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Whitewash?

We have been abjured to "Wait for the facts" in the Boulder City ballot fraud investigation. A reasonable and desirable thing, provided that such a plea does not imply overlooking or minimizing the seriousness of tampering with the ballot, or the whitewashing of whoever may be found, after impartial investigation, to be responsible for the acts complained of.

Mr. Fitzsimmons was hired as a temporary deputy clerk to handle the absent voters ballots at Boulder City. He has not heretofore been prominent in the political activities of Clark county and it is hardly reasonable to suppose that he would be willing to subject himself to possible criminal prosecution by influencing voters for particular candidates unless he had been hired for that purpose or instructed so to do. It is obvious that the most inexperienced of persons in such a position would realize that to instruct voters for whom to mark their ballots, would be a gross violation of good faith and of the purity of elections law. And Mr. Fitzsimmons was neither inexperienced nor lacking in knowledge of the proprieties. Quite the contrary.

Two years ago and four years ago there was much post-election gossip and rumor of misuse of the absent voters' ballot and of alleged voting of "dead ones"—that is using names of people long gone from the county, but whose names still remained on the register of voters.

So we respectfully suggest to the authorities of the state, having this investigation in charge, that they ascertain why Mr. Fitzsimmons should so far have imperiled his own safety in order to secure some unfair advantage for certain candidates.

Yes, Whitewash!

Even before the above "Whitewash?" editorial was written, close observers began to suspect that the declarations of Julian Thruston, deputy attorney general, that a full and impartial investigation would be made were words only.

Soon after his arrival Mr. Thruston truthfully stated preliminary investigations "have revealed unmistakable evidence of irregularities in the conduct of absent balloting at Boulder City, by this official. In my opinion these irregularities are sufficiently serious to warrant a further complete investigation."

Mr. Thruston, coming as an independent investigator for the attorney general, joined with Roger Foley, deputy district attorney and member of the law firm of Harmon & Foley, in completely ignoring the "unmistakable evidence of irregularities," and reported simply that establishing a branch office for the voting of absent ballots is illegal.

Mr. Thruston obviously arrived at his conclusions by consulting with those most deeply concerned in thwarting any investigation. And by what course of legal logic can Mr. Foley, himself a candidate for the nomination as district attorney against County Clerk Scott, assume to set himself up as a judge and impartial investigator of charges of so grave a nature, in which his competitor for office is involved.

There can be but one answer—the political necessity of ignoring "unmistakable evidence of irregularities."

WORK UNDER WAY ON TWO PROJECTS WITH PWA FUNDS

RENO — A special meeting for the purpose of expediting actual construction of all approved PWA projects in this state was held on Monday, August 27.

Robert A. Allen, state PWA engineer, asked representatives of communities where PWA projects are planned to meet with C. Russell Shetterly, chief council for PWA at Washington who will arrive here late this week.

Shetterly will confer with the representatives in an attempt to unravel legal difficulties that have arisen to block a start on most of the loans approved to date.

Thirteen projects have been approved, but only two of them have been started, Allen said. Projects under way now are at Carlin and Fallon where water works are being built after PWA loans of \$100,000 had been granted.

Other approved projects follow:
Lovelock — water works, \$106,000.

Lyon county— court house at Yerington, \$40,000.

Callente — sewer system \$54,000.

Sparks — sewer and street work.

Wadsworth — schoolhouse \$23,000.

Ely— street and sewer work, \$45,000.

Alamo — High school, \$20,000.

Gerlach — high school, \$12,500.

Clark county — school gymnasi-



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I favor the American Legion 4-point program, as set out by Commander Hayes, and the most liberal treatment of all valid claims.