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Divorcing the Higerups

Divorce seems to be all the fashion of late, judging by the activities of those in high circles. We have seen two of the President's children seeking divorce in Nevada and the daughter of former President Wilson divorcing Senator McAddoo (under what seems, judging from the controversy between Los Angeles judges, somewhat debatable circumstances).

We must admit the families of those in high places are just as much entitled to use the laws of Nevada for divorce purposes as are any others. Yet, under the standards of morality generally adopted in these ultra-modern days, we wonder sometimes if it would not be just as well to ignore the marriage bonds altogether and live with whom, as and when each individual finds agreeable.

This would, possibly, be quite all right with everybody satisfied except the alimony racketeers who spend their lives hounding some poor devil who was fool enough to marry them one day.

Licensing Vehicles

The late, but not particularly lamented legislature, desired, we must assume to benefit the state of Nevada by passing the Act providing license fees for carriers operating over the highways of the state. That law, we have no doubt, is beneficial in some of its provisions.

Nevertheless, in some respects the Act has served no useful or beneficial purpose, but, on the contrary, has driven many thousands of dollars out of the state.

Recently a party of Minneapolis people banded together, chartered a motorbus and planned a tour through the west. They planned to visit Las Vegas and Hoover Dam, but were informed by state authorities that it would cost them license fees of \$380 to venture across the state line.

For a time after the passage of the Act in question, it was properly enforced with some discretion. Then on orders from Carson City, every motorbus or truck desiring to pass through the state was compelled to take out the same license and pay the same fees as though they were in regular daily operation on the highways of the state.

There can be no argument of the proposal that heavy vehicles, using the highways regularly and operating for profit should pay a share of maintaining those highways.

However, the highways are built for the express purpose of accommodating travel and promoting business. The administration of the laws might well be modified to encourage traffic instead of to bar it from the state.

View the situation as we may, we must admit that traffic on the highways is an important source of our community revenue. Not only that, we find that both in the carrying of merchandise and of passengers the highways have greatly reduced the prices that the people formerly had to pay.

The Act can, perhaps, be so amended next session that the ridiculous proposition of charging a party of thirty people more than ten dollars each for the privilege of visiting the dam will be done away with. In truth we have believed that administration of the law with a little more wise discretion and a little less senseless technicality would have prevented the loss of much business to Las Vegas without in anywise depriving the state of revenue to which it is reasonably entitled.

Marshall Files For County Office

Edwin Marshall of Logandale yesterday filed for the office of county commissioner from the northern half of the county. Other candidates previously entering the field are Kenneth Earl of Bunkerville, incumbent, whose term is about to expire; Albert Frehner of Mesquite and George Perkins of St. Thomas.

Mr. Marshall is one of the outstanding men of the northern valleys, and has all the qualities required for efficiently conducting the business of the county.

Committee Reports On House Cards

The house card committee of Las Vegas Local No. 165 Bartenders and Beverage Dispensers international union delivered its report to the membership at this week's regular meeting. The report covered all establishments in Las Vegas all of whom have agreed to pay equal wages with the exception of one. It was agreed to advertise any house that does not live up to the agreements.

Ten new members were inducted into the organization bringing the membership up to 86. This is prac-

OBSERVATIONS

JUDGE TABER

Almost a quarter of a century ago, in August, 1910 to be exact, Judge E. J. L. Taber of Elko, was a candidate for the nomination for District judge of this district, which then included Clark, Lincoln, White Pine and Elko counties.

He was successful in winning the nomination he sought and was elected at the November election by a large majority.

I had the pleasure of becoming intimately acquainted with Judge Taber during the next four years while he occupied the bench of this district. He proved himself a man of the highest character, learned in the law, a hard worker and he distinguished himself as judge.

Now again, Clark county will have the opportunity of stamping the little cross opposite the name of Judge Taber, who is now a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court.

Just as our friend upheld the honor and dignity of our district court years ago when he was a young man just entering upon a career, so now, with the added years of study, experience and the ripeness of character which comes to such a man, we will elevate him to the Supreme Bench of the state with the assurance that he will uphold the traditions of justice which have grown about the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.

COMPENSATION

Las Vegas is more fortunate than many other cities similar in climate, because nature has given us compensation for the high temperatures.

Within a few miles of the city are mountain regions clothed with pine forests, where it is never hot. With the completion of the paved highway now under construction it will be easy for Las Vegas people to reach the refreshing coolness of the pine forests in less than one hour. The Charleston Park and Deer Creek areas are camp grounds fitted with all conveniences for the public. In Deer Creek especially, sites for summer homes under the pines can be bought at very moderate rates so that those who prefer can own their mountain homes and improve them as convenient from year to year. The time is nearing when it will be customary for many Las Vegas workmen and businessmen to drive to the mountains every evening after work and back in the morning while the wives and children remain in one of the most delightful spots on earth from May to September each year.

Just the other day at Deer Creek, when Las Vegas was boiling hot along with most of the nation, we sat in our cabin and looked out at driving showers of rain with an occasional spurt of small hail and sleet. Quite a compensation for the heat of the valley.

Even week-end trips to the mountains serve to invigorate us and help us through the following week of heat. The completion of the highway will greatly stimulate interest in our mountain resorts.

tically 98 per cent of the total number of Bartenders in Clark county.

About 40 members were present at Monday's meeting. The union received several cases of beer from the local "Maier's" distributor and an enjoyable evening was had after the close of the business session.

Labor Day Fete Plans Are Told

The Labor Day Committee, headed by James Farnsdale met Thursday evening to discuss further the plans for the monster two day celebration, September 2nd and 3rd, at which time United States Senator Pittman will give the principal speaker.

James Cashman reported that the guarantee of the business men of Las Vegas for the Hoot Gibson Rodeo has been underwritten and that that event was assured.

Six Companies has offered the use of their transport trucks for use in taking people to and from Boulder City for the events that will be held here. It is planned to divide the features of the two-day program so as to give both cities the benefit of the crowds.

Harold Anderson of Anderson Brother's Supply Company announced that his company would donate all the food for the free barbecue. It is estimated that in excess of three thousand people will "take in" the eats.

The Labor Day parade will feature a number of beautiful floats and other features. Plans have been completed for a number of floats from Boulder City who will do their best to win the cash prizes from Las Vegas entrants.

The committee hopes to be able to announce a complete program within another week.

Letters from Our Readers

Las Vegas, Nevada,
July 30, 1934

Charles P. Squires, Publisher
"The Las Vegas Age"
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Friend Squires:

Having been good friends for twentyfive years I am taking the liberty of airing my grievance against the Democratic Central Committee of Clark county, and Harley Harmon in person, thru your paper.

In May, 1933 I filed an application with the Clark County Central Committee asking for their endorsement for the position of Postmaster at Las Vegas. This application, together with the endorsement of the "Four Railroad Brotherhoods" was personally delivered to Harmon's as chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Clark county.

Neither my application, nor the endorsement of the railroad brotherhoods was ever placed in the hands of Mr. Baker, secretary of the county central committee.

Mr. Harmon having pigeon-holed all communications intended for consideration of the County Central Committee.

I do not wish to take up too much space but I do want to let my friends and supporters of Clark county know just how my supposedly good friend Harmon has double-crossed me, also my friend Scrogg, who did not show the courtesy of answering my communication.

I have not only been an active party worker in this county for 25 years, but also a heavy tax-payer, and feel I should at least have received some consideration.

Thanking you in advance, Mr. Squires, I am,

Very Sincerely,
E. S. SHEPPARD

— COOPER FOR GOVERNOR —