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CHRIST SPOKE MUCH OF LOVE.

The Times wishes a Merry Christmas to all. At this season of "Peace on earth and good will to men," all animosities and ill feeling should be thrown aside and our better nature given full possession. Let our sympathy with the hopes, joys and sorrows of our fellows be as broad as the love and charity of the Master whose birth the day celebrates.

Let the bells all over the world ring out their glad tidings of "joy to the world," and let our pulses throb in unison.

Let us all remember that this is the season for kindly word and deed. For Christian charity—"Faith, Hope and Charity." But I say unto you, the greatest of all of these is charity.

This is the reason, when, if possible, families should reunite and give thanks, and even absent ones should not be forgotten.

While it is the season of good cheer and while we wish it were in our power to turn ourselves into a good fairy and provide unlimited turkey, mince pie and the good things of life for every one, remember that is not all.

Don't let any of us be "Gabriel Grubs."

We can not all be rich in this world's goods, but we can be rich in good fellowship and kindness of heart.

Try and remember some one that you can make happier for at least that day, if you would know the real meaning of a "Merry Christmas."

Especially remember the little ones. It is the day of all others they look forward to. Not only teach them the beautiful story, but with love and

kindness be yourself an object lesson to them.

Again wishing a Merry Christmas to all, we hope and trust, with due humility of spirit, that we all may be the better for the thoughts which Christmas should call to mind.

What a breathing inspiration the thought of Christmastide brings upon all of us. What a greater love, what a mightier purpose this unselfish spirit enforces—just, gentle, strong—life is sweet, but only sweet in the sense that one makes it—the patience, the kindness, the generosity, the unselfishness and sincerity argue at this time the supreme gift that denotes the true being. In fulfilling this cause we will produce the better effect. Let us be divinely humane.

What a touching fact in life the sickness of one who is dear, is! How those tender emotions and that mellow thought is aroused that makes one contemplate the soothing that will bring relief to the one in distress. And how graphic the touches are that reveal to the sense of eye that expression of pain and agony that brings the fear it may be worse! When beyond the danger, what food for reflection. Oceans of thought and feelings come with such considerations.

DID THE HONORABLE THING.

James Nesbit, county commissioner of Lincoln county from Pioche, at the last meeting of the board of county commissioners, did promptly and gracefully just what he should have done, and just what his friends, who believed him to be a warm-hearted, honest gentleman, would expect him under the circumstances to do.

The report of Mr. W. H. Moore, the accountant from Salt Lake, who experted the county books, showed that as county clerk Mr. Nesbit was short in the sum of twenty-two dollars, and as county treasurer there was a shortage of seventeen hundred and sixty dollars and nine cents, making a total of seventeen hundred and eighty-two dollars and nine cents, which Mr. Nesbit at once handed over to the county with the explanation that he had not himself kept the books of either office while he was the incumbent, but had employed for that purpose a trusted friend and subordinate, and that when the books were previously experted before being turned over to his suc-

cessor in office, they were declared to be, and Mr. Nesbit had every reason to believe they were correct.

That Mr. Nesbit's confidence was abused, that his subordinate betrayed his trust, and that he has now to pay over to the county a large sum of money to make good that betrayal and wrong-doing is unfortunate, but he did it like a manly man, and is entitled to the credit that stamps his statement to the board as honest. We congratulate Mr. Nesbit that the evidence is such that his skirts are cleared from the imputation of being a dishonest official and that his personal honor presents an unblemished aspect.

MUCH GOOD; DUE PRAISE.

The anniversary edition of the Los Angeles Examiner has arrived. The write-up and views on Las Vegas are up-to-date. The facts stated and recited in this notable issue will reach many thousands of readers throughout the country.

Good will result to this community. The Examiner is a great instrument in the work that develops a country. It has the peculiar faculty of presenting facts that will focus the attention of its readers upon the good things of the southwest.

With an invulnerable faith it presents the features and advantages that will prove to make a city of many enterprises at this point. The Times reproduces a portion of this presentation.

While much credit is due the Examiner enterprise, it is but just to mention, in connection with this feature of presenting the good side of Las Vegas to the people at large the credit due Mr. N. A. Kuhn and George W. Ward.

