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THE HAPPY DAYS OF YULETIDE

Vegas has a Splendid Celebration Commemorative of the Feast of Nativity and the Glad Tidings From That Immortal Day.

It was a Happy and Joyous Occasion for the Gleeeful Youngsters and a Delight to the Fine Audience.

The Spirit of Excelsior Dominated the Entire Community and in Consequence of These Christmas day Exercises Were all the Better for it.

Santa Claus reigned supreme Xmas night at the big garage next to the Hotel Las Vegas. The Ladies' Aid society, aided by the Eagles, had a tastefully arranged stage and a Xmas tree for the children. And such a tree. So loaded down with presents, and so lit up with candles and so bright and sparkling. It fairly rivaled the sparkling eyes of the youngsters who danced with expectation and pleasure. And they were all there and lots of the grown up folks, too. The big hall was comfortably filled and the improvised stage was screened and draped artistically. Everything went off splendidly and reflected the greatest credit upon the scholars and their devoted teacher, Miss Tuttle, who has been unsparing in her efforts to make a success of this first Yuletide entertainment at Las Vegas. The program, as announced, was perfectly carried out and every one did

their part so well that it is impossible to select any for special mention. How happy and joyous this whole celebration was. It had all the lovable features of "Good Will on Earth." The childish glee, the delightful time, the enjoyment of the auditors were an expression of the debt due the considerate services and managers of this happy entertainment. The tact and accomplishment of Miss Tuttle was manifest in it all and it is but proper praise to emphasize this fact. The committee in charge and assistants all played their part in perfectly the work for these Christmas festivities.

The Program.
"Keeping Christmas in the Heart"—Miss Tuttle.
Piano Solo—Mrs. Dillon.
Santa Claus' helpers, brownies and fairies—Brownies, Edith Yake, Minnie Holland, Julia Westlake, Edith Aplin, Willa Cotterel; Fairies, Katie Stone, Ollie Cavalleri, Olive Lake, Gladys Nichols, Katherin Kuhn.
Recitation, "Three Kings"—Miss Bertie Weir.
Song, "Jingle Bells"—Ollie Cavalleri.
Recitation, "After Christmas"—Jennie Wing.
Recitation—Wanda Ball.
Christmas play, "The Snow Man," 17 characters—

ACT. I.
Snow Man Claud Yake
Billy Boy Leone Ronnow
Isabella (a colored girl) Edith Yake
ACT. II.
Christmas Spirit Minnie Holland
Miss Moffit Josephine Wing
Cinderella Wanda Ball
Cottage Girl Nellie McWilliams
Wife of Old Batchelor Geneva Laravey
Red Riding Hood Joanna Latche
Lady Hubbard Teresa Mettencl
Hiawatha Victor Mettencl
Casabianca Alfred Rhodos
Rollo Herman Rhodos

Old Batchelor (who lives by himself) Henrico Mettencl
Slovenly Peter John Kramer
Jack Horner Don Cram

A PLEASANT OCCASION.
The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Celebrate the Silver Wedding of This Happy Couple.

An event of much pleasure, Saturday evening, was the celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harris. The felicitous and happy event was participated in by the many friends of this highly respected couple. The home of these well known people was neatly decorated in commemoration of their twenty-five years' journey through life. Mr. and Mrs. Harris gave expression to the joys and aims associated with their companionship. Those present realized that their life had been one of worth in every sense that betokens a good home life. Surrounded with children who are maturing into womanhood and manhood they indeed presented the good picture that illustrates the best feature of life.

