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## RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR TEXAS & PACIFIC

DEFAULT SINCE 1907 OF INTEREST ON \$25,000,000 MORTGAGE BONDS IS ALLEGED.

## HEARING SET FOR JAN. 31

Petition Charges Net Income of Road, Over Operating Expenses, Diverted to Other Purposes.

Dallas, Texas.—Action seeking to place another Texas railroad, the Texas & Pacific, in the hands of a receiver was filed in the United States district court here by Locke & Locke, attorneys of Dallas, representing the Bankers' Trust company of New York.

The application for a receiver alleges default since 1907 of interest on \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds issued by the company in 1883. The Bankers' Trust company acted as trustee in the issuance of these bonds.

Judge Edward R. Meek set Jan. 31 as the date of the hearing on the application for a receivership. Notice of a contest to the proceedings was also filed.

The New Orleans Railway company a Louisiana corporation, with its principal offices in New Orleans, the Louisiana end of the Texas & Pacific, is made a defendant in the suit. The Texas & Pacific operates under a federal charter granted March 3, 1871.

The Texas & Pacific has a greater mileage than any Texas road, covering with its branches, 1,944 miles of track. A history of the road is set out in the lengthy petition filed in the case. There now are nine Texas railroads in the hands of receivers.

In addition to alleging that the interest on the \$25,000,000 second mortgage bonds has been unpaid for a number of years, the petition charges that net income of the road, over and above operating expenses, has been diverted to other purposes.

## CASHIER SHOOTS BANK ROBBERS

Escapes From Vault and Armed With Shotgun Recoveries Lost.

Paris, Texas.—Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock two young men entered the bank of Grant at Grant, Okla., 29 miles north of Paris, while L. G. Webb, the assistant cashier, was waiting on a customer and, covering both of them with pistols, tied their hands and marched them into the vault. After getting into the vault, the robbers untied the cashier's hands and forced him to open the safe. The contents, amounting to about \$4,000, including \$40 in coppers, and weighing between 50 and 60 pounds, were placed in a four sack which the men had carried with them.

When the robbers left the vault they closed the door and turned the bolt, thinking they had fastened the cashier and customer inside, but Mr. Webb had placed his foot between the wall and the edge of the door and it failed to close.

## Cashier Pursues Robbers

As soon as the men left the bank Cashier Webb seized his pumpgun that was kept in the vault and followed, taking a near cut with the depot and cotton platform concealing him. When he got within 20 steps of the robbers, who had gone about 200 yards from the bank, he called on them to halt, and as the rear robber made a gunplay he brought him down and pursued the other, who was shot down 50 yards further on. After shooting both of the men, the cashier picked up the bag of money and carried it back to the bank.

## Bank Robbers Get \$7,500

Heaven, Okla.—Five men, two of them youths of not more than 18 years of age, robbed the First National bank here, escaping with \$7,500 of the bank's funds.

## Seven Provinces Are Now in Revolt

San Francisco, Cal.—A cablegram received by Kong Ting Chong, president of the Chinese republic association, from revolutionary leaders in Shanghai, stated that a total of seven provinces had declared themselves against the new monarchy. In response to telegrams sent to military leaders in the provinces by the Shanghai headquarters, it was said active support of the revolution was promised. Five provinces were reported to revolt in previous cablegrams.

## WEIRDEST STORM IN YEARS VISITS EAST

CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGED AND SEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN NEW YORK.

## RAIN, HAIL, SNOW AND RAIN

Thunder and Lightning Add to Fury of Elements on Day After Christmas.

New York.—One of the weirdest storms the east has seen in years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of 30 miles an hour—descended from the northwest early Sunday as the aftermath of Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this city, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad traffic and caused considerable property damage.

The phenomena of thunder and lightning in the midst of a driving snow awakened New Yorkers at the height of the storm. A gale from the south, accompanied by rain, had been blowing during the night, but the temperature dropped during the early morning hours, changing the rain to hail and then to snow.

## Windows Blown In

The wind shifted to the northwest and increased in violence, reaching its 30-mile intensity at 9 o'clock, and soon after carrying off the clouds. The gale continued, however, throughout the day, blowing in hundreds of plate glass windows, hurling signs and copings to the streets and demolishing several partly-built structures. The storm had its center in Massachusetts, and the telegraph companies said their services in New England had been badly crippled. Several land lines of cable companies between New York and Nova Scotia were put out of business.

## Scores of Persons Were More or Less Seriously Injured

Because of the storm and the accumulation of loaded cars, the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad announced an embargo on all freight except food products, perishable goods, live stock and coal for a number of New England points.

## Goethals Makes Report on Canal

Washington.—A detailed account of the operation and maintenance of the Panama canal during the first ten months and a half after its opening to commerce in August, 1914, is given in the annual report of Governor Goethals of the canal zone. Final construction work just prior to the canal's opening also is described in the report, which embraces the fiscal year ending June 30 last. Between Aug. 15, 1914, and June 30, 1915, a total of 1,043 vessels with a net tonnage of 3,843,035 and a cargo tonnage of 4,949,752 passed through the canal. During this period three minor accidents interrupted traffic.

## Persian Cabinet Has Fallen

London.—"The Persian cabinet has fallen," says Reuter's telex correspondent. "Prince Firman Firma has been nominated premier by the shah. This is considered a great diplomatic victory for the entente allies." When Prince Firman Firma joined the cabinet in November a news dispatch said he was considered Russophile.

## Anxious Concerning Kaiser

London.—Alarming rumors, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circulated in Switzerland concerning Emperor William's illness, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The rumors state that the emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

## British Losses at Dardanelles \$12,321

London.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 was 112,321. This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,275. In addition to the total of casualties the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 35,823.

## \$50,000 Fire Loss at Wells City

Wells City, Texas.—Fire originating in the Parrott Mercantile company's store, on the south side of Main street, Sunday morning caused a loss of approximately \$50,000. The buildings and stocks on both west and east of this stock are badly damaged by smoke and water. The fire is supposed to have been started by a burglar, as the cash register had been rifled. The manager of the mercantile company stated there had been no fire in the store since Friday.

## AN EPITOME OF EVENTS

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

## EUROPEAN WAR HAPPENINGS

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

According to rumors in Berlin, Emperor William's illness is very serious, but these rumors have been officially denied.

The French national defense loan has produced over 14,000,000,000 francs, according to reports centralized at the ministry of finance up to the present.

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Pope Benedict expressed regret that "men's weakness, which had caused the European conflagration, would prevent the traditional rejoicing this season." He hoped that peace would reign again before next Christmas.

According to advices to Amsterdam, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town. Later advices stated that according to accounts 300 of the 500 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

Christmas cheer in Pittsburgh was rudely shocked when the Pittsburgh bank for savings failed to open for business. The institution was capitalized at \$400,000. It was stated the bank had approximately 75,000 depositors. The unsecured savings of 41,000 school children are included in deposits.