Messrs. Kuhn and Ward were most prominent and energetic in collecting the funds essential to bring about this splendid advertisement of the features that will give the Vegas valley its prosperous future.

Mr. Kuhn, as president, and Ward, as secretary, of our board of trade deserve the praise due such faithful and patriotic work.

FITZ-MAC, THE BRILLIANT.

"Fitz-Mac" was with us this week. Everybody knows "Fitz-Mac," and he certainly knows everybody worth knowing. Mr. Fitz-James MacCarthy, or "Fitz-Mac," as he is familiarly known to the reading public, is one of the most brilliant special correspondents not only of the Pacific coast, but of the country north, south, east or west, and has a personality that makes of him one of the most delightful of companions. Gifted by nature with the admirable faculties that go to make the successful special correspondent, years of conscientious training and devotion to his work have gained him the enviable position he holds in the foremost ranks of his chosen profession.

THAT REPORT.

From The Caliente Express:

The expert's report rendered last week to the commissioners and to one of the grand jury, may, to all intents and purposes, be all right. We are not prepared to question its reliability, or the correctness of the instrument. We leave that matter to the candid and careful consideration of the grand jury. They will do business with it.

So far as we are concerned, we must admit that we do not like it in any stage of the road, or in any road in the country. As we have said, it may be all right, and then it may be all wrong. There's no telling, but it certainly appears fishy, so fishy, in fact, that we believe that it will not bear of too close an inspection.

After reading the document the poor, common people, the taxpayers and the property holders, have no consolation; they have nothing, not even the satisfaction of knowing what is in the report, only from a brief conglomeration of references consigned to the oblivion of those who are most anxious to learn what the particulars of that report contain. This report has cost the taxpayers of Lincoln county \$1,400, and more, to ascertain the financial affairs, and they know only what has been told them in the columns of the Express for the last two months. They know no more, and we have published those facts week after week.

As we have said all along, the young man on the books may be the best man for a business of that kind in the whole country. He may be a peer at that particular profession, but we had rather he had particularized the findings in such an intelligent manner that it might have been comprehensive to everybody and not for the information and the edification of only a limited and favored few.

We are not questioning the reliability of that report. It may be just what the commissioners wanted, and

as they were the paymaster and the judge of the result, having been satisfied, paid for the goods and then placed the findings among the assets of the county representing the sum stated above. Every official is open to criticism, and there certainly can be no complaint at our expressing an opinion on this matter, which is of vital interest to the people of the county. We reserve to ourselves the right to do so, and even those who are in sympathy, and who are satisfied with the result of the report, can surely find no fault with others who are not of the same opinion as they are.

This newspaper, the mouthpiece of the conservative people of this county, harboring no ill will to any man or bunch of men, submit our comprehensive understanding to the consideration of the grand jury. We are to be governed by their report. The expert, and the work performed by him are all subordinate to them; and what they declare to be right, is what we all have to, and what we are going to abide by. The grand jury will be expected to scrutinize the report in its every detail and to determine if the county has received full value for the \$1,400 of money expended, or whether some other more interested parties have the benefits derived, and the county "holds the sack." This will all come out in the wash, and we trust that matters may so condition themselves that we may be able to itemize the statement in its every detail, and not let what has been published as the whole report as has been rendered, be the labor for the price paid.

We do not care to accept this report as a final report; nor will we until the grand jury has passed upon it. There are as good accountants on that grand jury, in our estimation, as the county can produce. There may be others, and too, they may not be the best on earth, but when it comes down to all practical purposes we are impressed that there are some one who will compare equally with the best, and they are the men in whom we stake our confidence; at the same time we are not questioning the reliability or the ability of the man who has laid the foundation for the men on the grand jury to commence the labors, which the taxpayers of Lincoln county are of the opinion has but just begun.

Herewith is a copy of the notice sent Benjamin Cowan, a member of the grand jury:

Eugene Goodrich, Clerk and Treasurer, Lincoln County, Nevada.

Pioche, Dec. 4, 1905.

