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Bullfrog Commissioned

Historic Meeting at Old Legislative Chambers

In accordance with the charter granted to Nevada's newest county during the last session of our august legislature, Governor Richard Bryan has appointed three members to the new County Commission, and the panel has the first Tuesday in October for their inaugural meeting.

At press time the Nye County District Attorney was still threatening to commence legal actions challeng-

ing the constitutionality of the county's creation and attempting to enjoin further actions in the name of Bullfrog. Nye County, from whose ample bosom Bullfrog was torn by the governor and Clark County allies, has been promising legal challenges for most of the past three months since the enabling legislation cleared the legislature, and one wonders if their legal expertise is up to the task of

actually filing their complaints in a timely manner to obstruct the first business of the new county.

Details of the meeting and some impressions of the newly appointed solons of our illustrious new county will be forthcoming in subsequent issues of the Bullfrog Times—Picayune as developments warrant and rumors develop..

Yellow Journalism Returns to Nevada Times-Picayune Publishes Rumour, Lacking Hard News

Publishers commonly wax poetic over their self-appointed position as the voice of the people and the conscience of their community. That easy rhetoric, unfortunately, fails in the case of Bullfrog County and its newly launched public prints.

Although the Times—Picayune can justifiably claim to be publishing more words per capita than any other county paper in America, we are severely hampered by the lack of locally generated news events and must, therefore, depend on reports from the far reaches of politics and civilization for our copy. Rather than enjoying the persimmon pie recipes and reports on local residents travailing abroad (of which we are in uncommon short supply), we must publish abstracted accounts of Washington hearings and Carson City

Maneuvers on the atomic trash question or the distemperate grumbings of the nearby Nye County dads over having to share the big buck jackpot they imagine from the federal funding of nuclear disposal. Hardly an inspiring option, but someone has to do it; and what the hell, it's a job.

In order to rise above this quandary the Times—Picayune editorial policy, while not condoning fraud and untruth, will make very little distinction between the fictions of rumormongers and the necessarily sparse facts concerning goings on among the sage and yucca in our twelve by twelve mile area of inquiry.

Likewise, since the purpose of a paper is advertising and entertainment, in roughly that order, it shall be the policy of the paper to circulate opinions and accusations without

feeling obligated to substantiate or verify the story beyond the most cursory determination of source and event. We will, however, publish signed denials. In short, the Times—Picayune will serve its far flung readership with just the sort of news you might expect over the plank of the local saloon, were the county blessed with such civilized facilities.

Those offended by fast and loose journalism are invited to take the matter up with the local university "J School" professor, who has lots of time to worry about such niceties, not having a paper to get out.

**Travus T. Hipp
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Bullfrog No Bastard

Legitimacy in the Eye of the Beholder

As Bullfrog County begins its political life some among the Silver State's solons are challenging the constitutionality of the legislature's actions in creating the special purpose county to deal with the problems of nuclear waste dumping, as planned by the federal forces of atomic progress. For pure puffery and balderdash these objections would seem likely to take the prize for this year, though many observers consider the legislature at large a close runner up on the issue.

GREED. Greed alone motivates these pettyfogging politicians, and the prospect of tapping the federal till for their parochial pork barrel for the next millenium strikes them as the height of civic success. Unfortunately, Greed, as a political motivator, is not the exclusive property of local government but extends in varying degrees throughout the political system, with both the federal government and state pre-empting most programs for such funding largesse, and that is exactly what happened in the state move to create Bullfrog as a dependency of the Carson City Capitolists. Motivation aside, the issue of constitutional legitimacy is one fraught with peril for Nevadans in general and Nye County officials in particular.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, and Nevadans might well be advised not to begin taking up nit picking details with Washington, considering the somewhat questionable circumstances of their joining the union some hundred twenty three years past. Abe Lincoln was going broke trying to finance the Civil War, and the Comstock gold deposits were a strong temptation for the Union treasurers, not to mention the distinct possibility that Virginia City and environs might ally themselves with the secessionists, or the breakaway Mormons seeking an independent nation for themselves and the lost tribes of Israel as represented by the Paiute, Shoshone and Utes. Without going into detail of interest only to historians, it can safely be said that the congressional gerrymandering and special exceptions to the constitution's rules for statehood that resulted in statehood for Nevada were a scandal at the time and remain so to this day, should anyone decide to open that particular can of worms in court.

More recently the state itself engaged in some electoral tricksterism to bring the state boundaries into compliance with that original state charter by passing a measure to retroactively include the territories south of Goldfield into the state, which originally made no claim to lands in what is now Clark and most of Nye counties. If we are going to get picky, Nye might have to rebate all state moneys received before the 1980 election legitimized them as American citizens.

With a political history of such

questionable legitimacy, the challenging of any action taken by our elected elite in session seems hypocritical at best, and ill advised under any interpretation. Ganders may well fear the sauce prepared for geese, and the buzzing of lawyers sounds like flies to a Bullfrog.

*It is better to be a
Large Frog*

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BULLFROG COUNTY NEVADA THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years ago

75 Years ago

50 Years ago

25 Years ago

10 Years ago

5 Years ago

Last Year

Last Week

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