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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year will dawn before the Deseret News can again speak to its readers and acquaint them with current events. We therefore congratulate them on the progress made during the year that is nearly gone, and wish them all the joy they can reasonably anticipate in the year that is opening to them. Utah has cause for rejoicing in its experiences and its prospects. Prosperity has smiled upon its various activities, and the future promises to excel the past. There is more union and fraternity within our borders than ever before, and people of all classes, creeds and opinions perceive the folly of fighting over differences of thought and sentiment, and the benefits of concerted action for the upbuilding of the State and the welfare of the nation. With the snow-treasures stored in the mountain hights, the plans for the conservation of irrigating waters, the increase of agricultural facilities, the great yield of minerals, the extension of railroads, telegraphs and telephones, the establishment of manufacturing and other industries, and the great encouragement of education and of journalistic and other literature, the new year sheds its opening beams with brilliant prophecies of expansion and advancement, in all that adds greatness to an American commonwealth. The Deseret News rejoices in this and with the most cordial feelings and desires extends greeting to its readers, and wishes them and all mankind a glorious and happy New Year!

ABATE THE EVILS.

It will do no good to misrepresent the report of the majority of the police and prison committee of the City Council, as attempted by some of our contemporaries. Dissent from the views

Every generation is apt to consider its own time the most important. But a close study of history maker it apparent that really epoch-making events are few and far between. It is probably true, though, that even in the light of history, the year that is just passing will be registered as one of the more memorable in the annals of men. The accession of the United States to the industrial and commercial

RETROSPECTIVE.

throne of the world has become more apparent than ever during this year, and the fact is of so far-reaching consequences that history is bound to take cognizance of the events that led up

10 it. The year closes in peace, compara-

tively speaking. And this is due, largely, to American influence; for but for this influence European armies today would in all probability be trampling down South American ground, and perhaps be fighting one another for the spoils. As It is, the war in Venezuela is, with due respect to the Monroe doctrine, euphoniously called "pacific," and the

prospect is of a peaceful termination. It is one of the grandest achievements of the age, that nations no longer need armies and navies to maintain their

rights, if they are willing to listen to reason and justice.

Yes, there is peace in the world, 'at the close of this year. South Africa is at rest after a long, sanguinary struggle. The outlook in the Philippines is also much better, than it has been since the beginning of the trouble there. But for the revolutionary movements in Venezuela and Colombia, and the agitation of the "Mad Mullah" in Africa, peace would be general throughout the world. It is impossible to look back upon

the past year without being moved by gratitude for the spiritual and material blessings enjoyed.

ible charges.

first rapids of the first cataract, to the

north of the Island of Philae, and the

height to which the water is to rise

has been so adjusted that the ancient

temples on this island will not be en-

tirely submerged. Its total cost is 3,-

340,000 Egyptian pounds. The storage

has passed, and will be discharged dur-

ing May, June and July. There are 140

under sluices, 14 square metres in area,

and 40 upper sluices, seven square me-

tres in area. In flood the sluices will

be fully open, so as not to lessen ap-

preciably the velocity of the river, and

to avoid the deposit of slit. After the

flood, when the water is clear-for the

Nile flood brings down the rich silt

which is the fertilizer of Egypt-the

sluices will be gradually closed and the

reservoir filled. In all probability this

work will prove one great step towards

the restoration of Egypt to something

learning but lately unearthed in Baby-

lonia, and it is estimated that six times

as many more remain in the mounds

which have not yet been explored. It

is believed that they have lain where

they now are in the ruins of the library

of the Great Temple of Bel, ever since

the Elamites overran Babylonia, nearly

2 200 years before Christ. If this theory

is correct the tablets must have been

inscribed before Abraham journeyed to-

ward Palestine. From what has been

deciphered it is learned that at the

time of which they deal there was a

high state of civilization in the Valley

of the Tigris-Euphrates. Historical

texts, dictionaries, hymns, astronomi-

cal inscriptions, architectural calcula

tions and accounts of temple revenues

are among the bits of ancient chronicles

that have been regiven to the world

Some Bible scholars have been slow

to accept the high antiquity given to

man on earth, by archæologists as well

as geologists. They have been afraid

come in conflict with sacred history.

But there is no need for anxiety on this

account. Science may prove that the

generally accepted chronology is faulty.

but that does not prove the sacred his-

tory untrue. The Bible history does

not profess to give a complete chron-

ology. There are several gaps that

country at that time.

he argues:

Chicago is, however, not satisfied with

the testimony of the eminent geologists.

In an article in the Journal of Geology

"It appears from the reports of the United States engineers that the Mis-

souri river, considerably higher up than the town of Lansing, exercises a re-

markable sepuring action on its edges and bottom. Sometimes it eats down

through the reading of these tablets.