General Bonna, military expert, after mentioning the German statement that the French and British forces at Saloniki now number 172,000 officers and men and are increasing, says: "The joint army soon will reach 200,000. They are occupying a semicircle around Saloniki, which, itself, is just beyond range of the heaviest guns—those carrying shells 18 to 22 miles."

The new Japanese liner, Yawata Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean last week by a submarine while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said. All of those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory increases hourly and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament, as soon as it meets, will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press, which has been mercilessly attacking the government. A dispatch from Athens says Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by Jan. 15, promising at the same time to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

The Japanese steamer Yawata Maru, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine, is said to have carried \$5,000,000 yen in Japanese gold. The insurance on the vessel amounts to \$4,000,000 yen.

Herman Merchewitch, second cousin of King Peter of Serbia, who had been employed for years as a porter in a furrier's establishment, is dead in a hospital in New York from a fractured skull received in an altercation with an Australian and the latter's son.

The Missouri Public Service commission at Jefferson City, Mo., approved in part the reorganization plan of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. The commission rejected those features of the reorganization plan providing for a board of seven trustees who shall vote the stock of the road for five years for a \$5,000,000 bonus to be paid in exchanging \$25,000,000 of old bonds for \$7,500,000 new ones and for converting \$25,000,000 of 6 per cent income bonds into 5 per cent preferred stock.

The Alabama Penny Savings bank at Montgomery, a negro institution and a branch of the Alabama Prudential Savings bank of Birmingham, failed to open its doors.

Surgeon General Blue of the public health service has ordered great precautions against introduction of typhus fever all along the Mexican border.

Kuhn, Lueb & Co. have announced the completion of negotiations in Paris for the purchase of bonds of the Central Pacific railway company, which is controlled by the Southern Pacific company. The total amount of the issue is 250,000,000 francs.

The Illinois attorney general will take the further steps to question the action of Dr. Harry J. Halseiden, who decided to perform an operation on the Bollinger baby on the ground that it was hopelessly defective.

General Francisco Villa, stripped of a large part of his army through surrender to the de facto government, is preparing to invade northern Sinaloa, together with the forces of Gen. Jess Rodriguez, in command of 2,000 troops, according to late advices.

Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A department of commerce statement shows that imports as well as exports broke records. A record of five billion dollars for the last 12 months exports and imports was set.

What is claimed by local oil and gas men to be the largest gas well in the world was brought in on a lease 11 miles northeast of Blackwell, Ok. The flow was estimated at between 65,000,000 and 70,000,000 feet daily. Gas was struck at 1,710 feet.

Mrs. William Hafner and her newborn baby were found dead in their home at Joliet, Ill., and the authorities gave starvation as the cause. Four other small children are in a serious condition and two may die. It is said Hafner deserted his family.

Thomas A. Edison, at a meeting of the naval consulting board, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost \$1,400,000, to be used in the development of naval inventions. The board received the offer with enthusiasm.

The International Harvester company announced a plan to assist its 35,000 employees to become stockholders and share in the company's profits. Under the plan, all employees will have an opportunity to purchase profit-sharing certificates in the company, payments for which will be made in monthly installments from their salaries. These certificates, it is provided, may be converted into stock at a rate below market value.

The order requiring William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, to appear before a supreme court justice in New York and show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court for failure to obey a subpoena, was extended until Jan. 12, when attorneys told Justice Whitaker that Mr. Bryan had not been within the state since the order was issued some weeks ago.

The substitution of silver for gold and the issue of paper money in its place has caused a serious shortage of silver in London. Banks are still able to obtain silver in moderate amounts from the bank of England, but it is growing scarce. The silver held by the bank of England in normal times amounts to about five million dollars. The latest returns show only \$750,000.

Approximately \$1,500,000,000 of American securities which were foreign-owned when the European war broke out have been absorbed in the United States during the last 18 months. Experts pointed out that not only had Americans bought back an enormous volume of domestic securities, but that the recent \$500,000,000 Anglo-French war loan had been virtually absorbed here, thus bringing the total of securities taken from foreign sources to at least \$2,000,000,000.

With ship owners refusing to accept cotton shipments, they had already contracted to carry to foreign ports, especially to English ports and with such a quantity of ships that future bookings can not be made. Texas cotton exporters are confronted by a situation that is causing them much alarm. The situation has been felt here, and a degree by Dallas cotton men and several instances have been reported where it was found most difficult to arrange to ship cotton to the foreign markets.

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CAPTAN MOUNTAINEER.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY, BY NEIL H. BIGGER, Editor and Proprietor. Subscription per year \$1 00 Six months . 50

Entered as second class matter May 14, 1915, at the postoffice at Capitan, N. M., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

The Ready-Print.

We want to express an appreciation of the excellent ready-print service we are using on the Capitan Mountaineer. We get it from the Western Newspaper Union's branch house in Dallas, Texas. While we do not claim that it is superior to the service the other branch houses of this great corporation are putting out, but we are getting something different from that which the other local papers in the state, so far as we have seen, are using, which evidently has an attraction within itself.

In a small town back in the interior, from 40 to 60 miles from a railroad, the local newspaper editor finds it a somewhat uncertain proposition in getting his ready-print with perfect regularity, owing to the fact that he usually has to depend on the mail carriers to bring his paper. Deep snows and heavy rains come sometimes, and the roads become almost impassible, then the mails are delayed, frequently from one to three days on account of break-downs and other accidents incident to bad roads and long distances, and sometimes the carrier "forgets" to take the paper out of the express office, and if the editor is not "knocked out" for a week, he is one, two or three days late in issuing his paper. This editor has been similarly situated and offers a good reason for an all-home print under such circumstances.

But there is no reason why a publisher located on a railroad should not use ready-print. We feel that our own experience right here justifies the assertion. The Mountaineer has been now running nearly eight months without a single "skip" and usually reaches most of its county subscribers on Saturday, which furnishes them Sunday reading. Every single column that has been printed in the paper has put in type by the editor; he has no help in the office, except a boy to roll the ink for the old "George Washington" press and a little girl to fold the papers. His ready-print service covers the world's most important news, edited and condensed in a manner so complete and attractive as could not be done by any editor of an all-home print country weekly paper.

In our ready-print is found an outline of European war news and other Trans-Atlantic occurrences that are of interest; it gives a good report of what is going on in Congress and other transpirings of National importance; its "Epitome of Events," a condensation of events and thought that covers a vast field of interest is greatly appreciated by its readers. Its supplemental page contains much instructive and interesting matter. The "Happening in the Big Cities," is something very attractive to young people and many older ones, too. "The Lighthouse" consists of vignettes and sketches of people prominent in public life, which are most reading. Then, we have a chronological column, giving what transpired just a year ago in the European war each day in the week. This is not only of interest now, but if clipped and put away, it would be an excellent register for reference in years to come.

