assisting in its growth. He has been out of the harness for eight months, but it is a cinch that he has lost none of that forcefulness that he exerted in making the Independent one of the best papers in the State.—Sparks Tribune.

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From Friday's Daily

Work on the new Mayer Hotel is going ahead rapidly. With the exception of the light wells, the building is under cover.

About 6.45 last night, Western Pacific engine No. 39 caught fire while standing on the outgoing engine track, and was damaged about \$175. The blaze was caused by oil dripping from the burner catching fire.—

On or about November 8th the S.

P. will have a new time table. The particular change in trains being train No. 10, which will arrive at 2:41 p. m., eastbound, instead of 11:10 p. m. as at present. No other changes of importance.

Dr. W. T. Liggett, of this city has formed a co-partnership with Dr. F. J. Crane of Tonopah and is shipping his furniture to that city. He will leave for Denver tomorrow and endeavor to pull off a mining deal while his furniture is in transit. He expects to be in Tonopah about Nov. 1st.

John Sheritt of Truckee, California is here looking for land. Mr. McNeil has taken him to Pine Valley, Eureka county, and various points in this county. So far he has purchased 360 acres near Carlin. He went out this morning to look at other lands in this county and will return and leave on No. 3 this afternoon.

We understand that referendum petitions against the Wells high school bond issue are being circulated throughout the county. The petitions are based on the proposition of bonding the county without a vote of the people. If the required number of signers is obtained, the question will be voted on at the next election.

Of the 800 miles of double track-laying on the Southern Pacific between San Francisco and Ogden more than 300 miles will be finished within 15 days, and in that time the track between Reno and Truckee will be turned over by the contractors to the company. Nearly all of the line between Blue Canyon, 25 miles beyond the summit, and San Francisco is completed and will be in operation before many days.

We call the attention of the taxpayers of Elko county to the article from the Reno Journal headed "Waste of Nevada Money" in this issue and ask them what they think about it and the men who voted to squander \$140,000 on California Expositions from which the State will derive little or no benefit. While they are thinking the matter over their thoughts should wander to the governor who completed the steel. Really, taxpayers, what do you think of the bunch?

WASTE OF NEVADA MONEY

The taxpayers of Nevada are facing the expenditure of \$140,000 of their money for the two California expositions of 1915.

The size of this amount is such as to arouse proper criticism not only for itself but in view of the inadequate return to be anticipated. Viewed from any light it is too much. No State, however well provided with money can afford to pay more for anything than it is worth, but we see this State—which cannot spare \$60,000 for highways—appropriating to California an amount which, if given in the same ratio by other States would turn a veritable flood of money rolling toward the Pacific.

Nevada has a population of approximately 90,000; New York approximately 9,000,000. If New York appropriated to the fairs on the same scale as Nevada she would give 100 times \$140,000, or \$14,000,000. The excessive proportion is only seen in the comparison.

Again, for this exposition Nevada taxpayers are charged six cents on the \$100 for two years, which is twice the amount levied per annum for the general school fund of the State. In 1916 we are called upon to expend in California twice as much as we expend in the general school fund for the education in any one year.

In view of this condition, public opinion has been properly aroused against such a large expenditure and the energy of the press, the State officials and the taxpayers should be directed to devising a remedy.

It seems the consensus of opinion that such a sum as this should not be expended if it can be avoided.

Such an expenditure is not inevitable. A way out lies in the discretion of the board of directors of the expositions. Present reliance must be placed on them, but if they fail relief must be sought at the special session of the legislature to be called next year.—Reno Journal.

Rare One, Too.
To be able to say nothing when it is best to keep still is a gift.

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DISTRICT COURT

District Court convened this morning for the trial of criminal cases and the transaction of other business, Judge Taber presiding.

Sheriff Harris returned 50 jurors served out of the venire of 55. The roll of jurors was called and Judge Taber listened to a number of requests to be excused from those present. Some of the requests were granted for the term and some were denied.

