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## "A POOR DOG THAT BITES THE HAND THAT FEEDS IT."

It is an unpleasant duty at any time to say anything condemning the course of our contemporary and we would always rather attribute its shortcomings to faults of judgment rather than lack of principle, but the recent attack which The Age made upon the Board of Trade of Las Vegas, representing as that body does the best business interests and most substantial citizens of our city, was so wantonly vicious and so utterly uncalled for that we feel compelled to take up the cudgels in behalf of the Board of Trade and what it represents. The meeting referred to in so libelous and scurrilous a manner by the Age was well attended and the arrangement made with the Los Angeles Examiner was an excellent move on the part of the Board of Trade and one from which Las Vegas will receive great and substantial benefit, and that the business men and property holders of Las Vegas so consider is evidenced by the promptness with which the amount necessary to secure this advertisement was subscribed.

The feeling that "if you don't patronize my paper your town is of no account" and such dog in the manger policy is too much in evidence on the part of the Age. It would hardly be a stretch of the truth to say that one copy of any single issue of the Los Angeles Examiner has more readers than any entire issue of the Age, and that the forthcoming anniversary issue of the Examiner will reach and be read by more people than the editor of the Age has ever seen. If he had seen and associated with more people and broadened his views and

intelligence he would probably not be guilty of the execrably bad taste and worse judgment of attacking his own town and everything connected with it or looking to its development, and for no other reason than because merit alone can win in the race for subscribers and advertising, and that the business men of Las Vegas have too much business acumen to waste their time or money reading or advertising in a splenetic sheet which is fast losing what little advertising and circulation it may have had, and has nothing to recommend it but puerile displays of bad temper on the part of its management. At the meeting of the board of trade referred to the Age was conspicuous by its absence.

There is apparently no hope of enlisting any effort the Age might be capable of making toward the upbuilding or development of the city of Las Vegas and evidently this is a case of "whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad."

### AN AMERICAN STATESMAN.

Senator William A. Clark, one of the most notable Americans and one who reflects the genius of the age, was with us Sunday for a few hours.

While with us he took a look at this, here "It will found a city," and with his usual great vim and energy he expressed the confidence that Las Vegas would have a great future and had many good things in store for those who were associated with its upbuilding.

Wherever one turns in this section one sees the evidences of this great man's farseeing constructive ability. These arid wastes today present a busy and thriving scene and all on account of the push, courage and determination of this leading American statesman. The history of the future will classify the great service of Senator Clark to mankind. For us today is but appreciation and admiration for the wondrous achievements accomplished by this single individual.

### OUTPUT OF GOLD IN STATE OF NEVADA.

The annual report of the geological survey for the year of 1904 has just been published.

The report says:  
The Nevada production of gold reached \$5,060,494 in 1904, an increase over the preceding year of \$1,990,144. Practically the whole of this increase should be credited to the new camp of

Goldfield, which produced over \$2,300,000 during the year. The returns from silver producers indicate an increase of \$333,918, of which the greater part is derived from the Comstock mines. Tonopah remains very productive with an output of about \$1,230,000 of silver, commercial value.

Colorado added nearly \$2,000,000 to her amount coming from the mines of Cripple Creek.

Nevada's output increased about the same amount, chiefly by reason of the phenomenal yields of the Goldfield mines.

"The greatest progress is reported in California, whose production exceeds that of 1903 by \$2,300,000, the increase being caused partly by a strong development of the quartz mining industry and to a less degree by the activity of the dredgers.

"The production of gold in the United States during 1904 amounted to 910,729 ounces, valued at \$80,835,648. This represents an increase of \$7,248,948 over the production of 1903.

"The production of silver in 1904 amounted to 55,999,864 fine ounces, valued at \$32,035,378. This represents an increase of 1,699,864 ounces over the production of 1903, and an increase value of \$2,713,378."

### EXPERT ACCOUNTANTS.

From the Caliente Express:

There are a number of expert accountants now on the books of this county making a thorough investigation. We trust they will be balanced in a manner creditable to the gentlemen employed and to the county as well.

It is not the purpose of the Express to persecute any one, or is it our purpose to entail hardships on any other than those who have been found wanting in the trust that has been reposed in them by the people of Lincoln county.

We are satisfied from the report made by the grand jury a great crime has been committed. The guilty must not go unpunished on account of sympathy now being made to order and manufactured for the information of the grand jury and for the people of the county, for political purposes, as well. Only a partial report has been handed in, but that report was so astounding that the grand jury was, in view of the circumstances, compelled to indict George A. Sawyer and J. H. Goodrich, whom they had reasonable cause to believe had been trusted with official duties and had betrayed their solemn obligation, as well as having violated their sacred oaths of office.

