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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1929.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH TIME the Age wishes its readers "A Very Merry Christmas."

And, as we remember them, Las Vegas Christmasers have been invariably of the happy kind. Small towns have, perhaps, more of the Christmas spirit than the great cities. But Las Vegas, with its smaller proportion of sickness, distress and poverty than is usual, has had ample cause for the "Merry Christmas" habit.

Each Christmas has seen a community effort to alleviate any distress which could be found. The effort rested upon those who gave as well as those who received and the people generally were drawn into closer and more friendly relations.

This Christmas should be as happy as past ones. If we count our blessings we will be convinced that we have reasons for happiness. Among them we might name a delightful December, quite in contrast with the ice-bound east; good health and absence of epidemics of disease; freedom from disasters and, more conducive to the Christmas spirit than any, perhaps, golden hopes for the future.

The Age would, if it were possible, call each of its readers by name and sincerely wish them "A Merry Christmas." We are far from unmindful of the obligations we owe our friends for their kindness, forbearance, loyalty and friendliness. Such have meant for us twenty-five Merry Christmas seasons in Las Vegas.

So that, in extending to you the season's greetings, we are only returning, we hope with interest, that which we have in kind received from you.

To all, A Merry Christmas.

THE COMMUNITY TREE.

THANKS TO the Rotary Club and other enterprising citizens, the traditional community Christmas tree of Las Vegas will not be abandoned this year after all.

And we all are pleased that it is so. Perhaps it is a foolish habit as some seem to think. Nevertheless there is a sentiment connected with the custom which we would regret to lose.

And this year the tradition will be preserved to Las Vegas in the Union Pacific park. Which is really more Vegas—not as formerly by a pine, cut and dragged from its native soil and set up at the street intersection, but in a noble, live tree, which we have seen growing from year in keeping with the everlasting life of which the Christmas season reminds us, than the other.

At any rate, the Age is pleased that we are to have a bright and beautiful, lighted Christmas tree, with small remembrances for the children this year just as usual.

WOULD BE WORTH WHILE.

AS ONE WHO has for years been closely in touch with everything pertaining to the Boulder Dam project, the editor of the Age has the feeling that the delay we are just now chafing under may prove to have been well worth while.

President Hoover, as we know from years of contact, Secretary Wilbur, Senators Oddie and Pittman, Congressman Arentz, in fact all who have labored to bring the great project into existence, hope that Arizona, even at this late date, may decide to come into an agreement with her sister states. Nevada and California are anxious to see an agreement made.

And it would be well worth while, well worth a delay of a month or two in the starting of work, if this could be brought about. The Age does not pretend to predict what the outcome of renewed conferences may be, but we have long been aware of a growing sentiment in Arizona for the Boulder Dam project, and an increasing desire on the part of her people to come into more friendly relations with the other states. It is possible, we are tempted to say probable, the old differences may be harmoniously adjusted.

And that would be a wonderful piece of good news for Las Vegas. It would place the project before the public mind in a position of absolute certainty. It would do away with all doubt which a suit by Arizona might create in the public mind. It would relieve the entire situation of its present stress and enable all to proceed with plans for the future without hesitation.

Even should Arizona continue her refusal to come into an agreement, the situation would be better for us than had we not made the final effort to conciliate her.

Sure, it's hard to wait, but it is obvious, if we face the matter fairly, that our officials at Washington are wise in their action.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE FOR LAS VEGAS

MUCH INTEREST has been taken recently in the effort to place Las Vegas upon a more definite footing in Boy Scout work by providing for a full-time scout executive. Heretofore the work has been carried on at much of a disadvantage, the brunt of it having been borne by a few who are members of the local Boy Scout Council and by the scout masters who have volunteered to give their time and efforts and frequently to shoulder part of the financial burden.

As to the benefits of Boy Scout work there can be no argument. We are a unit in our desire to promote the movement, knowing that we receive ample dividends for

WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By RAYMOND CLAPPER
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (UP)—The new year will bring new worries to President Hoover.

