

THIS AND THAT

By NORREF

Well, at last, it's all over, and we can move forward with all confidence in the future. For, Lo! these many years have we waited for this moment. And now that we have it, what? Each of us must answer this question for himself.

Soon now, the crowd will start coming in, and, remember this, people rush to a place to make money for themselves. Their interest in our town contains absolutely no sentiment—none of them have lived and worked here over the comparatively lean years—they are here to reap the big benefits of NOW. Remembering that it is population that brings values up—and the demand thereby created—yet each and every one of us must carry the thought in mind that "now is the appointed time." If we sit back and allow it, the plums will fall into the laps of the newcomer. Therefore, let us take stock of the situation and ourselves—and get down to work. I think that most of us are inclined to heave a big sigh of relief, and say "at last." Again I say, AT LAST WHAT? The newcomer is going to be full of pep and enthusiasm. Can we shake ourselves out of the lethargy into which we have drifted the past disappointing years, and compete? YES WE CAN—but "works not words" will tell the tale.

A traveling man told me this morning that SIX of his customers were planning on opening up business in Vegas. The "Safeway" store is getting ready fast, and Piggly-Wiggly soon to follow. The trek is starting. Have you noticed the new service stations going up? Look closely, the big movement is on the way. Are you part of it?

NOTICE

Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 22, 1928. Notwithstanding the fact that Van Santongue has been opposed to the Recall and has exerted his best efforts to thwart the circulators in their efforts to secure signatures, it now appears from information given the writer that he now is circulating a petition, asking parties who have signed their names to the recall to strike their names therefrom, stating that the officials of the Union Pacific criticized him for his activities in the recall.

Please be advised that Mr. Van Santongue's only activities in this matter was to attempt to prevent voters from signing, in this he was exercising his rights as an American citizen, and could not consistently be criticized by those who were in favor of the recall, however when he wilfully misrepresents his position in the matter and asks, as a favor that these parties strike their names from the petition, in order that he might appear in a better light in the eye of the Union Pacific officials, he is wilfully and maliciously circulating misinformation.

The U. P. is taking no interest in our local politics.

W. A. BARR.

Adv.

John Howe of Searchlight is in town on business today.

Mrs. Hayes, a teacher in the Goodsprings school was a visitor in Las Vegas today.

T. J. Reneaux and Jack Madison of Goodsprings were visitors in Las Vegas yesterday.

XMAS CANTATA AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Christmas cantata, "The Star of Bethlehem" was presented at the high school this afternoon, by the Boys and Girls Glee Clubs, under the direction of their instructor, Prof. L. E. Rowe.

The young singers showed the results of their months of work with Mr. Rowe, and the cantata was beautifully sung. Miss Fern Thomas taking the solo parts very acceptably. A sextette composed of Fern Thomas, Elaine Martin, Frances Martin, Evelyn White, Margaret Campbell and Mary Stockburger were very pleasing in

their rendition of several numbers. After the cantata, Santa Claus, in the person of C. E. Pembroke was on the job, and began handing out the many presents surrounding the Christmas Tree. Celebrations were also held by pupils of the Grammar School, each room staging a party of its own with all the accompanying accessories.

Edgar Newcomb is home from San Diego Military School to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Hesse.

Robert Schaffer and family of Los Angeles are visiting in Las Vegas today. The Schaffers are well known in Las Vegas, having lived here in the past. Mr. Schaffer still owns considerable real estate here.

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"GOOD WILL TO MEN"

With the abundance of future material prosperity provided for by the plans of the United States Government to spend \$165,000,000 in our midst, every citizen of Clark County, Nevada, should be grateful indeed.

True gratitude would be to establish here a city where strangers are well received, government ably administered, business squarely managed and the Golden Rule applied to our dealings.

Although of Pagan Origin, the Christmas Season as an institution has become dear and is held sacred by all Christendom. Christianity consists of Romanism, Protasntism and Judeaism. We all point with pride to our nation being a Christian Nation, "Our Country 'Tis of Thee," etc., etc.

Hence, the City of Las Vegas is supposed to be a Christian city. The average citizen would feel insulted if some magazine writer would come in here and write us up under the heading of "The Meanest City in the United States" or "The Agnostic City" or "The City of the Atheists." The Cradle of Christianity is the Church. We are reliably informed that there isn't a church in Las Vegas supporting a Minister of the Gospel or a Priest that is self-supporting. Every one of them have to be assisted OUTSIDE OF LAS VEGAS. Let's take a look at our churches on Sunday morning. How many Las Vegas business men go to Church? How many support the Church? Usually you can count them all on the fingers of one hand, seldom on two hands.

How can we have the Christian spirit if we don't humble ourselves in worship at this CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY? It would surprise you to know what the few "faithful" in this Cradle of Christianity in Las Vegas CANNOT do for the moral uplift of this community because the business men of this city do not cooperate and exploit the Christian spirit.

And where is this "Good Will to Men," this "Brotherhood of Man?" Let's take an inventory of Las Vegas. By adding ourselves up a bit we are in a better position to make some firm resolutions for the future. We need some "Good Will" to face the oncoming growth and prosperity here.

The best the average business man of the street here can do is to make this city a fit place for the children to live in. We haven't so many score years to spare. The Christmas Season has become precious to all American children where a Christmas Spirit is in evidence. It's one of the great character builders for children. It's a stepping stone to greater character for them. A child is better equipped in life if it gets a good start, a solid foundation. BUT AFTER THEY GET A GOOD START THEY NEED ENVIRONMENT AND THESE ARE KINDNESS, GENTILITY, TOLERANCE, etc., etc., a Christian spirit, for all these attributes are Christian in origin.

Have we the Christian spirit in Las Vegas? We have just finished a hectic year. VICE, BOOTLEGGING, DOPE, SHOOTING, RIVALRY, MEN OPENLY ACCUSED OF BEING THE DOPE KING, THE GRAFTERS, THE FAKERS, THE FERPETRATORS OF FRAUDS, A RECALL PETITION FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY, AND MANY MORE EVIDENCES OF AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. ONE MAN ACCUSES NEARLY ALL OTHERS IN HIS LINE OF BUSINESS AS BEING FRAUDULENT, AND TAKES PLEASURE IN MAILING THIS MANUFACTURED PROPAGANDA FREELY TO ALL THE BUSINESS MEN IN THE CITY. ANOTHER ADOPTS THAT "HOLIER THAN THOU" ATTITUDE. NEWSPAPERS CATCH THE SENSATIONAL SIDE OF OUR UNDEVELOPED CHRISTIAN SPIRIT, AND ON WE GO, BLACKMAIL, INTOLERANCE, NO GENTILITY, NO KINDNESSES.

The "Lack of Good Fellowship," the "Absence of Good Will to Men" is so marked here that at most any meeting of the Chamber of Commerce it is noticeable and retards constructive work. Every business man should become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, attend its meetings and make it a useful organization. The Chamber of Commerce should be governed by men who hold the proper spirit. This city needs a splendid business executive to run the City, and under City Management, we will thrive. Good business management will not interfere with good politics. Politicians are politicians and will hold their offices regardless of good City and County administration. Last, but not least we, as business men, should all support this Cradle of Christianity, the Church.

The above suggestions are with constructive criticism, submitted in a Christain spirit and with a hope that we can all join hands beginning on January 1st, 1929, to have harmony, support high ideals, become a moral uplift to this community, and show the outside world that this City is a clean city to reside in, governed by men whose principals are righteous so that oncoming new capital for development, new industries and new citizens amongst us shall be welcome and made to feel that they will receive a square deal upon locating here.

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