Upon this occasion around the Harris hearthstone were those who compose the strength and character of an ideal community. The presents and mementoes presented commemorative of their lives' march, were such as to attach more importance than the simple value of the gift. A feature gratifying in its full sense was the generous presence of the Ladies' Aid society of which beneficent organization Mrs. Harris is a very prominent member. The gifts are: Ladies' Aid society, a set of silver teaspoons; Mrs. N. A. Kuhn, a silver butter knife; Mrs. and Miss Joy, a silver cream spoon; John P. Harris, a silver embroidery set; Mrs. W. S. Merris of Canon City, Colo., a set of silver spoons. Among others who were presented with mementoes to extend congratulations and best wishes on the journey that will endow these people with a grand celebration of the golden wedding were: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Besson, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Barol, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. and Miss Joy, Miss Schultz the accomplished principal of the Los Vegas public schools. These estimable ladies were accompanied in the main by the male portion of the household.

In that journey that has for its consummation the happy assembling of children, grand-children and friends to bestow their appreciation upon the ripened example of the maturer life, Mr. and Mrs. Harris have the kindly best wishes of the Vegas public who know their worth as part of the community.

PROMINENT MINING FACTORS.
Representative Citizens of Tonopah Visit Las Vegas En Route to Charleston Mountains.

W. M. C. Jones and John W. Storer, well known mining men from Tonopah, Nevada, were visitors at Las Vegas during Christmas. Jones and Storer are extensively interested in mining and commercial enterprises in the great gold and silver belt of their section. Their mission to the south was "after some lead properties." The Charleston mountain district was examined by them and their view as regards these great galena deposits is that of the practical miner—that with work and development great producing mines will be opened in this section. As to the amount of their interests they did not state. Mr. Jones is a son of the well known Captain W. R. Jones, who for many years was general superintendent of the Edgar Thompson and Homestead steel mills near Pittsburg, Pa., in fact, the inventions and patents of Captain Jones are known the world over as one of the sources through which Andrew Carnegie carved his immense fortune. The elder Jones was a man of great ingenuity and executive ability, and as long as steel is a commercial commodity his fame and reputation will endure. The son is a worthy prototype. Instead of devoting his ability and energy to steel he is devoting his talents and efforts to the great known resources of Nevada. These gentlemen were greatly impressed with the prosperous and improved aspects of Las Vegas and with soundness prophesied for it a great future.

IT WAS INITIATION NIGHT.
The Eagles held their regular weekly meeting on Thursday evening last. As this was initiation a good attendance was to be expected; but some of the "boys" are getting negligent. You can't have a good healthy progressive aerie or order and leave it "to the other fellow." That disease is contagious. Messrs. A. L. Hawkins, O. D. Hicks, P. E. Timmons and George Saunders presented themselves for initiation. There was no other business of importance before the Aerie.

SHERIFF BAIRD'S MAN.
Coyle Gave the Boys a Run for Their Trouble.

From The Callente Express:
All the officers in this town had a chase that put them going. Deputy Sheriff Monahan took after the fellow Coyle, who escaped from the sheriff of White Pine county, and he gave them a gait they had never dreamed of. The first clew they got of Coyle was at the Ryan ranch where he took one of Ryan's horses. He rode the horse to the Pennsylvania mine and there he broke into the Smith Bros. cabin and helped himself to a meal, cooking and eating it. Then he stole the rifle hanging on the wall and struck out south. One of our business men, Ernest Keets, volunteered in the chase. Monahan went to the Pennsylvania mine, but finding that Coyle had taken to the country and as he had a conveyance and there being no roads he returned to Callente and Keets kept after his man. Keets is an old and experienced trapper, having been in the desert for years, and went at his work like an expert. He knew that Coyle would have to strike in by St. Thomas and he, too, headed for that country on the "Muddy." As he was about to make the crossing he saw Coyle from a distance fording the stream, but he waited and watched. When Coyle got across he went to the first house and Keets tied up and, unnoticed either by Coyle or the lady who was sewing at a machine, slapped Coyle on the shoulder saying "Coyle, you are under arrest." Coyle had grown a thick beard of black whiskers and Keets says that they even turned white, and, looking at Keets, said, "Well, I'm glad that White Pine sheriff did not get me."