In Utah the products of the soil and the output of the mines have far exceeded anything in the history of the State. And the same may be said of most of the other branches of industry and sources of wealth. We notice that the total value of the farm products for the year is placed at \$21,000,000, and the mine products at almost an equal sum. And this is but a sample of the general conditions prevailing in this country. The land of Joseph today presents the aspect of "a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well;

whose branches run over the wall." Perhaps no better proof can be given of this, than the growth of the railways; for they give a good indication of the prevalent conditions. According to the Railroad Gazette, the past year has added no less than 6,026 miles to the railroads of the country, exclusive of second track, sidings and all electric lines. Last year's addition was 5.368 miles: that of 1900 was 4.894.

The total mileage for the nation is now within a few hundreds of the 200,000 mark. That tells its own story of material prosperity. But the year has, further, been a

ninety feet in depth; sometimes it leaves a layer of equal thickness clas-where. In the faumediate vicinity of the Concannon farm, its owner says, there is a spot where once there was ninety fect of water, but which is now high and dry. Prof. Chamberlin thinks in like manner floods have cleared away whatever soil was left in Lansing by the ice sheet of glacial times, and have left there a mixture of material from should it then be impossible to send such messages a longer distance? Another of the year's great events was the completion of the British Pacific cable. By this the earth is now encircled by a slender girdle. The greatest of oceans is now spanned. An enterprising gentleman has sent a telegram left there a mixture of material from places further up stream. He regards to himself around the world in forty hours. That is an achievement which the time of this deposit as recent, not ancient. He fails to find in or near Lansing certain 'terraces' or platforms that exist in Dakota and which are in itself is a marvel. What it means to Great Britain is thus summed up by the Scientific American: characteristic of glacial action. There is a lack of stratification such as might

"This new cable brings the Austrabe expected from glacial mud. Although there is some so-called 'loess' in the lasian colonies 10,000 miles nearer to Lansing deposit, it is not pure, and may well have been brought there from Canada than they were before, and at the same time opens up possibilities of other substantial improvements in im-perial communications. Across the Pasomewhere else. One of his associates who inspected the scene in Prof. Chamcific, from Vancouver to Queensland, the cable touches only British territory:

berlin's company calls attention, more-over, to the presence of a layer of clay and certain shells which have never before been found in undisturbed the cable touches only infinite territory; and now there is completed a telegraph girdle of the world which touches for-eign territory only at Madeira and St. Vincent, in the Cape Verde Islands, both helonging to an old ally, Portugal. Thus the empire is bound together by what is all but an all-British line, giv-lar alternative means of communi-0.098. And thus the question, as far as the Lansing skull can throw any light upon it, remains where it was before, ing an alternative means of communi-cation free from the grave dangers It would be impossible in a brief arwhich at critical moments would threaten connection with the colonies ticle to even touch upon all the ques-

tions and events that have held public by the previously existing route. The interest, for a longer or shorter time new route will have a further great adduring the past year. Those referred vantage in speed, since it has three transmissions across the Pacific to are only a few of the most conspicuall on Brithh soil, in place of over a ous. The year leaves us with a record dozen belonging to various nationall-ties. Its tariff will be less than half of progress in all directions. It leaves that of the other route prior to reduc-tions which are directly due to its comthe world better, we trust, than it found it. The boundaries of the kingpetition. There is no reason to doubt that it will be fully employed, nor any dom of God have certainly been exreason to fear that it will do any harm to established companies. The reductions tended. The cause of truth has found more friends, and the influences for n their rates which nothing else would peace, truth and justice are more achave induced them to make have been balanced by an increase of business, tively at work than ever. There are causes for congratulation, and also for and further reductions would undoubt-edly lead in the present conditions of a determination to continue in the the world to a yet greater increase of public patronage. The commercial use paths of righteousness.

Times change and cause changes, long distance cables has been terribly hampered by almost prohibi-tive rates, and the social use of them can hardly be said to exist. There is but in the midst of all commotions, all storms, all perplexing questions and trials, truth remains unchangeable. She indefinite expansion to be looked for in will remain even when mortals shall both directions, proportioned to the fa-cilities that can be obtained at reason. have ceased to number their years as now. It is safe to stand by truth even in opposition. There is safety nowhere

Another great achievement of the year is the opening of the Nile dam at else. Assouan, Egypt. The dam is across the Ring out the old, ring in the new.

The trouble with Crown Princess Louise is that she loved not wisely but too well.