With such a splendid presentation of special and general news and other good reading matter, the editor of the Mountaineer gives some of his time to these department of the paper. He devotes his whole attention to gathering and setting in local matter. He has correspondents at most of the important points in the county

which has an area larger than any four counties in Texas, who aim to give all the news in their neighborhoods, and with his own efforts and the co-operation of his reporters his local news service is pronounced good by all who read his paper. He sets up all his own matter from memory or mere jottings at the case without a line of prepared copy. He has practiced this method of composition through a long newspaper experience and finds that his best work can be done in this way.

Notes from Luke's Corners.

News reached the Corners today that Matt Nabour, proprietor of the Saw Mill Hotel at Crazy Springs, had been shot in the Cupulo, the ball passing through his Corridor, and was cut out of his Vestibule. They think he will live.

Joseph B. Sims, a boyhood playmate of your correspondent, who lives a good ways further draw, and his wife have separated, and Joseph confided the whole trouble to me, confidentially of course, and it was like this, as best I could understand the case: A few days ago Joseph went to town and exchanged his Tin Henry Car, that all the neighbors called the Box car, for an up-to-date five passenger, non-skid, non-starter, eccentric equipped and iron-bound Automobile. When he brought it home his wife made him take her to town to show the blame thing off. Joseph came back home, and after two paper came his wife saw there was no notice in it about them having a new car, and she began to complain about the newspaper not mentioning it. And when Joseph informed her that he never told the editor anything about it, it was more than she could bear, and now she has sued him for divorce on the grounds of being uncoventional, unreasonable and unknown, and in so doing the papers are full of the matter about them having a new car, and the arrangement, as best I can understand Joseph, is that they will go back together as soon as everybody knows about their latest annex.

Doris Witherspoon gave her thirty-second birthday party last night on her nineteenth birthday. A good comely crowd was in attendance and everybody certainly had a good time. On leaving all expressed their appreciation of her hospitality, and each wished her to live to be twenty years old.

As ever yours truly, RUSA WHITE, Official Correspondent from Luke's Corners.

Tinnie Whiffs.

About 9 o'clock Christmas day evening while Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Parks and H. Doyle Murray came very near running over a big doe deer two miles east of Lincoln. The bright lights of the automobile seemed to blind the deer and for several yards the beautiful animal bounced right along in front of the car in the road.

Mr. Parks was taking his little baby to the Doctor to have the bones set in a mashed hand and wrist, caused by the slamming of a door on the little fellow.

We have a few names on the Mountaineer subscription book of people who have not yet received their papers. If you know of any names, please send them to the office.

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Notice of the Eighth Grade Promotion Examination.

The examination will be held on the 7th and 8th of April and 5th and 6th of May. The rules and regulations are practically the same as last year. Please note that an industrial subject is added to the subjects in which examination must be taken, making the total of ten required subjects. The pupil may take his choice of industrial subjects (Agriculture, Manual Training, Domestic Science). If a pupil desires to take examination in additional industrial subjects, one point will be added to the general average secured upon the examination for each additional industrial subject upon which the applicant makes the minimum grade.

The questions in grammar will be based upon Scott-Southworth Lessons in English Advanced Book. There will be one examination in Civics which will include questions on History and Civics of New Mexico. In reading, the questions will be based upon the following selections from Pearson & Martin's Studies in Reading for the Eighth Grade:

- The Blue and the Grey—page 42 Of Books—page 106 Life and Character of Washington—page 131 Oh Captain! My Captain!—page 161 The Death of Garfield—page 223 Yussouf—Page 257

A number of Questions will, also, be based upon the following selections from "Reading Literature" Eighth Readers: The Bunker Hill Monument—page 116 Antony's Address to the People on the Death of Caesar—page 262 (From a circular letter of the State Department of Education).

Applications Grazing Permits

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and goats within the LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1916 must be filed in my office at Capitan, New Mexico, on or before January 15, 1916. Full information in regard to grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request. J. H. KINNEY, Supervisor.

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Wanted—Hides, Goat skins and Sheep pelts. Welch & Titworth.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Certificate of Comparison (United States of America) (State of New Mexico) as It is Hereby Certified, that the annexed is a full, true and complete transcript of the Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Welch & Titworth, changing name to THE TITSWORTH COMPANY (No. 8319)

with the endorsements thereon, as same appears on file and of record in the office of the State Corporation Commission. In Testimony Whereof, the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its Chairman and the seal of said Commission to be affixed at the City of Santa Fe, on this 18th day of November, A. D. 1915.

M. S. Groves, Chairman. Attest: EDWIN F. COARD, Clerk.

Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Welch & Titworth.

George A. Titworth, President, and Will Titworth, Secretary, of Welch & Titworth, a corporation, do hereby certify that the principal office of said company in the State of New Mexico is at the town of Capitan, New Mexico, and the name of the agent therein and in charge thereof and upon whom process may be served is Geo. A. Titworth; and that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company duly held, a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring it to be advisable to change the name of said corporation to "THE TITSWORTH COMPANY," and calling a meeting of the stockholders to take action thereon; that pursuant to such call a meeting of the stockholders was duly held upon the notice provided by the By-Laws; all the stockholders being present and voting in favor of such change of name.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our names and affixed the corporate seal of the said corporation on this 18th day of November, 1915. [Signed] GEO. A. TITSWORTH, President, Welch & Titworth. [Signed] Will Titworth, Secretary.

State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln, ss. On this 18th day of November, 1915, before me personally appeared George A. Titworth and Will Titworth, each to me personally known, and being by me first duly sworn, did state that said George A. Titworth is President, and said Will Titworth is Secretary, of Welch & Titworth, a corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of the said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors. And said George A. Titworth, President, and Will Titworth, Secretary, each upon his oath did state that the asset of each of two-thirds in interest of each class of stock holders was given to the amendment set forth in the foregoing certificate.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this day and year last above written. [Signed] John W. Norton, Notary Public. My commission expires August 1st, 1916.

Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Welch & Titworth, changing name to THE TITSWORTH COMPANY Filed in Office of State Corporation Commission of New Mexico Nov. 18, 1915: 8:25 P. M. Edwin F. Coard, Clerk.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

026578 Department of the Interior United States Land Office Roswell, New Mexico November 18, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Cecencio Carrillo, of Encino, N. M., who, on October 21, 1912, made HD. E. Serial No. 026578, for 7 1/2 SE 1/4 and S 1 NE 1/4, Section 8, Township 7-S, Range 15-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Merchant, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Capitan, N. M., on January 4, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Antonio Chaves, Quirico Chaves, Gravel Marques, Ramaldo Mirabal, all of Encino, N. M. EMMETT PATTON, Register. Dec. 1—Dec. 31.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

026606 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, November 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Manuel A. Aguilar, of Encino, New Mexico, one of the heirs of Maria Pena & Aguilar, deceased who, on November 5, 1912, made Ed. Entry Serial No. 026606, for 2 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 20; and E 4 NE 1/4, Section 20, Township 7-S, Range 15-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Merchant, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, in Capitan, New Mexico, on Jan. 4, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ramaldo A. Duran, Feodoro Parner, Victorio Martinez, Ramaldo Marabal, all of Encino, New Mexico. EMMETT PATTON, Register. Dec. 3—31.