The preliminaries out of the way Judge Taber called on District Attorney Carville to announce the first case for trial and the order in which the remaining cases would be tried. The district attorney announced that by agreement of counsel for the defendant, case No. 498, the State against Harry Matthews, charged with attempt to commit rape, would be the first one tried and the other cases would come in the following order: Frank Huber, murder; Fred McCombs, grand larceny; Milton Abbey, burglary; Jack Griffin, robbery; Jan Bird, assault with intent to kill; Frank A. Hutto, forgery. There are three indictments against Matthews, all for the same offense.

The case of Harry Matthews was then called and the work of getting a jury begun. This was soon accomplished and twelve men were chosen to decide his fate.

Court then adjourned the hearing of the case until 2:30 in the afternoon and took a recess until 1:15 when the motions in the case of Fred McCombs were decided.

When court convened this afternoon, Judge Taber rendered a lengthy decision denying the motion to set aside the indictment against Fred McCombs. He held among other things that the defendant had not exercised diligence in investigating the grand jurors before they were empaneled and that he could not now take advantage of his failure to challenge Juror Hyde at the proper time. He read many decisions bearing on the question and to the layman his ruling seemed to be based on strong grounds. The result of the ruling is that McComb will have to face a jury.

When Judge Taber concluded, Attorney Dysart gave notice that the defense would ask the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition.

The case of the State against Matthews was then taken up and evidence was being taken when we went to press.

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Good progress is being made in the case of the State against Harry Matthews. Yesterday afternoon Lucille Straughter testified and this forenoon Dr. A. J. Hood, Gertrude Straughter, H. E. Sproule and J. W. Straughter, father of the girl, were examined and the evidence of Dr. Hood at the preliminary examination and the warrant of arrest were read to the jury. The State then rested.

The defense asked for time to consult witnesses and court recessed until 1:15 this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Taber set the trial of Fred McCombs for next Monday. It is expected that a writ of prohibition from the Supreme Court will be served upon Judge Taber before that time. If that occurs the case will go over until the Supreme court renders its decision on the application for the writ.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Elma Johnson, Mrs. Anna Coulter, Wm. Lawrence and Joe McGan testified for the defense. The defense then asked that the jury view the premises. The request was granted and the jury was taken to the premises by the officers. On the jury's return Deputy Sheriff Lamson was called as a witness. He was on the stand when our report closed.

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A session of the District Court was held last night and the Matthews case went to the jury about 10 o'clock. The twelve good men wrestled with until court convened this morning; when they reported that they were unable to agree and were discharged.

The case of Frank Huber, accused of the murder of Wm. Billings at Mountain City, was called. Attorney Dysart asked that Joe McNamara be entered as associate

counsel for the defense. The request was granted. District Attorney Carville then asked that the firm of Currier & Gedney be entered as counsel to assist the prosecution. This request was objected to by Mr. Dysart who wanted to know whether Mr. Gedney went to District Attorney Carville and asked to assist the prosecution of the case or whether the district attorney made the offer. Mr. Carville answered that he had not been approached by either member of the firm about being employed as assistant counsel. Mr. Gedney was asked the same question and declined to answer. Mr. Dysart also wanted to know if the associate counsel were to be paid out of the county funds or by private parties and was informed that they would be paid by private parties and would receive nothing from the county.

During the pendency of this matter the jurors were excused until 1:30 this afternoon and court adjourned until that time leaving the question unsettled.

At the afternoon session the employment of special counsel was further considered and the court took the matter under advisement until 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon and adjourned until that hour.

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This forenoon Judge Taber passed upon the question of special counsel to assist the district attorney in the prosecution of Frank Huber, charged with murder. He read many authorities, the most of which sustained the right of a judge to grant the application for the employment of special counsel in criminal cases. Some of the cases, however, held it was discretionary with the judge. Being in doubt as to his right to deny the application of the district attorney for the employment of special counsel in the Huber case, Judge Taber exercised his discretion and denied the application for the employment of the firm of Currier & Gedney, but stated that he would grant an application for the employment of either member of the firm to be agreed upon by the district attorney and the firm.

