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GUILTY, OR NOT GUILTY?

We are more than pleased to know that Mr. Trego in the last week's issue of his personal organ accepted our challenge to inform the public where, when and how we ever defended grafters. His first alleged grafter that he says we defended is A. E. Christensen of Shelley, who for many years was surveyor of Bingham county when it paid the paltry annual pittance of \$300, much to the injury of himself and large family. When Mr. Christensen was defeated for county surveyor two years ago he was accused by Mr. Trego of unlawfully confiscating a surveyor's stadia rod, worth new \$13.50, and "some other" goods, which gave his alleged theft a valuation of \$28.69.

Owing to the fact that we have personally known Mr. Christensen for about six years, as an honest man, and have the pleasure of the acquaintance of many reputable citizens of Bingham county who have known him for twenty-five years, who will gladly testify to his unimpeached integrity, we did not believe he was guilty of the charge so publicly made against him by The Idaho Republican. But before attempting to acquit or convict Mr. Christensen of the charge preferred against him we interviewed James Young, his successor in the county surveyor's office. Mr. Young informed us that Mr. Christensen upon his retirement from office told him that he had the alleged stolen stadia rod at his home in Shelley, and desired to use it for a short time. As Mr. Young had a rod of his own he told Mr. Christensen that he was welcome to the use of the rod to complete the work he was doing. Mr. Young also informed us that the "other things" that his official predecessor had in his home in Shelley were some old and almost used-up record books that he did not intend to use. Under these circumstances if Mr. Christensen is a grafter and a thief of the county's property we are not ashamed of having defended him. Two years ago when Mr. Christensen aspired for office he was solicited by the editor of The Republican for one of his characteristic hold-ups which he terms \$10.00 "write-ups."

But this ancient and almost obsolete political graft of unprincipled newspaper boosters was spurned by Mr. Christensen, who informed his chronic write-up artist that he had lived in Bingham county for thirty years and needed no introduction, much less a recommendation from him. Had Trego's \$10.00 graft been successful the Idaho Republican would have told its readers that Mr. Christensen was one of the most honored farmers in Bingham county, a competent and trustworthy county surveyor who never shirked his duty to better himself at the expense of his constituents, or took advantage of the many opportunities he had of charging the county exorbitant prices. Mr. Christensen is not the only man in Bingham county and Blackfoot who has been misrepresented and maligned for refusing to be a victim of this particular hold-up artist's policy for revenue only—that has been far more profitable than honorable.

In order to receive sympathy he frequently refers to our abuse of him. We reluctantly admit that we have on several occasions referred to his indiscretion, but absolutely only to de-

fend our reputation and business which he has unjustly and untruthfully assailed, even to his own great disadvantage. Trego, like some of his present friends who were once his most bitter enemies, but are now using him for their political purposes, will do well to cease their scandalizing and injurious personal attacks, for some of them, in more ways than one, have records that they should be ashamed of—records that should ever keep them from attempting to tarnish the reputation of any one—particularly of any one less guilty than they. As it is often true that it takes a thief to catch a thief, it is also true that it takes a reprobate to be a character assassin or blackmail-

er. Round up the men who are continually and surreptitiously bulldozing and backeapping their fellow citizens for political or private gain and if you investigate their political and private records you will come to the conclusion that they are far more disreputable than those they seek to injure or defame. All men are sinful enough without making them more sinful and the struggles of all men and women are unavoidably severe enough without trying to make their struggles unbearable by constantly publishing their petty indiscretions that no man is entirely free from, and it is far better to suppress than publish them, especially if we have some of our own.

We are glad to know that The Idaho Republican is soon to desert its present disreputable environments, and hope that when it is comfortably established in its new and undefiled business home that it will be happy and virtuous enough to remember the past and overlook the faults of those who have been willing to forget it for the benefit of the community just for the purpose of electing a political friend whose record is not above criticism. We do not believe the voters of Bingham county who have known "Ras" Christensen for thirty years will approve of this brand of political boosting.

No normal newspaper editor will attempt to besmirch the reputation of an honest man and disgrace his posterity

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Six hundred and forty-four beef cattle were sold at auction at the Fort Hall Indian agency last Wednesday to Murnan & Clayton of Denver, for \$42,180. Bidding was spirited and 214 steers sold at \$6.40 per hundred. This is the highest price paid this year in South eastern Idaho, \$2.25 per hundred having been the former high figure. Other buyers were Jos. Coumerth who got 19 culls, Hopkins, who got 6 culls, and J. D. Jensen, who got 9 bulls. The cattle which were raised by Indians of the Reservation, were loaded by Superintendent H. H. Miller for immediate shipment.