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# The Old Year and the New

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THE New Year comes. The Old Year goes. Adown the pathway of the years, Death his pack of joys and woes, Of Junetide smiles and April tears, Across the fields with snowdrift white, The Old Year passes on tonight.

TWELVEMONTH past we welcomed him. A New Year he, one year ago, But now his eye is weak and dim, He lingers on with footstep slow, His voice, complaining on the breeze, Comes in the greening of the trees.

WE watched him grow. The wintertime Ebb'd into spring, and summer, then We saw him pulse with virile pride When autumn fields were ripe again, And now, we view him at the last, Nipped by December's chilling blast.

WELL, let him go. His race is run. He was a goodly Year, indeed, So let us toast him, every one, And bid the wanderer "God-speed!" Old Year, a final health to you! You were a comrade, tried and true!

THE Old Year goes. The New Year waits Before the door and waits us here, Ho, bring him in with welcome hands, The Year is dead! Long live the Year!

## Happy New Year

The following New Year wish is ascribed to Goethe.  
Health enough to make work a pleasure.  
Wealth enough to support your needs.  
Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.  
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.  
Patience enough to toll until some good is accomplished.  
Charity enough that shall see some good in your neighbor.  
Clearfulness enough that shall make others glad.  
Love enough that shall move you to be useful and helpful to others.  
Faith that shall make real the things of God.  
And hope that shall remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

## QUAINT SOLDIER CEREMONY

How Crack Scotch Regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders, Ushers in the New Year.

The Seaforth Highlanders, one of Scotland's crack regiments now at the front, have one of the most peculiar New Year's eve customs of the whole British army. The ceremony is picturesque and imposing.  
On the night of Hogmanay, at about 10:30 o'clock, the regiment assembles in the barrack square. A few minutes later the oldest soldier in the battalion, dressed as a Druid, makes his appearance, to the accompaniment of a Scotch trumpet. Ascending the improvised throne, he calls on the veterans to show their valiance and achievements of bygone times. To the music of the pipes and brass band veterans of various ages, arrayed in the uniforms worn by the regiment at different periods, march past and salute the Druid. The Druid then toasts "The Seaforth Highlanders."  
After a display of Highland dancing the pipes are sounded, and the second oldest soldier, dressed as Father Time, approaches. The veterans then retreat, leaving their benches to be guarded by their successors, and Father Time trips the Druid.  
At the last stroke of midnight a loud knock is heard at the gate and out rings the sentry's challenge: "Halt! Who goes there?" "The New Year!" comes back the answer.  
"Admitted, New Year, and give the countenance!" is the next command. "Pass, New Year, it's well!" The gate is then opened and the

youngest boy of the battalion enters, dressed as the high chief of ancient Ross, to represent the New Year. The colonel shakes hands with the boy, while the band strikes up, "A Guid New Year to Ase and A!"  
After the colonel's greeting to the battalion the national anthem is played and the men fall out.

When the World's All New. It is the same old world that we trod on New Year's morning. But somehow it looked so different. The invisible dividing line between last year and this has made possible a new angle of vision. The grip of old passions seems to have lost its hold and a new purpose, partly old, partly new, throbs for recognition. A gentleness appears in faces thought to be hard and cynical. Happiness sparkles in the eyes of sad and lonely folk. A sort of introduction is needed to oneself. For the dawn of the new year makes possible a fresh attack on the age-worn problems, another attempt to produce the best instead of the good, and a new walk down by-ways of human experience where one may be a good Samaritan with no eyes but his to see and understand. The world is all new on New Year's morning—my world, your world, our world—to make over for the Kingdom.—Ralph Waldo Keeler.

## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

Lord, help me reach that higher plane  
Avert all sorrows, selfish strife  
Help me a pure life to attain.  
Nor count the cost, nor heed the pain.  
Even though I lose this present life,  
While God's clear Pisgah heights I gain.  
—Rev. Grover C. Clark.

Muehlen's Rally.  
Victor Herbert tells this story of two famous musicians:  
"De Pachmann and Goldmark once met in front of the latter's Vienna home. Goldmark was a neat, amiable old chap, and, as everybody knows, a writer of exceptionally brilliant and melodious music, but his one great fault was his everlasting conceit. As De Pachmann and Goldmark walked away from the composer's house the pianist pointed backward and said:  
"That modest little edifice will be slightly distinguished some day after you are dead."  
"Indeed!" said Goldmark.  
"Yes," confessed De Pachmann, "they will decorate it with a tablet."  
"And what do you suppose they will say on the tablet?" asked the composer, eagerly.  
"To let!" replied De Pachmann.—Faded-Letter Ledger.

The essence of friendship is empathy, a total magnanimity and trust.—Emerson.

# TURNING A NEW LEAF

De Lysle Ferree Cass

ROOM FATHERSTONE rose late on New Year's morning with the barest suggestion of a headache. That was the aftermath of the previous night's celebration, memorabilia of which were scattered all about the apartment in a weirdly incongruous way. Roger's coat was still brightly speckled with red, yellow and blue confetti; there was a battered tin horn protruding from one pocket, and a partitioned Zool's cap made of tissue paper was set rickshakely askew on the bronze bust of Beethoven on the piano.

In the hoarsely-recalled grotesquerie of last night's homecoming, Roger had damned himself progressively, beginning with his shoes at the door, his hat and waistcoat beside the dresser, trousers and linen at the foot of the bed and, last of all, his scarf tied in a beautifully neat bow beneath the eob of the bedpost.

Roger sat up regarding all this whimsically for some time and wondering dully how it is that morning daylight always imparts such a haggard aspect to the rosy visions of the night before. He yawned and stretched prodigiously; then made a bound for the washbowl and immersed his head in gratefully cold and refreshing water from the tap.

"Heigh-ho! New Year's morning and my fortieth birthday all in one! The good Lord knows that I don't feel that old, but these periodic 'parties' sure are beginning to pall upon me. If I were to do the conventional thing now, I'd begin the new year by making some amazingly moral resolution, and then—But, after all, why not? I'll make a resolution and not break it, either! I'm forty years old today and as comfortable a bachelor as any I know. Hereby I do solemnly avow a placid life of calceby. No wedding bells for me!"

Roger dressed leisurely, not a little pleased with the positive formulation of the idea that really had been in the back of his head for months past. He liked and admired girls, of course—what real man doesn't? But it was in a detached, impersonal sort of way. He enjoyed their chatty conversations as mentally restful after weighty business conferences at the office all day long; he liked vivacious femininity across the table when he dined but in the evening. But as for actually burdening himself with one woman for life—as for voluntarily domesticating himself, achieving the good fellows at the club, and as for systematizing his life into a humdrum routine—no, not for Roger Featherstone!

