

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This is going to be a short newsletter as we are all busy with our prison projects and our own lives. The Live Action Role Play event last weekend was a big success. The event went smoothly without any problems. They didn't even make enough noise to disturb Warm Springs Correctional Center. All the participants were compliant and polite. It was actually very interesting to watch these folks go through their scenarios. There were 135 participants in this event.

Thanks to all our members who made this possible. This event was staff sponsored by Maurice White. This was a great undertaking for him considering all the other commitments he has in our community. The LARP group may be interested in returning for a couple more events. We earned over \$8,000 for the preservation of NSP.

**SEE YOU AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON NOV. 13,
AT 10:00 am. IN THE COURTHOUSE**

By the Snitch – for Jim Wells, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We welcomed Tristan Anderson and Jay & Noelle Deinken as new members this month. Mike Budge who stepped down from our Board of Directors, renewed his membership with us.

He is active and knowledgeable as a volunteer with our tours. We are thankful for those dedicated to serving in so many capacities! As our tour season winds down, **we will hold our**

Annual General Membership Meeting on November 13th at 10am in the Courthouse. A notice will be forwarded to all members and those interested in our mission. We welcome your participation and suggestions!

PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT

The last phase of the visiting floor project is being organized. This phase is the painting of the floor. The critical issue here is the timing of the project. The paint needs to go down and cure without any foot traffic on it. Lee Perks and Brew Brewster are working on getting the timing right on this project. Our hope is to have it done in time for Nevada Day, but no promises.

We will be working over the next couple of months to develop a new project list. The old list is completed, with a couple of exceptions.

TOURS AND EVENTS

We are set for our regular tour on Sept. 18. Our big event is coming over Nevada Day Weekend. We will be touring NSP on all three days. If you are willing to help us through the weekend you should contact Bill Fletcher at:

billfletcher123@hotmail.com, 775-315-2213

Our paranormal events are continuing. These events are generally late afternoon and night schedules, so if you are not afraid of the dark you can help out on these events by contacting Susan at:

**Susan Bernard 775-434-3948
ssnbrnrd80.sb@gmail.com**

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3 Days of Gunfire



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HISTORY: Nevada State Journal 9-22-1875

Boy!! This was a weird time for Warden Hyman. An alleged affair with a female inmate; a plot to poison him; a guard who is spying on him. The type on the story is small but it is worth the effort.

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A SENSATION.

Sensations lately have followed fast upon each other's heels. First, the Bank of California fails, then Ralston dies, next the Indian scare and now a State Prison sensation. This latter seems to be conspiracy to oust the Warden, Hyman, by convicts, and try and free several of them. One McComas, a "trusty," seems to be a sort of ringleader in this scrape, and Mollie Forshay who was recently pardoned out is implicated. They were trying to hatch up some evidences of fraud against Hyman, who is spoken of as an honest, trust-worthy man. Letters have been captured and one of them at least indicate that the conspirators would poison the Warden and keepers if poison could be obtained. One Miller, who at the recommendation of the Governor was appointed guard, seems to have more stock in this sensation than he ought to have. A negro convict named Hickman appears anxious to have Hyman poisoned, hoping thereby to open an avenue of escape. With the *Enterprise* we believe that the information before us suggests that Miller was placed in the position of guard to ferret out evidences of fraud against Hyman; that to this end he held secret communication with McComas the convict book-keeper, holding out a promise of pardon should he be able to procure such evidences; that McComas was also intriguing with Mollie Forshay for a pardon, the letters between them showing that it was their purpose to become husband and wife after the liberation of McComas, that Hickman, the negro convict referred to, not hoping of pardon, was conspiring with Mollie Forshay, and perhaps others, to poison Hyman, and that by means open some avenue of escape; and, finally, that these several schemes were known to Miller, and were probably parts of a general plot, which at the time of the securing of the clandestine correspondence had not taken definite form. If this be true, certain State officials can scarcely escape the charge of complicity in the affair, and the odium which must attach to a conspiracy so cowardly as well as criminal. Should there be a more favorable side of the story, we shall be pleased to give it to our readers. for it is a disgrace to the State as it is now told.

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