Mr. A. E. Byers is temporarily employed in the Neil F. Boyle Hardware store to accommodate a rush of business.

What do you want in a Justice of the Supreme Court is a man of legal training and ability, and one that no power on earth can turn from what he believes right. Ask any man who knows Mr. Rice if he is not that kind of a man.

Gold Fish and Fish Globes. Racket Store.

REPLY TO BEAKLEY

Recently, in the public press, Mr. W. A. Beakley, my Democratic opponent, challenged my honesty, reputation, and my administration of the office of Prosecuting Attorney, and knowingly and wilfully made false statements relative to many of the cases he mentioned in his article. I deplore personalities and dirty politics, but cannot permit any man to impugn my honesty and good faith, or to maliciously assail an honorable District Judge, without attempting to refute such base misrepresentations.

Two years ago, Mr. Beakley, who now criticises my party affiliations, was one of the many who endorsed me and demanded that I become a candidate for County Attorney, notwithstanding my well known adherence to the principals of the Republican Party. I was elected by a majority of 485 votes. Mr. Beakley was a candidate for office in the primary election that year (as he is at every election) and only received 168 votes in the entire county. I am now seeking a second term, these being the only two times I have ever asked the people of Bingham County for their suffrages. In September, 1916, the Republican party endorsed my administration in a gratifying manner, giving me every precinct in the county, with a total majority over my opponent of 823 votes. I deeply appreciate this magnificent expression of confidence. Had I, like Beakley, run for office and been beaten so decisively so many times, I would not now have the temerity to again appear as a candidate for any office. Using his words I ask which of us is the "place hunter?"

Mr. Beakley comments upon the sentences imposed upon bootleggers, and evidently does not know that the Prosecuting Attorney cannot pronounce sentence; that officer only secures the conviction of the offender, and the court imposes the punishment. For Beakley to criticise the punishments meted out in these cases is for him to publicly charge Judge F. J. Cowan, who has shown himself to be one of the most able, fair, and upright judges in the State of Idaho, with misfeasance in office. Of necessity Mr. Beakley's indictment is against Judge Cowan, as the Prosecuting Attorney has nothing to do with the imposition of sentences. Mr. Beakley who, as you know and the Court records show, was recently suspended from the practice of his profession because of illegal and unprofessional practices, now sets himself up as a paragon of virtue and asks the people who believe in good government to elect him to enforce the prohibition law, and infers that if he were elected he would give the criminals more drastic sentences, or would dictate to the Judge how he should perform his judicial duties.

During the 20 months in which I have been in office I have convicted 15 persons in felony cases resulting in those persons being sentenced to the penitentiary, and in the trial of such felony cases three defendants were acquitted by a jury. During that time I have convicted 90 persons on misdemeanor charges, and 7 defendants were acquitted, after trial on such charges. Besides these cases I have convicted 55 persons charged with the violation of the prohibition laws of the state, and only one bootlegger was acquitted. It is true that I have dismissed 8 liquor cases, but I filed written reasons therefor with the Judge, which reasons were publicly stated in open court and approved by the Judge before the cases were dismissed, the reasons invariably being the fact that material witnesses could not be located or induced to testify. There are still 11 of such cases now pending for trial in the District Court at the November term.

Mr. Beakley asks, "Does the above record indicate to your mind the actions of an officer who is trying to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor, or rather, does it indicate permission to violate the law?" What do you think, Mr. Voter, with a record of 55 convictions and 1 acquitted, and 11 cases now awaiting trial. If my record shows a lack of ability, effort, or purpose, then I can promise nothing better for the future. If I am re-elected I will continue my work along the same lines.

In Mr. Beakley's published article he wilfully makes misstatements relative to 13 of the cases mentioned therein, evidently with the purpose of prejudicing the public against me. The Court records will verify every statement I have made herein, and are subject to the inspection of every person desiring to investigate my record, or that of Mr. Beakley.

I was first admitted to the bar in 1902, and am admitted to practice in all the Courts of three states, and the U. S. Supreme Court, and have never been disbarred or even SUSPENDED during that time, and am willing to have my life and character and standing as a man, and reputation and success as an attorney investigated and compared with that of my Democratic opponent.

This article was induced by the attack made by Mr. Beakley upon me, and is written solely in self defense. I have no doubt about the result of the election, judging from my past successes, when being opposed by abler and better men than Mr. Beakley.

Respectfully,

RALPH W. ADAIR, Prosecuting Attorney.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ELECT

At a regular meeting of the King's Daughters last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected:
Lorine Tavey—President.
Marion Chubbuck—Vice President.
Iris Stone—Secretary.
Marguerite Van Akin—Treasurer.