Ah, there went the telephone bell! His sister Midge undoubtedly—Midge who had married Phil Barnes and taken out of the merry whirl of things as jolly a chap as ever—

"Hello! Hello! Yes, this is Roger talking. Oh, I thought it might be you."

Why, no-o-o! I've no particular appointment for tonight. For dinner at your house? Yes, I'll come, thank you. Eh? You don't say? Betty Hurling going to be there with you, too? Well, well, of course I remember her! We used to be sweethearts in kid days. When did she get back in town? Must be four or five years since we've met. All right, I'll be over.

Roger sighed as he hung up the receiver; then grinned.  
"Tonight will be a good time to tell them about my New Year's resolution."  
The party little dinner party was over. Sister Midge and Phil—"Hub"—she patronizingly called him—were somewhere out in the back of the house. They had left Roger and his old chum Betty alone tete-a-tete in the dimly lit parlor.  
How that girl had grown and "improved" during these five years the Roger hadn't seen her! Why, she had developed into a positive little peach! What a sensation she would make at one of the club dances!

days together, either—recalled lots of little childish intimacies that had slipped even Roger's memory. Why, those fuzzy little tendrils of hair curling at the nape of her neck were positively adorable! Yes, and those liquid, mischievous eyes of hers! Deuce take it! What was that elusive scent she used? Did it come from that fluffy hair, or the gown, or—

Roger was in the midst of telling her about his resolution to eternal bachelorhood! He had intended to do it humorously, epigrammatically. But the warm, physical proximity of the girl was an indubitably permeating thing—went to one's head—and that little-pink-nailed, soft hand lying passively so near to his was—

"So when I got up and remembered that today is New Year's and my fortieth birthday, I said to myself—"  
"Yes, Roger"—oh, the subtle, amused, encouragement of that infection. It piqued him strangely.  
"I said to myself that—"  
"Yes, Roger—"  
The man stared at her confusedly and all at once was accusingly con-



She Hadn't Forgotten About Their Old Days.

scious that, somehow or other, that soft, warm little hand of her was heating comfortably within his own tremulous grip.  
"You were saying, Roger, that you told yourself that—"  
"That I've been needing you for ever so long, dear," mumbled the man, red-faced.  
And she: "Oh, Roger! What a perfectly lovely New Year's resolution!"

## NEW YEAR'S DAY IN OLD WALES

New Year's day in old Wales was not marked with such celebrations as were some of the other days during the Christmas season, but there were two customs observed which are rather fascinating. The first was the visit of the male members of the house to the homes of their neighbors on New Year's morning. It was considered unlucky for a female to enter the house first on New Year's day, but should this happen by accident, it was supposed to be a sign of death in the family during the coming year. So firmly rooted is this old superstition in the minds of the peasantry that some of the old folk will engage men or boys to visit their home on the early morning of New Year's day. I was thus hired when a boy on more than one occasion, and took great delight in entering certain homes as the first male visitor on that day, for which I received a few pence.

The second custom was the visit of the "watts" on New Year's morning with the "New Year's Water." The "watts" were supposed to be an established institution of professional musicians wearing arms, but now the name is used to designate companies of people who go around carolling during the Christmas season. On New Year's morning these "watts" would journey throughout the community. Arriving at the door of a home, they would sing the following verse:

Get up on New Year's morning,  
The cocks are all a-crow'ing,  
And if you think it is too soon,  
Get up and look at the stars and moon.

After this they would knock loudly and repeat slowly the following lines:

The roads are very dirty,  
Our boots are very thin,  
We wish you all a "Happy New Year,"  
And please to turn us in.

When the door was opened a member of the party who was styled the "Sprinkler," carrying in his hand a cup of clear water and a bunch of the box tree, would sprinkle the members of the household with the New Year's water, repeating while doing so the following lines:

Here we bring you water from the well  
So clear,  
For to washing God with us this "Happy New Year,"  
May Lavy Dew, and Lavy Dew, the water and the wine.  
—J. S. Ladd Thomas.

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A man cannot speak but he judges himself. With his will, or against his will, he draws his portrait to the eye of his companions by every word.—Emerson.

## Good-by, Old Year!



## GOOD-BY, Old Year! With words of grace.

Leave us with him who takes your place,  
And say, Old Year, unto the New,  
"Kindly, carefully, carry them through,  
For much, I ween, they have yet to do."  
—John Godfrey Saxe.

## NEW YEAR "NEVER AGENS"

Suggestions for Husbands, Wives and All Lovers, Married or Single, That Are Timely.

If you haven't thought up any, here are a few timely suggestions:

For hubby: Never again to spend a moment out of the presence of the wife unaccompanied by a trustworthy guardian appointed by her, who will report faithfully all of your doings, even to the irregular quiver of an eyelash, or the drinking of soda instead of buttermilk.

Never again to be such a brute as to want to stay at home when the wife wishes to go out, or to wish to go out—by yourself—when wife desires you to stay at home in the bosom of your family.

Never again to growl, grumble or swear, or pretend to be asleep when the wife pokes you in the back and asks you to walk with the baby in the middle of the night.

Never again to threaten to forbid tradespeople to allow the wife credit if she and the girls do not cease their extravagance—when the monthly bills come in.

Never again to forget to peck wite on the cheek upon leaving her in the morning and coming home at night, to tell her that her frightful new bonnet is a perfect gem, and that her "fourteen-year-old" short dress is altogether too old-looking for her youthful figure.

For wife: Never again to make biscuit for breakfast until you have tried them on your own digestion for a few weeks in the absence of the rest of the family.

Never again to notice pa exchanging glances with the pretty girl across the aisle all the way downtown.

Never again to keep the lights turned on when pa has been detained downtown "on business," in order to see what time he gets home, or to

insist on his kissing you that you may smell his breath.

Never again to come to the table with hair in crispness and wearing a soiled kimono.

Never again to subject pa to spindles of facetious repartee, telling him that he doesn't love you any more.

For lovers, married or single: Never to miss an opportunity to tell the old story over and over again.

Never to lose the exquisite sensitiveness that makes lovers so delightful to each other.

Never again to spend the sweets of young lover souls in cheap flirtations when there is such a world of real happiness at your command.

Never to become insensible to the delicious tremblings and flutterings of your own heart, or to become lax in all of those lovely attentions and gifts that help to keep a keen response a-thrill in the heart of the beloved.

## THE OLD YEAR

He had his virtues. This old year was impartial. No discrimination knew he between classes or conditions. He made the same number of hours to the man in the novel and the man on the throne. The hour-glass he turned the same number of times for him whose garments were plain and coarse and him who wore garments of costliest fabric. Like God who sent him, this old year was no respecter of persons. He showed constant vigilance. No lazard, no loiterer, he. Having been sent to fill a space in time's calendar, he filled it to the full. Sent to mark off so many hours on time's dial, his hand was never slack; he slept not for a single swing of the pendulum. May we keep our vigils as faithfully! He fulfilled his mission. God's plans are deep, and we know little, perhaps, as to the real mission of any of these passing years, decades, centuries, and cycles, yet we know that each fulfill a purpose in the betterment of humanity; and in the closing year has served well his embassy in bringing the race nearer its final goal. A prize, peerless and bright, awaits each of us if we are true to our mission as the old year has been to his.—Rev. J. M. Hubbard.