For want of further positive and undeniable evidence of the guilt of others the matter has been permitted to rest pending a report of the accountants who are now hard at work, but from whom a thorough and comprehensive statement is expected as to the guilt or innocence of others who are for the present hovering under a guilty cloud and are believed to be even more guilty than those who have already been indicted.

We are satisfied the accountants employed to do the work are surrounded by officials friendly to the suspected and to the accused. We feel that every effort will be made to give them the benefit of every doubt and that wherever there is a chance to render aid to them, that aid will be forthcoming by many willing friends in Ploche, who are ready to do and dare.

It must be taken into account that Eugene Goodrich is the son of the treasurer who has been indicted and was deposed from office on account of his sureties withdrawing from his bond. He was succeeded by his son, and it is our opinion that he would be an ungrateful son were he not to exercise all the official influence he possessed in behalf of his father. Mr. Goodrich, Sr., succeeded James A. Nesbitt as treasurer, and it is said that his administration shows by far a greater shortage than the shortage under the term of the old gentleman, J. H. Goodrich; and, too, Mr. Nesbitt is one of the commissioners; he assisted in electing the son to succeed the father, and he has figured by being present at every meeting of the board, and in taking an active part in all of its deliberations.

We are of the further opinion he was even active in the board when the selection of an accountant was made to expert his books as treasurer of the county during his term as treasurer, and that accountant expert is now doing the work with the aid and the assistance of others, as we suppose under the directions and under the control of the county commissioners, James A. Nesbitt, together with the other two commissioners, Messrs. Gorden and Baldwin.

It certainly appears plain to even the dull comprehension of any one that wherein there is a party to an investigation he should desist from interfering in matters that equally concern both him and the people, and that justice be distributed to both without the interference of one or the other in the case at bar.

So far we have been unable to learn

anything about what progress is being made with the books, other than rapid headway is being made and that the labor will be completed in a much shorter time than was anticipated. We would like to ask, does any one suppose the son of the indicted treasurer and James A. Nesbitt are in ignorance of what is being unearthed, or what the results the books will show? No, we are under the impression both will watch every figure, every finding and every detail, but the poor common people must be kept in ignorance until the directing influences are willing to give the facts.

There are others who have prospects of being besmirched, scalded and roasted, or we miss our guess.

### KAWICH MINING DISTRICT

Geo. Fetterman Makes Caliente the Distributing Point of Those Mines.

From the Caliente Express:  
Caliente is certainly spreading out into great proportions and this has been made possible with the assistance of our progressive and up-to-date merchant, George Fetterman, of this place.

### Freight Goes By Caliente.

Ever since the discovery of the Kawich country all of the supplies have been going in the way of Tonopah, but Mr. Fetterman built a road and developed wells along its length from Caliente into those mines so that all the freight now goes in from this place instead of taking the long round-about route by way of Reno and Tonopah.

### George Fetterman Did It.

Mr. Fetterman conceived this plan some months ago, when the country first came into prominence, owing to the heavy cost of supplies owing to the heavy rate of freight on the long, round-about way. He has a large store in the Kawich country, as well as another here in Caliente. The business in Kawich is known as the Pace & Fetterman company, and it stood him in hand to build a road here for the savings have made up almost for the expense of building already.

### Off for Kiwaah.

The large freight teams belonging to the respective Fetterman firms will leave Caliente Monday morning, their destination being the Kawich country. They go heavily laden with supplies for the mines and they will return to Caliente loaded with the rich ores from that great mining region.

Caliente is not only the distributing point for Kawich, De Lamar, Ploche, Ely, but for many others that lay adjacent to this town.

### BLOATED CAPITALISTS.

Arrive in Ely.—A Jolly Crowd for Any Camp.

E. N. Alley, M. W. Cook and C. A. Corry of Butte, Mont., accompanied by Arthur Dusenberry of Los Angeles, Cal., and Jos. Coyle of Caliente, Nev., arrived in Ely Tuesday via Ploche. The gentlemen are all prominent mining men and are looking over this district with a view to securing mining property here.—White Pine News.

### SUN FADES COLOR OF HORSES.

Animals With Black Coats Are Particularly Susceptible.