Dear Sir: At the meeting of the board of county commissioners today, you were selected, as a member of the grand jury, to be present next Monday, December 11th, to assist in checking and passing on the report of the auditor of county books, as the entire work will be completed by that time. You will be allowed \$5 per day and your expenses (all). As to the length of time required cannot be determined to a day. Yours in haste,
EUGENE GOODRICH,
Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Cowan did not attend as per request, for reasons best known to himself. It is claimed that Mr. Cowan did not like the favoritism of offering him \$5 a day and paying the expert a price that made the comparison in the scale of wages look sick. The jury was represented in the person of C. C. Ronnow, a most capable accountant, and in whom the taxpayers have the greatest confidence.

We submit our conclusions to the readers of the Express, with no bias or prejudice; only a fair expression of an opinion that is supposed to be accorded to every newspaper in the land. We do this in the face of threatened prosecution, and in doing so, we are sensible to the fact that we are but striving to serve the "common" people, the taxpayers, the property holders, and the man who is possessed with that storehouse of horde, labor-capital. All are upon an equal plane in this investigation, and all should be equally served by the servants of the people. Those who take from the county for hire, must, and should be made give a fair and honorable accounting to all, an equal distribution of the information; no distinction.

Everything, and all—that's all that's asked—not asked, but demanded.

J. H. GOODRICH'S BONDSMEN.

Gene Goodrich Invites Them to His Office to Pay Up.

The following is a copy of the notice Eugene Goodrich, clerk and treasurer, is sending out to men who are security on the official bond of his father, whom Eugene succeeded to his present office:

Pioche, Nevada, Dec. 12, 1905.

Dear Sir: At an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners of the county of Lincoln, state of Nevada, which convened Monday, December

11, 1905, for the transaction of general business, the report of the expert accountant, W. H. Moore, on the books and accounts of the county of Lincoln, dating from the 1st of January, 1896, to September 1, 1905, was presented for approval; the report was accepted and approved as correct.

On the accounts and records of H. J. Goodrich as treasurer, there appeared a shortage of \$1,243.06, dating from the 1st of January, 1905, to the 1st of September, 1905.

An order was then made by the board that the principal, H. J. Goodrich, at once pay the county of Lincoln the sum of \$1,243.06, and if not paid immediately, then to notify each of the bondsmen of the pro rata amount each bondsman must pay.

H. J. Goodrich, the principal, being unable to pay all or any part of the deficiency, \$1,243.06, under order of the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county, I hereby notify you that the pro rata amount you are held for on the bond of H. J. Goodrich is the sum of \$...., and ask that a prompt remittance of the same be made.

Address the same to "Eugene Goodrich, County Treasurer, Lincoln, Nevada, (Pioche)."
Respectfully,
(Seal.) EUGENE GOODRICH,
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County, Nevada.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Popular Hotel Proprietor at Pioche Does the Grand.

H. W. Dickel, the proprietor of the Hotel Cecil, will give a Christmas tree to the children of the Episcopal Sunday school. The Women's Auxiliary of the east are the principal donors. Formerly it has been given in the dining room of Hotel Cecil, but this year it will be in the Thompson hall on New Year's eve. Doors will open at 8 p. m. sharp, and the Pioche public are all invited and all are requested to bring all the presents they can. This tree is gotten up by the earnest efforts of Mr. Dickel.

Fife's for Toyland and Doldom.

GRAND FESTIVAL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT PIOCHE JAN. 1ST.

Directed by our well known citizen, Mr. F. W. Dickel, proprietor of the Cecil hotel. It is giving from a philanthropic motive. He has been doing this kind of work for many years, his generosity and work has been time and time again exploited in our local papers for the good work he has done.

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This festival is a treat in the form of a Christmas tree, and there was not one cent contributed by any citizen of Pioche, and the best part and most creditable has been that Mr. Dickel has not asked and would not accept anything from citizens of Pioche or the county of Lincoln.

This entertainment is remarkable for the encouragement it has received from the ladies' auxiliary throughout the country and he takes great pleasure in praising the munificence of the fraternity.

The doors will be thrown open at 7:30 p. m. and the program will commence at 8 o'clock. The public of Pioche are cordially invited to attend.
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