Their Resolutions. They were young as April as they pressed close to a window full of wonderful confessions.

"What bad habits are you going to give up this New Year?" he asked.  
"You," she answered briefly; "what bad habits are you going to give up?"  
"Letting you have your own way," he responded firmly, "so our engagement stands."

"Very well, then, go in and buy me that heart-shaped box of candy." And both New Year's resolutions went the way of their kind.

The Old and the New. Another year has joined his shadowy fellows in the wide and voiceless desert of the past, where, from the eternal hour-glass forever fall the sands of time. Another year, with all its joy and grief, of birth and death, of failure and success, of love and hate. And now, the first day of the new o'erstruck all. Standing between the buried and the babe, we cry, "Farewell and hail!"—Robert G. Ingersoll.

Helps Some. "Some folks say that mere words don't count," said Uncle Eben, "but do fact that some folks think enough of you to say 'Happy New Year' to you helps some."

Look to the Future. In reverent gratitude for the year gone, may we turn our faces toward the more blessed year to come.

## Good Resolutions



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He Meant Business. Mrs. Bennett arrived at the conclusion that the attachment of Teddy Nolan, the policeman, for her cook must be investigated—lest it prove disastrous to domestic discipline. One morning she took Annie, the cook, to task regarding the matter. Annie admitted her attentions. "Do you think he means business, Annie?" asked Mrs. Bennett. "Yes, mum, O' 'tink so," replied Annie. "Annyway, he's begun to complain about my cookin', mum."—Judge.

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## THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Dec. 27, 1914. Germans pushed preparations for the defense of Antwerp. British cruisers and airplanes attacked German naval base at Cuxhaven. Commander of the German cruiser York sentenced to two years' imprisonment for losing his vessel. German spy disguised as a Moor seized while trying to enter Gibraltar.

Dec. 28, 1914. New defenses of Paris completed. Germans finished further fortifications on the Rhine. Russians raised siege of Orskow to attack Austrian armies attempting flank movement. American government protested against interference with American commerce by British warships. Belgian minister to United States protested against cancellation of consular exequaturs by Germany. Italian government checked plot to export foodstuffs to Germany. British consul at Saida, Turkey, freed after threat by American consul. United States cruiser Tennessee took 800 refugees from Syria.

Dec. 29, 1914. Germans re-enforced their line in Belgium. French invested Steinbach, Alsace. Germans repulsed French attacks on Gennheim. Russians declared German advance on Warsaw was checked.

Dec. 30, 1914. Germans retreated across the Buzza river. Russians advanced in South Poland. French submarine torpedoed and damaged Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis. German airmen dropped bombs in Dunkirk, killing fifteen persons. French aviators made raids in Flanders. Antiwar riots took place in Austria-Hungary. Austria abandoned the Serbian campaign.

Dec. 31, 1914. French took half the village of Atnahov. Lull took place on most of the western line. Turks invaded Russian Caucasus, advancing on Kars and Ardahan. Thirty French and British warships bombarded Pola. Rockefeller Foundation steamer Massapequa sailed on second trip with supplies for Belgium, and fifth Belgian relief ship left Philadelphia.

Jan. 1, 1915. Russians invaded Hungary, splitting Austrian army by their operations in Carpathians. Russians in East Prussia driven across border into Polish province of Suwalki. Turks invaded Russia but failed to envelop Russian forces. British battleship Formidable torpedoed and sunk in English channel, 800 lost. German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk again. Rockefeller Foundation bought \$600,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago for Belgians.

Jan. 2, 1915. Germans began offensive movement against Kieles, Russia. Captured Polish towns fortified by Germans. Turks captured fortified Russian town of Ardahan. Arrest of four German reservists on liner in New York harbor resulted in exposure of big fraudulent passport plot.

### CONDENSATIONS

The color magenta is named after a battle which was fought in the year of its discovery. Lake Erie produces more fish to the square mile than any other body of water in the world. Gardner Savage of North Anson, Me., although totally blind for many years, is a telegraph operator and can take apart and repair his instrument whenever necessary. In Baltimore, as a result of an investigation, experts figured that the minimum amount on which a single woman could live decently was \$6.50 a week. Eighty-one per cent of the department store women in Baltimore got less than that. A Connecticut inventor's clothes prop that will not fall from a line has a hole in one side of the upper end, covered with a flat spring that holds it in place. A paper cap has been invented to be fastened to the end of a cigar so it is made to burn in the ordinary condition and also to serve as an advertising card. An ice cream freezer of English invention in which the ice and salt are packed in a cylinder that revolves inside the cream delivers its product in a continuous stream half a minute after the crank is turned.

# YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

HOW LONG DO YOU HOLD THE DETERMINATION TO KEEP YOUR TEMPER OR QUIT GOSSIPING OR STOP SWEARING? WISE ONES SAY WE PROFIT BY MAKING RESOLUTIONS SINCERELY EVEN IF WE KEEP THEM BUT A DAY.

ANY weakling can make resolutions. It needs a strong man to keep them. That is perhaps why New Year resolutions are so often futile. The strong do not wait for high days and holy days to amend their conduct or carry out their resolves. They obey Goethe's dictum: "Seize this very minute, boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

And so it happens that the large army of people who wait for the New Year before effecting a reformation in their lives are seldom successful in carrying out their intentions. They are not possessed of the spirit of energy and resolution necessary to achievement. It may be argued that it is better to make good resolutions, even though they are not carried out, than not to make them at all. This is open to question, however. Unless one is absolutely determined to do what one has decreed, it is perhaps on the whole better not to make promises to oneself. Unfulfilled resolves continually repeated, lead to weaker character, and to reduced belief in oneself, just as resolutions put into practice are conducive to strength and self-confidence. Very little tends to overbalance the resolutions of the average person. In fact, many people welcome any excuse to exonerate them from the carrying out of their resolves. One individual determines, let us say, never to lose his temper. He comes down on New Year's morning with a set smile on his face. Alas! it is short-lived. The whole world seems in conspiracy to drag him back to his former frame of mind. The coffee is cold, the letters which look so alluring prove to be chitney bills and begging epistles, he falls over the doorstep as he leaves the house. All these minor annoyances, which, if rightly met, would have helped him to conquer his weakness, serve but to throw him back into his original state, and before evening he is as bad as ever he has been.