"The reason you see so few black horses is because people let them fade," said a horse lover. "You may laugh, but a horse fades just as the carpet or your own hair fades in the bright sun. You know how the dazzling sun will bleach your hair in a short time? Well, if you keep a horse in the sun constantly the same thing happens to him, and his coat changes in color.

"Of course, you wouldn't notice it so much in a bay or chestnut horse, but it is very noticeable in a black horse. His coat first seems to change into a rusty black and then changes into a reddish tint. I have two black horses and their coats are like jet, but I never let them stand in the sun. I often hitch them across the road from where I want to get out, so as to keep them in the shade. Consequently they haven't faded a mite and are as coal black as when I purchased them."

### Singular Fact About Gems.

It is a rather singular fact that the most precious gems are composed of the most common substances. The diamond is the purest form of carbon, and is identical in composition with ordinary charcoal without the impurities of the charcoal. The ruby, on the other hand, is nearly pure alumina, a substance found in profusion in every clay bank. The scientific name for crystallized alumina is corundum, and the gems comprehended under this designation are sometimes more valuable than diamonds of the same weight. The ruby, the sapphire, the oriental emerald, topaz, amethyst, aqua marine, chrysolite and hyacinth and other precious stones are all alumina, the varieties of color being caused by inappreciable quantities of metallic oxides.—Montreal Herald.

### Boenian War Implements.

The Boenian is as celebrated in Europe for the firearms, sabers and knives which he manufactures as the inhabitants of Spanish Toledo are for their fine-edged blades.

### CHARGED WITH MANY MURDERS.

Dr. O. C. Haugh, Ohio Physician, Alleged Wholesale Poisoner.

Dr. Oliver Crook Haugh, alleged fratricide, parricide and multi-murderer, has been arraigned in Dayton, Ohio, on charges of killing several



O. C. HAUGH

people. His alleged crimes include the following: Jacob Haugh, his father, murdered Nov. 4, in Dayton, Ohio; Mary Frances Haugh, his mother, murdered Nov. 4, in Dayton; Jesse Haugh, his brother, murdered Nov. 4, in Dayton; Mrs. Mary Twohey, of Lima, murdered in Lorain, Ohio, in 1904; unknown woman, murdered in Toledo in 1904; John Paris of Lorain, his patient, who died under mysterious circumstances in 1904.

### SUFFERS REDUCTION IN RANK.

Former Austrian Major-General Now Common Private.

According to Le Petit Parisien, the ex-Archduke Leopold of Austria, who married Fraulin Adamovitch and became naturalized as a Swiss citizen under the name of Leopold Wolfing, is now serving as a common soldier in a Swiss regiment at Geneva, in accordance with the law which requires military service from all citizens of the confederation. The ex-archduke has to perform all the duties of his new position, helping to scrub the floors of the barracks and to sweep the yard, besides participating in several hours' drill each day. Through a practical joke played upon him by some comrades he lately incurred the punishment of four days' arrest, but it was not carried into effect, as suitable explanations were forthcoming. This new Swiss recruit formerly held the rank of major general in the Austrian army.

### TO TEACH AMERICAN HISTORY.

Professor of Columbia University Given Position at Berlin. Dr. John William Burgess of Columbia university, New York, has been



J. W. BURGESS

chosen to teach German American history. He will occupy the "Theodore Roosevelt chair of American history," to be established at Berlin university with an endowment of \$50,000, given by Jacob Speyer of New York.

### CHANCE FOR FEDERAL JUDGES.

Edison Would Have Them Find Some "Obvious" Solutions.

The federal courts have several times invalidated Edison's patents on the ground that the improvements made by his devices were "obvious" solutions of the mechanical problems and therefore not patentable. As in many problems that require hard study, the solutions did seem obvious enough afterward. Not long ago Mr. Edison was trying to work out a new piece of mechanism. It seemed a simple enough problem when he began it, but it proved to be extremely difficult. After several days' exasperatingly futile work his attorney happened to ask him how it was coming along. "No good yet," replied Mr. Edison. "But, of course, the thing is perfectly obvious. I wish you'd bring a committee of those federal judges down here that are always saying that. If this thing is so mighty obvious, perhaps they can tell me how to make it."

### He Knew Mankind.

A group of microbes were conversing on the lip of a pretty girl. Suddenly a young microbe burst in upon them, greatly excited.

"Doomed!" he cried. "We are doomed! Mankind has discovered that kissing is the chief cause of our multiplication."

But the others laughed easily, and an old, wise microbe said: "Don't worry, lad. Despite that discovery we'll still continue to multiply at the same old rate."

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