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IF THERE ever was a man born in the world whose whole life and purpose placed him above suspicion of guilt, or the commission of wrong towards his fellow man, or the government which has honored him with its confidence, we believe that man to be Thomas Hughes, of the Albuquerque Journal, and we take pleasure in transferring from the columns of the Journal of the 13th (Sunday) the record which proves his entire innocence, and vindicates the high character of the official against the charges so indiscreetly and unworthily brought. Our friend Hughes had but little to worry about in the matter, and we see no great cause for his rejoicing. He is the same man to-day as he was yesterday—honest, faithful and true. God made him as he is, and the devil has failed in this instance to get his work in:

"Now that the editor of the Journal, after a thorough investigation before United States Commissioner Snyder yesterday afternoon, has been acquitted of the charge of embezzlement of government funds, he desires to return his heartfelt thanks to his brethren of the press of New Mexico for their kind words during the brief period when there was a cloud upon his character. The Albuquerque Democrat, the Las Vegas Optic, and the Santa Fe New Mexican, have been especially conspicuous in their earnest and eloquent expressions of sympathy, and now that the result has vindicated the character and honesty of Mr. Hughes, those brethren of the profession who have not used their columns to speak lightly and flippantly of the matter, but have on the contrary published words of kindness and confidence will doubtless feel gratified that that confidence has not been misplaced. There has not been the shadow of a doubt in the mind of Mr. Hughes as to the result, and it will be admitted by all the readers of the Journal that he has not used the advantage of his position as a publisher and editor of a leading daily newspaper to manufacture public sentiment in his favor.

"He was stoutly prosecuted by one of the best lawyers in the territory, Neill B. Field, and most ably defended by H. B. Ferguson Esq., who stands with Mr. Field in the front rank of southwestern lawyers. Messrs. King and Waterbury, the two postoffice inspectors who were witnesses for the prosecution, did what was their duty in caring for the interests of the government, but it is very sure that neither of these gentlemen wanted to see an innocent man convicted although they did all in their power to adduce testimony that would sustain the government in its prosecution. The result proves that truth and justice still prevail in this world, and the editor of the Journal, who has borne an almost crushing weight of sorrow during the past week, can now take up the burden of life and go forward with renewed strength for the unsee trials and conflicts of the future. There is something supremely noble in human nature after all; but it is only in great emergencies that we discover this fact. Nothing is easier than to attack a character that a lifetime has been spent in building but it is quite another to tear it down and load its owner with disgrace and shame, and the outcome of this trial is precious testimony to the fact that all the arts of evil cannot prevail against an honest man."

THE NEW MANAGER.—Mr. D. I. Robinson, the successor of Gen. Superintendent F. W. Smith is a able and experienced Rail-road man. He is not a stranger by any means in the South-west, and the great 35th will lose none of its importance in transcontinental freight or passenger traffic while it is under his direction.

Interesting Farewell.
General F. W. Smith in retiring from the management of the Atlantic & Pacific Rail Road was made the recipient of a splendid banquet, by its officers and employees, at the San Felipe Hotel in Albuquerque on Monday evening last. The Albuquerque Journal adds that at the conclusion of the banquet, General Smith was presented by Colonel Sedgwick, in behalf of the Atlantic & Pacific people with a magnificent gold watch and chain. Gen'l Sedgwick was most happy in his presentation address and Gen'l Smith responded in terms which showed he was deeply moved.

John Edward Hollenbeck who died at Los Angeles on the 2nd of Sept. 1885 and buried on Sunday 6th from his residence on Boyle Heights was one of the worthiest of men in all relations of life. The friends and acquaintances of his later years properly appreciated him and gave, when they laid him in the tomb, unmistakable evidence of their deep grief at his taking off. Mr Hollenbeck exemplified in his character every attribute that command the respect of his fellow men and gives them prominence as leaders. Long years before Mr Hollenbeck had selected Los Angeles for his dwelling place. The Editor of this paper was with him a resident of Nicaragua in Central America, he was in that country the same high toned man of business and there enjoyed the confidence of every one on the Isthmus, where he transacted business as a merchant. The old residents of that country will mourn the loss of an early friend and one they loved when the knowledge of his departure hence shall be made known to them. We had hoped to visit Los Angeles in the near future for no other reason than to meet our friend of long ago—but such are the disappointments of life—Farewell old friend!

THE PURITAN VICTORIOUS.—The Yacht race over the inside course of the New York yacht club, in the lower bay of New York Harbor came off Sept. 14th, distance 58 miles. The American yacht Puritan beat the English yacht Genesta 16 minutes and 58 seconds actual time. The race excited a great deal of interest in marine sporting circles. The spectacle on the tract is said to have been magnificent.

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In Arizona the grazing areas are supplied with good water, and the United States Surveyors, who made the official surveys of the country, say they are as good, if not better, than those of Wyoming and Montana. The Navajo Indians grow corn without irrigation, in the valleys of the Puerco of the West, on the Company's lands, and in the valley of the Little Colorado, also on the line of the road, good crops of corn, sorghum, oats, barley, and garden vegetables are grown by irrigation, and the finest of potatoes, oats, wheat, barley and garden vegetables of large size and fine quality have been successfully grown without irrigation on the slopes of the San Francisco mountains.
On these mountains there is an extensive timber belt, diversified by beautiful valleys and parks, with good water and wonderful canons through which the road passes. In fact, the whole of the country traversed by the road is very picturesque and beautiful, and many towns are being built along its route.
The Valley of the Rio Grande, at Albuquerque is 5,000 feet above the sea, and the passes of the Sierra Madre and the San Francisco mountains, in Arizona, have elevations of 7,000, with a depression at Winslow, on the Little Colorado, where the altitude is 5,000 feet; the climate is mild and salubrious. Cattle and sheep graze throughout the year and do not need to be sheltered or grain fed during the winter. The nights are cool during the summer.
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