After consultation Mr. Gedney was agreed upon and he was entered as special counsel. The State excepted to the ruling of the court denying the application for the employment of Currier & Gedney and the defense objected to the employment of Mr. Gedney. The objections were overruled and the defense took an exception. The employment of special counsel in criminal cases has been the rule in this state for over forty years and Judge Taber's ruling seems to be in conflict with that practice. His decision, however, was largely based upon the conditions presented in the case before him. He fully considered those conditions and made his ruling accordingly. He stated that his ruling in this case was not to be regarded as a precedent.

After this matter was settled the jury was called in and excused till 1:30 o'clock and the court adjourned until that hour.

At the afternoon session the work of getting a jury to try the Huber case was begun. John W. Porter, the first Juror was being questioned when our report closed at 3 o'clock.

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When court adjourned for the noon recess, nine jurors had been examined in the Huber case, five of whom were excused and four passed. These four are subject to peremptory challenge. The examination of jurors was continued this afternoon.

THE COUNTY PRINTING

Yesterday we were asked to do some printing for the county and refused to do it on the ground that the printing was covered by the contract awarded by the commissioners. In the conversation, we were informed that the Elko offices had been doing such work and the commissioners had paid the bills.

As a taxpayer we protest against this way of doing business. The county printer is doubtless ready to do all the work he contracted to do and the commissioners have no right to allow bills for printing covered by his contract. If it con-

tinues, something may drop. In regard to the printing we were asked to do, it was claimed to be an emergency job. If the county officers are permitted to give out the county work to the Elko offices emergencies are very likely to occur with wonderful frequency and the county would pay double for it work.

The fault lies with the county commissioners in passing the bills and in the auditor in paying them. We will look up the bills paid in the near future and tell the taxpayers about them.

THE EDITOR ASSAULTED

While at work at our desk this morning we were startled to see Contractor Shraven enter the office with a pistol in his hand. Without waiting for the usual salutation he presented the weapon saying that he had come after us. Seeing that he meant business we grabbed the handy shears and made for him, but seeing that the dangerous looking weapon was nothing but a toy pistol that he swiped from one of Billy Mayer's boys and that instead of blood in his eyes there was a merry twinkle, we dropped the shears and listened to his plaint which was that we join Officer Cisco, Editor Steninger and himself and take something at the Club saloon.

It is needless to say that we went. All took cigars and the trouble ended in smoke. The cause of Mr. Shraven's invasion of the office was the little squib we published yesterday about our discharge from the foremanship of the Mayer Hotel building. We were put back on the job this morning but can't say how long it will be before we are fired again.

FOREST RESERVE MONEY

Governor Oddie has received a warrant from the National Treasury for \$16,556.89 for distribution to the several counties of the State representing the proportion of the receipts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913 from the National Forests, under the Act of Congress which provides as follows:

"That hereafter twenty-five per centum of all money received from each forest reserve during any fiscal year, including the year ending June 30, 1908, shall be paid at the end thereof, by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State or Territory in which said reserve is situated, to be expended as the State or Territorial legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated; provided, that when any forest the distributive share to each from the proceeds of said reserve shall be proportional to its area therein."

Elko is the largest benefactor from the distribution receiving the sum of \$6,137.

THE FORTY-THOUSANDTH LOCOMOTIVE

That a firm of builders should have recently completed its forty thousandth locomotive bears testimony to the magnitude of the locomotive building industry of this country. The Baldwin locomotive company, who have accomplished this feat, built their first locomotive in 1832. The one-thousandth was turned out from the works in 1861; and in 1880 the five-thousandth locomotive appeared. No. 10,000 was built in 1889 and No. 20,000 in 1902. It took only five years for the company to build its next 10,000 locomotives, and the present year sees the completion of the forty-thousandth, a fast passenger "Pacific" type. This locomotive has cylinders 26 inches in diameter by 26 inches stroke, 80 inch driving wheels, 4,525 square feet of heating surface, weighs 189,500 pounds and has a tractive force of 38,300 pounds. It was built for the Pennsylvania railroad.—Scientific American.

House Built of Porcelain.
An English inventor is building a house of sheets of porcelain, paneled and welded on a steel framework. The walls, being non-porous, would not retain dirt or disease germs. No matter how careless or dirty the previous tenant had been, a bucketful of water and some soap would make it as sweet and clean as a polished dinner plate.