He has only ten months of his term behind him. But it has been enough to reveal that he has a fractious Congress on his hands. And next spring and summer the congressional elections will be held with every indication that an even more obstreperous Congress will be chosen. Congress has been the source of most of the worries which President Hoover has struggled with in his first year.

Succeeding to the wills of Senator Borah in a persuasive moment, Mr. Hoover, while still a presidential candidate, promised, if elected, to call an extra session of Congress to deal with farm relief.

The session met the second month Mr. Hoover was President and from that time his major difficulties began. Industrial interests demanded some tariff increases inasmuch as agriculture was to be helped at the special session. Mr. Hoover agreed that some industries in special need of additional tariff protection should be helped. But he did not specify details. "The House ways and means committee drafted a tariff revision bill which granted hundreds of increases and provoked strong dissent from the farm belt Republicans."

Farm Relief Victory

Meantime Congress had been working on the farm relief bill. The Senate, over the President's protest, added the farm debture plan of relief to the Administration bill. The House refused to accept it. It is now back to the Senate. Mr. Hoover came out "victorious after" much grumbling in the Senate.

The house followed this up by passing the tariff bill within a few days without any detailed consideration of its provisions on the floor. Democrats laid down a heavy barrage of criticism. Republican insurgents in the Senate supported them. The senate finance committee made some changes in the House bill. But in the absence of any direct word as to whether Mr. Hoover favored wholesale revision as the House had undertaken, the senate committee did not attempt to eliminate the numerous increases wholesale.

As the year closed the senate was still wrestling with the bill, scaling it down on various items through the coalition of Democrats and Republican insurgents. The flexible tariff provision which Mr. Hoover specially wanted to retain, was stricken out by the senate.

Meantime Senator Hiram Bingham, Rep., Conn., was discovered having put an agent of the Connecticut manufacturers' association on the government payroll and taken him as his secretary into finance committee while rates were being revised. Bingham was captured by formal vote of the Senate for this deception.

Lobbying Probe

The incident led to a senate investigation of lobbying which uncovered all manner of alleged use of influence and brought into the

YEAR END REVIEWS—Domestic, Politics

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BURON FITTS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR, SAYS FRIEND

By HOMER L. ROBERTS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23. (UP)—Burton Fitts, Los Angeles district attorney and former lieutenant governor of California, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the 1930 primaries.

This prediction was contained in a statement to the United Press by Fred W. Richardson, who definitely eliminated himself from the race and placed his support behind the Los Angeles prosecutor.

Richardson said: "Burton Fitts has made the most fearless and honest district attorney the state has ever had." "He has brought underworld, political, official and wealthy criminals to justice." "He is well qualified for governor of California."

Vegas.

We rise to remark that it looked fine to see him yesterday wearing a little freshly-bloomed rose in his button hole.

And if he doesn't watch us we're going to beat him to the other one which is blooming by the back door of The Age office.

HE WAS TOO DANGED WILLING TO WORK!

A man named J. Mendoza was hit on the head by a stone as he ran in to place a new charge of dynamite, after one charge had gone off. The rock from the first charge had not yet descended when Mendoza got within range!

We wasn't at all like the Irishman, who said he'd sue the company for blowing the whistle while he was wheeling a wheelbarrow, thereby causing him to get it down on his foot! E. G.

Miss MacDonald, returning home, tells the Brits they shouldn't come over here with a superiority complex. That's probably true, but if they didn't have it our internationalists would give them one before they had been here very long.

Will Pungent's Nitwititorials

(Down with the Pun, Gents)

TRAFFIC COP FOUND A BLIND TOP TIME!

When a traffic cop hides out along the road somewhere and watches motorists go by, that's called a "blind," isn't it?