FAREWELL PARTY

Last night in the banquet hall of the Second Ward Church, a very pleasant farewell party was tendered Elwood Alfred, Leroy B. Clark and Alva Jordan, who will leave for missions in the Southern States. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and indulging in very palatable refreshments.

IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESSING

The new Eccles Hotel is nearing completion very fast and it is expected that the roof will be in place about the 20th of next month. The calculation is to have the stores ready for occupancy about the first of the year, but the hotel will not be ready to receive guests before about the first of February. We understand that Dahle & Eccles are figuring on building several more new and substantial buildings as soon as possible.

GET YOUR EYES RIGHT

People who have suffered for years with severe headaches could get wonderful results for their trouble, no matter how good the sight may be, if they consulted Dr. Scarborough, the Eye Specialist, whose special methods have given excellent results to a number of our readers. See him at the Cottage Hotel, Blackfoot, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness done for us at the time of the loss of our beloved son Neil. We wish especially to thank the Elks and Knights of Columbus for the aid they gave us, and all who so kindly sent floral tributes. All these things will be gratefully remembered, and have helped to soften the blow that fell so heavily upon us.
NEIL F. BOYLE and FAMILY.

SPEAKING AND FREE SHOW TONIGHT

The people of Blackfoot and vicinity are invited out to the Orpheum theatre tonight, Friday, to hear Hon. E. T. A. Walters, candidate for attorney general. Mr. Walters is generally regarded by everyone as the best campaign speaker in Idaho, and every voter, what his or her politics may be, ought to hear him. A free show will be given after the speaking.—Adv.

The Catholic Ladies will serve a 5 o'clock chicken dinner at the V. I. S. room on election day. The public cordially invited.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BLAZE

Last Sunday about 4 o'clock Hanning's photograph gallery on Bridge street was totally destroyed by fire, smoke and water. The fire department was called out and checked the flames from spreading to other property. It was insured for \$1,000. Mr. Hanning has secured gallery room in the Eccles building.

ANOTHER CHERRY TREE ACCIDENT

Last Saturday Stacey, the 7-year old son of Commissioner Bond, fell out of a cherry tree and broke his left arm.

PARIS MILLINERY

Special sale on all Millinery Goods. Now is your chance to get an up-to-date hat for less money than at any place in the town.—Adv.

BIG HAYSTACK PARTLY BURNS

Last Saturday afternoon a 300-ton stack of hay on the old Pratt ranch, about four miles from Blackfoot, and belonging to the Idaho Land & Live Stock Co., was found to be on fire. Between fifty and seventy-five of the neighboring farmers were soon on the scene and did everything possible to conquer the flames and save the hay. Finally the burning east end of the stack was cut off and the balance of the big stack was saved. About seventy-five tons of hay were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been caused by internal combustion. The Blackfoot fire department responded to the call for assistance and did all it could to subdue the fire.

CATTLEMEN WILL HOLD STATE MEET

The Idaho Cattle and Horse Growers' Association is to hold its first annual convention in the Idaho convention city, Pocatello, on the 31st day of October, 1916.

The association is composed of Idaho men who make a business of growing and ranging cattle and horses on the public domain and on the forests within the borders of the state. It is the outgrowth of an organization of several associations formed in Custer county and throughout Central Idaho for the protection of the industry, and in less than six months has gained eight hundred active members, representing 125,000 head of cattle and horses, with an estimated valuation of ten million dollars' worth of live stock, that all depend more or less for range on the forests and public domain, as much of the stock is grazed thereon one-half of the time, at least, and the remainder of the time is fed in pastures of the Idaho ranchmen.

Colgate's Talcum powder, Tooth Paste, Soap, Etc., at the Racket Store.

EXCURSIONS TO POCATELLO

October 30-31; Nov. 1st.
Via O. S. L. for United Cattle and Horse Growers' Association convention, and Automobile Show. Tickets limited to November 6th. See agents for rates and further details.

John C. Rice was born on a farm in Illinois; he took his degree at Cornell; he is the leading attorney in Canyon county and is one of the best in the State. He is fitted by training and temperament for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a Christmas bazaar and supper on Saturday, Dec. 2nd.—Adv.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, October 28th, an examination in Idaho School Law and Civics, Course of Study, and High School Administration will be given at the Court House.
LULAH E. SMITH,
10-26-2t
County Supt.

You, men, can buy the best \$3.00 hat made in staple style for \$2.65. Novelty styles for \$2.35. The "No Name" brand; ask for it. Biethan's.



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