A PUBLIC NEW YEAR'S EVE REVEAL

One takes another very general New Year's resolution, that of getting up at a certain time in the morning. When the day dawns, any reason whatever is grasped at to evade this. The weather is too cold, the alarm was not loud enough, he is sure his watch is fast, he doesn't really feel well enough to risk getting up earlier than usual, and, after all, he asks himself, is there any real reason why he should? A thousand-and-one excuses the average individual will make to himself rather than perform what he has designed to do. The world is full of wobblers of this kind, and the more they wobble the weaker they become. Another reason perhaps why the average resolution-maker so seldom achieves their purpose is that they attempt too much. They make two, three, sometimes six resolutions at once, whereas to carry through one resolution successfully is quite an admirable feat. As Thomas a Kempis says:

"If every year we could root out one vice we would sooner become perfect men." Impatience is at the root of many defeats. It is customary nowadays to sneer at the virtue for which the name of Job is synonymous, but those who say that patience is the virtue of an ass or a beggar's virtue are not so wise as the Spanish proverb-maker, who said: "Patience and shuffle the cards." Most people shuffle the cards eagerly enough, but the patience is lacking. Seeking to grasp the stars at a bound they fall back to the earth. And so, if people at the commencement of a New Year adjusted their desires in accordance with their abilities, and instead of sighing for the unattainable made the very most of the opportunities vouchsafed to them, one would hear less of broken resolutions and wasted lives. "Do the duty which lies nearest to thee which thou knowest to be a duty," said Carlyle. "The second duty will already have become clearer."

## THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION

D'EMPAISSANT, describing an officer, said that just to look at him made one feel martial. He did not say warlike or bellicose; the idea he wished to convey was much more subtle. In the presence of this officer one assumed the military attitude of mind and body. This is a phenomenon that escapes the attention of most people—women, however, observe it. Practically every nonmilitary man at the sight of a well set up, fully accoutred soldier instinctively assumes something of a military bearing. And when the drums roll and a marching column of soldiers passes into view the civilian involuntarily throws back his shoulders and steps out with a tense, measured tread. And as with civilians, so with soldiers. The ordinary regiment becomes more military in the presence of the crack regiment. The crack regiment itself gains something more when in proximity to a detachment of troops of heroic, almost legendary, fame, such as the Foreign Legion. The Legionaries handle campaigns of their own, and probably no body of troops has ever done such constant and arduous campaigning. But France over and over again has used them also as leaven among other troops. They stiffen the mass, and men emulate their actions. The Legion was sent out to the Crimea and got so special credit for covering itself with glory, as that had been expected of it, but did reflect great credit on the judgment of those who had sent it out to help to inspire a whole army. The queen of Spain 80 years ago was in a hard fix with a civil war on her hands. The Carlists, whom she was fighting, were just as good soldiers as her own, if not a shade better. Then the Queen's generals had an inspiration of genius: If they could only get the French Foreign Legion into their army they felt the shade of advantage would move over to their side. So the queen bought the Foreign Legion from the then king of France, and for four years the Legion belonged to Spain. In the present war, part of the French Legion has been sent to the trenches of France and Flanders and Alsace and to the Dardanelles. Part of it remains in Africa, its normal habitat, doing some mighty vigorous campaigning in the Moroccan part of France's wonderful new African empire. The Americans and other foreigners who are enrolled as volunteers in the French army are put in contact with the Legionaries, and this, while giving them scope for their fighting qualities and assuring them an opportunity for genuine campaigning, is the highest measure of protection for them. It guarantees them against foolish rashness, as well as against being led into traps or losing their head in critical moments. Fighting is routine work with the Legionary, just as sailing a yacht is to the expert mariner. The winds may be different on each trip and the craft is never handled twice in the same way, but the expert knowledge of the technique of his trade makes the Legionary and the skipper each acquit himself of his task in finished fashion. Officially the Foreign Legion is composed of eight thousand men. In reality it is understood it has nearly double that number, and the Legion constitutes readily a whole army corps, with the addition of some of France's colonial troops. France for hundreds of years had regiments of German, English, Irish, Scotch, Swiss, Italians and other foreigners enrolled in her armies, but the present Foreign Legion may be considered as dating from 1831. One brief rule in its constitution says that the enlisting colonel may accept a man even though he does not present a birth certificate or identification papers. Wherefore the names of the English and American Legionaries have been Smith, Brown and Jones; of Germans Muller, Schwartz and Weiss; of the Italians, Rossi and Grossi; of the French, Petit, Legrand and Leclerc, and so on. The recruiting officer reads the candidate a warning lecture. "Don't you know what the Legion is, neesieur? Surely there is something better you can do. Never campaigning in Africa or in China for a son a day, or a few sous as you begin to advance, is no bed of roses. You had better think it over a day or two. Nay! You already are awar? Very well, now cheer up!" and his tone changes as he now speaks as a colonel to his soldier: "There is a glorious career down there for the right kind. If you are a good and faithful soldier you may go far. Good luck!" The recruiting colonel can generally tell at a glance what army the candidate has served in and if he has been a sergeant or an officer. In the latter case he is discreetly questioned on the point, and it is suggested, for his own benefit, that he should inform his colonel when he arrives at the training quarters in Africa. One who has been an officer in a European army is usually taken into the "generals' class" and may be advanced within a couple of years to be a sergeant of the Legion.

### The Turning of New Leaves.

Good resolutions have almost gone out of fashion. On the last night of the year we no longer sit down to review our past lives and resolve to be "better and wiser" than we have been in the past. "It is of no use making resolutions, I never can keep them," is the plea that is usually preferred. This is a mistake, however. It is commendable to resolve (an alarm clock helping one) to get up half an hour earlier than usual in the morning, even though it results—as, alas! it too often does—in one getting up half an hour later. It is what one aspires to be that counts. If people could live more in the present it would help them enormously in the keeping of good resolutions. So many people persist in being just a little ahead all the time. "Tomorrow," they say, "we will reform," but the tomorrow of their imaginations never draws. Ancient and modern philosophers have agreed as to the dangers of procrastination. Such widely diverse people as Horace, the Latin poet who flourished in B. C., and pushful persons who flourish in this particular. "Who begins, possesses half the deed," says Horace. "Dare to be wise; make a commencement." "Do it now," is the curt command of the modern apostle of "Hustle." Again, Horace says, "If you are ignorant how to live aright, give place to those who have learned the lesson." "Get on or get out," says a manikin, following in more concentrated, if less courteous language the same line of thought on a somewhat lower plane. The one was concerned with the things of the soul and the spirit; the other with worldly advancement. There are some who contend that the two cannot go together, but if (as has been contended by many men of wisdom) what a man is is of more importance than what he has, it is well to make spiritual advancement as the years go by. If we have not made progress, we have gone back. The soul never stands still. Time has no terror for those who have learned wisdom. Pass thou, wild heart, Wild heart of youth that still Hast half a mind to stay, I grow too old a comrade; Let us part. Pass thou away. Some people drag the follies and immaturities of youth into old age. There is wisdom in adjusting oneself to time, to profit by past experiences, and to acquire that sense of proportion which refuses to magnify trifles into tragedies, and to worry over the remarkable.