Well, Nitwit has never seen Officer Bob Ziener doing this, but it seems he found himself a blind when certain bloodthirsty Elks went whizzing about town to-day. They were gunning for Bob, who was to be initiated, and were going to give him the fourth or fifth degree.

Bob has friends, however, and one of 'em tipped him off. He was unavailable until a few minutes before the ritual.

Not so blind! E. G.

TRIBUTE TO YE NITWIT COLUMN

We had the ego to ask Louise King what she thought of our column.

"The only paragraph I've read so far was very good," she replied.

The janitor found us in the basement with our head buried in the coal pile. E. G.

WE AGREE WITH YOU, CHIEF

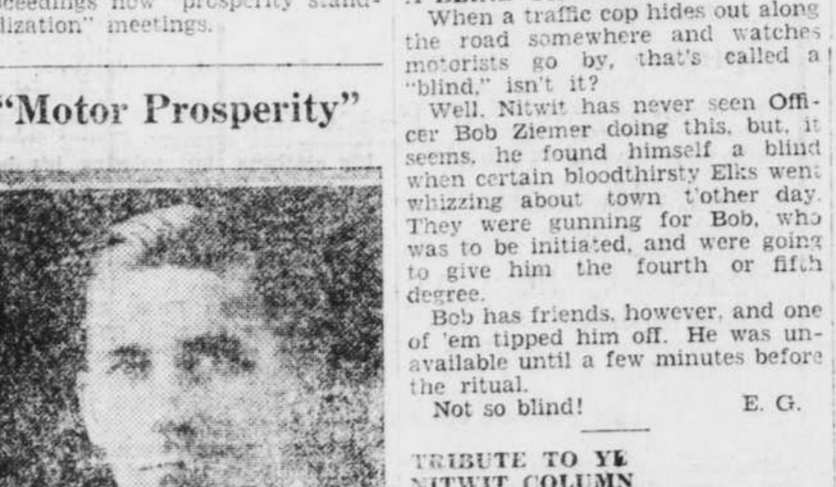
Just by way of backing up our boss.

An editorial in last issue remarked upon the wonderful climate of Las every dollar spent.

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It is reasonable to hope that such financial support may be obtained from the city and county as to make it possible to properly organize and finance the boy scout work. The job has grown too big for us to depend on the voluntary efforts of busy men without some financial compensation.

The greatest asset of Las Vegas is its boys and girls. Whatever we can do to assist them in becoming the kind of men and women we hope them to be we should do cheerfully and promptly.



"Motor Prosperity"

H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor Company, who prophesied that 1930 should be a very prosperous year both for the nation at large and for the automobile industry.

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Gambler Who Gets License No. 1 Dies; Balzar Successor

Since Charlie Stout, one-armed upstate gambler, died, Governor Fred E. Balzar drives an automobile with Nevada state license number one.

Stout used to send his money and his reservation for number one about June or July, half a year before the first of the year, according to State Officer Roy Gillian, and for years he always had the initial number.

But now Stout is dead and the governor has superceded him.

Dr. Harrison Joins New Medical Group

Dr. Harrison of Kaelin, physician for the Moapa valley, last week joined forces with the Guaranteed Medical association, according to A. E. Mortenson, of the association.

Dr. A. H. Harris of Ogden, one of the association physicians, along with Doctors Ferguson and Frasier, is expected to move, with his family, to Las Vegas about January 1, Mortenson stated.

Doctor Harris is leaving a seven years' practice in Ogden to come to Las Vegas.

TEACHER GETS "BLAME" ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23. (UP)—Thieves broke into the Robert Gray school here recently, stole the pencil supply, paraphernalia and Red Cross fund of \$4 and left a note saying they did it because they "didn't like the teacher."

PROESTEL, Wash., Dec. 23. (UP)—Fern Prairie residents are all excited these days, because Mrs. E. W. Seaver's goose had a gold nugget in its gizzard.

Just where the fowl got the nugget was a matter of conjecture among the ranch folk of the district.

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