From thence on is where Keets suffered the most. He had left Callente with only \$16 and on reaching Moapa, on the line of the railroad, his money was all gone and he was up against it with a desperate prisoner in charge. Keets neither slept or eat, and when a freight drew in to the depot he no-

ticed an empty boxcar and into it both Keets and the prisoner crawled, and rode on into Callente undiscovered. The night was a bitter cold one for this country, and as neither was prepared for the severe cold, they shivered and shook until they reached this place. On arriving Keets permitted Coyle to visit his family and then turned him over to Deputy Sheriff Monahan, awaiting the sheriff from White Pine county, who had been informed that his prisoner had been captured again and who is expected to arrive as quickly as he can and as we believe he will, when he receives Monahan's telegram.

ATTACKED BY MEXICAN.
Charley Wing Chung Has Narrow Escape From Death.

A Mexican desperado held the boards in Callente for a few minutes Friday night or until R. D. Turner, manager of the Mint saloon, was attracted by the cries of Charley Wing Chung, one of the local restaurant proprietors of the town. The Mexican was a bad one. His name was Morgan. When he first arrived in town he had money and he soon went broke. He sized up the town and came to the conclusion the Mongolian would by far be the best to start in on to replenish his now empty book. He went in on the pretense that he wanted a meal. He was not polite or sociable about it either, and Charley turned to put his meal on the fire when Morris made a lunge with a miner's candle stick and commenced his deadly work. The Mexican thought that he could finish the Chinaman in a single stroke, but in this he was mistaken, for the blow was a glancing one and ripped along side in the fleshy part of the back and plowed its way through the flesh. Finding that he had failed in the first stroke he made a lunge again, but only inflicted a slight flesh wound. In desperation he made a desperate lunge with the Chinaman by the throat. Charley grabbed the candle stick with both hands and it was then that Turner appeared upon the scene and the Mexican took out of the rear end of the building in a dead run.

The Chinaman was severely injured, but to what extent could not be learned. The motive was robbery pure and simple. The Mexican was of a treacherous and desperate cast of character, life was no value to him. The officers are using every effort to apprehend the desperado with every prospect of getting him. It is such desperate characters as this Mexican is, are what has terrorized not only some parts of Nevada, but the adjoining states and territories on the south and one, or some of these characters ought to be made an example of.

PLAYED WELL HIS PART.
Leo Schwab, the chairman on decorations for Christmas celebration, deserves much credit for the manner in which he discharged the responsibilities imposed upon him by the Eagles. Leo certainly played his part well and is doubly compensated in the fact that his work contributed to the happiness of the young folks of Las Vegas valley.

Ponto was troubled with the cutting of teeth. Its distress caused the mistress of the household, Mrs. Laravey, much concern. The only cure for it was the veterinary surgeon. Dr. Frank Manuel was summoned and with his assistant, Mr. Laravey, did the surgeon's part. Of course paragonic and the rubber ring were not overlooked in bringing relief. For this service Dr. Manuel has the generous appreciation of the mistress or the home.

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YELLOW METAL IN BIG CHUNKS.
Two-Foot Vein Encountered in Three Pines Group of Mines Near Caliente, in Nevada.—Gossip From Other Camps.

The Three Pines mines, south of Caliente on the Virgin river, Nevada, are said to contain a two-foot vein which shows values of \$463.20 a ton in gold. The quartz is filled with brown hematite of iron, attached to which are chunks of the yellow metal. Frank P. Hewetson and George Landers, the owners, have been running a tunnel on a small rich vein which has made a contact with their new strike. They are going to New York with their sample and a report of the mines in their locality. Fairbanks, Dow & Fisher of the New York Stock exchange are backing them. They expect to install a ten-stamp mill at the mines this winter.—Las Angeles Express.

IT IS A TRIBUTE.
With a Fidelity Significant of the Faith in Eagledom He Appreciates it.

I. W. Botkin, the secretary, everybody knows who the secretary is, for they all are Eagles at Las Vegas, was presented with a beautiful charm on Christmas, by the members of the fraternity. It goes without saying that Botkin appreciates the magnificent tribute of his fellows. Efficiency and courtesy always gains reward.

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