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

Chapman is spending with her parents in...

Chapman was not satisfied with the...

Chapman, who working in Carrizozo, spent a few days with his parents here this week.

Chapman Evans, of Fort Stanton, took today's train for El Paso to spend a few days.

Mrs. I. B. Chapman and children were down from Corona this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hale.

C. C. Bellamy returned on Tuesday's train from his trip to Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Gordon Gray is visiting her relatives on the Upper Rio Grande.

Christmas next year will come on Monday, by Leap Year giving February 13 days.

To Santa, a good record had been made, at a bargain. For particulars inquire at this office.

News has reached here of the death Mrs. Zumwalt, wife Uncle Tom Zumwalt, which occurred at their home in Nogal Wednesday night.

Miss Mildred Peters, one of the teachers in the Carrizozo school, has been spending the holidays in Capitan, visiting her father, Mr. P. G. Peters, and her sister, Mrs. John W. Norton.

We had our first snow of consequence this year. It fell last Sunday night to a depth of eight inches, but is now disappearing.

Mr. Leslie Latta and Miss Jenny Parker, two of Capitan's popular young people, motored to Carrizozo Thursday and were married. They have the congratulations of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Pat Garrett and daughter Elizabeth spent a couple of days in Capitan this week on their way from Roswell to their home Los Grupos. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gray. Miss Elizabeth gave a musical concert Thursday night which was well attended.

W. C. Shafter and family spent Xmas with Mrs. S's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Robinson, on the upper Bonita.

Mr. Kyle and son and daughter arrived on Tuesday's train from northeast Texas. Mr. Kyle formerly lived in Capitan and moved from here to Texas five years ago. He is now visiting his son and daughter, Mr. Jesse Kyle and Mrs. J. N. Dawson.

We learn that J. N. Dawson has been very successful trapping this winter up in the White Mountain country; that he has caught a great many fur bearing animals. That he will not sell his furs, but intends to use in making overcoats, capes, ceps, muffers, etc.

The Titsworth Company have a large supply of cotton seed cake on hand.

Loey-Lady's small hand bag containing three gold pieces and other mementos, making \$45; also, receipt from The Titsworth Co. for pay for a set of harness. Lost between Capitan and Tinnie and under will return to A. W. Persells, Tinnie.

R. L. Bryant, one of the new settlers in Paradise Valley, agents a portion of the holidays in Capitan. He and his partner, Mr. Isler, are establishing a fine little ranch in the valley, and will have a pasture containing about 1500 acres, and are arranging to stock it with high grade cattle. Mr. Bryant is a gentleman of fine social qualities and will make many friends wherever he goes. He is a good friend and patron of the Mountaineer.

Mr. J. P. Perry was over this week from his ranch beyond Ruidoso. He called on the Mountaineer and paid the subscription for a paper he had sent to Mr. J. P. Perry, of Talpa, Texas, then paid for a second year's subscription for his own paper, which goes to Glenoco. Doyle Murray paid the first dollar on the paper's first year subscription list, and J. P. Perry has paid the first dollar on the second year, which will begin May the 15th, 1918.

Mrs. Marvin Neil Conley Is Dead.

On Sunday night the 26th day of December, at 11 o'clock, in El Paso, Mrs. Marvin Neil Conley, one of Lincoln county's most noble souls, passed to her reward after an uncessful operation for Dermoids of the Stomach, from which she had been a sufferer most of her life; but through it all she maintained the same true and loving attitude towards all; and in her home she was a most devoted and loving wife and mother.

Emily California Bryan was born near Granberry, Coleman county, Texas, on June 12, 1875. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bryan, sr., both of whom survive her.

Miss Bryan came to Roswell, New Mexico, in July, 1894, thus spending practically all her life in Chavez and Lincoln counties, where she was well known and beloved. She was married to Mr. A. Lincoln Shely in October, 1897, two little girls being born to this union; Mary, aged 18, and Linkey, aged 9 years. Mrs. Shely was left a widow in 1906, and remained a widow until Jan. 29, 1912, when she was married to Marvin Neil Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Conley, since their marriage, lived in the vicinity of Lincoln until her death. Mrs. Conley is survived by her husband and two little girls, and also, her aged father and mother, and one brother, Mr. John L. Bryan, jr., of Capitan, to whom are extended in this great hour of trial and grief our heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Conley was buried in the Capitan Cemetery Wednesday the 29th inst., Bro. Gardner of Carrizozo, officiating.

By Her Friend, Mrs. BEN F. NABOUFS.

Lincoln Notes.

Christmas passed off very quietly in Lincoln.

Several of our young people attended the dance in Hondo Xmas eve and a good time is reported by all.

Our school teachers all left for their homes Saturday to spend their vacations.

The entertainment at the school house Friday evening was well attended and a very good program rendered, the children going through their parts in good shape.

Word was received here Monday of the death, in El Paso, of Mrs. M. N. Conley. Mrs. Conley had been sick for some time and was taken to El Paso Friday for an operation, from which she could not rally. The remains were brought to Capitan Tuesday for interment. Mr. Conley and family have the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Harry Norman is spending the holidays with home folks. Miss Lupe Norman came home from Santa Fe to spend the holidays. She has been confined to her bed for the past week with the measles, but is much better at this writing.

Born to Mrs. and Mr. John M. Penfold Monday night a daughter. All doing well, even to John.

Mr. P. G. James gave the editor a dollar this week to have the Mountaineer sent to Mrs. Elva Drake of Kansas City, Mo.

Gerald Brooks, who until recently held the job of assistant engineer at Fort Stanton, was arrested here Tuesday on a charge of forgery. An examining trial was held Wednesday before Squire Merchant, when it was shown that Brooks had forged the name of A. V. Sittin, of Fort Stanton, to a check for \$50. The check was fixed at \$1000, in default of which Constable Torrey took Brooks to Carrizozo Thursday where he was placed in jail.

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Notes from Mountain View

We have a big snow here this morning, and it is still snowing, and it is about the coldest spell we have had this winter.

There was no news from this place last week--everybody were getting ready for Christmas.

R. M. Hipp was up from Aroyo Saco to the Christmas tree at this place the 24th inst.

A good many of our people attended the Program and Christmas tree at the Meek school house on the 23rd, and also the dance at Mr. McFarland's.

School was out at this place last Tuesday, the 21st. The teacher, Miss Hattie Sturgis, expects to leave today. We very much regret her going from among us, for she is a kind and noble lady.

Roy Hill spent Christmas among his friends in this community.

E. C. Slack and family, of Paradise Valley, were at the Christmas tree at this place the 24th.

There was a dance at A. H. Hayes' Christmas eve night.

Karl and Loraine King came in from Roswell to spend Christmas with home folks.

Loyce Lee Hammett and little brother Allen, of Capitan, attended the Christmas tree here.

Well, the new year's almost

here once more: let us all try to do better the coming year than we did the year that is just closing.

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