Germany is building more battle ships. Preparing in time of peace for more pacific blockades.

capacity of the reservoir is estimated It is said that Sienklewiez writes his at 1,065,000,000 cubic metres of water. The reservoir will be filled between novels in red ink. This accounts, in a December and March, after the flood

Whatever may be said of the Hum-

China refuses to pay the interest on the indemnity to the powers in gold. This probably means more trouble for

Make your New Year's resolutions tomorrow, and make 'em good and strong so that they can't be broken the day

children, but for the enlightenment of Down at Mrs. Tingley's place it aphis professional brethren in this coun-try. Not only the sufferers whom he pears that they eat in silence. At other himself treats are the beneficiaries of his discoveries. Through hundreds of places they usually eat in the dining-



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measure, for their luridness. berts it cannot be denied that they had a great run for their money. China

after.

f the committee is to be expected and fair criticism is all right. But it is not true, as anyone may prove by reading the report to the council, that it contained a denial of any immorality in the city, or a statement that all the hold-ups accounts of which had been published in the newspapers were fakes.

The report showed that the evils existing had been mossly exaggerated. That is positively true. The monstrous stories about "kids" visiting the dens in Victoria alley, and the terrible tale about bushels of letters of a certain kind in Dr. Payne's office, are deprecated because they are false and their publication is injurious. The two fabrications are related, because they were inventions of the same paper, and reflected on the moral status of the community.

It is of no use for that paper to attack the police committee, who had officially investigated these matters and very properly reported their findings. Distorting their statements will not make true the published stories that were atroclously false. Neither the committee nor the Deseret News has opposed proper inquiry into actual conditions. On the contrary both have recommended them. The objection is to falsehood and exaggeration.

One paper today tries to throw odlum on what it calls "The Fernstrom Resolution," and then in so many words actually supports that very resolution. The report of the committee makes a dental of the exaggerations of certain newspapers, but admits the existence here of social evils and proposes the reference of the matter to a grand jury for full investigation. The paper that attacks Mr. Fernstrom, who is but one of the three gentlemen that signed the report, and of six who voted for it, after ridiculing the resolution, actually but unwittingly, endersed the only recommendation it contains, by approving of the grand jury idea, and stating that, "if the jury is in earnest it can do a great deal of good by reporting on existing evils and recommending remedies for them." So much for consistency in criticism.

We are in favor of official inquiry, Not, however, with a view to either "whitewashing" any officials, covering up any-wrongs, or magnifying any real facts, but to ascertain the actual situation, and suggest such action as may be necessary, whether legislative or executive or both. Let the truth be known, and then let steps be taken accordingly. But stop this continual exaggeration and misrepresentation, both of occurrences and individuals, for that is an evil of itself that needs abating.

Since he has studied the coal question and come in close contact with the men who mine coal. Wayne MaeVeagh has learned to know and respect the man with the pick. At the dinner to the university delegates, given at Sherry's last night he gave to John Mitchell, the graduate of the coal mine, the same meed of praise for bringing about a resumption of coal mining that he did to President Roosevelt and Mr. Morgan, graduates of Harvard. One of the great sources of troubetween employers and employes, between man and man, is too littis acquaintance and association, which means too attle sympathy.

minder to the world of the instability | like its ancient glory and splendor. of all things earthiy. It has been a year of visitations, in the shape of past year. It is that of Prof. Hilprecht earthquakes and seismic disturbances of the University of Pennsylvania. In of exceptionally violent character. Babylonia he found a library which is The terrible eruptions of Mont Pelee thought to have been in existence at and La Soufriere during May are still in fresh memory, and it is doubtful least 5,000 years ago, and probably much farther back, and which conwhether the chapter of horrors is yet tains the oldest records of the human finished. The outbreaks in the West race. This collection is of clay tablets, Indian islands were followed by more

and many of the events given to their or less severe disturbances in other keeping transpired in an age so far places, indicating that the earth crust remote that only an estimate of the has been in commotion. Among the most recent of these disturbances were date is possible. This, to be conservative, is given at from 7,000 to 10,000 the earthquakes in Turkestan, where hundreds lost their lives. On Dec. 23 the vears ago. These clay books, we are told, are beshocks were so violent there that they ing deciphered slowly and many years set all the rolling stock on the railway must necessarily elapse before the recin motion, and, naturally, created a ord they hold is given to the world. panic among the railroad men. Traffic More than 20,000 tablets have been rehas since been suspended. The dammoved from this ancient depository of

age to property is estimated at several millions of dollars. This is considered all the more remarkable, because Turkestan is not a volcanic country. That is, it contains no evidences of volcanic activity in any period in its history, and the latter extends back to the earliest times in antiquity. It is quite true that no place on earth is really safe against the destructive forces of nature, except as far as the hand of Providence is extended over it.

The entire year is marked with similar calamities. In January there was an earthquake at Chilpancingo, Mexico. with heavy loss of life. In February there was a series of earthquakes in Transcaucasia and thousands of homes were destroyed. And so on throughout the year. Tornadoes and windstorms have accompanied the convulsions of the earth crust. The month of June was particularly disastrous. During that month 29 persons were killed and many injured by a tornado on the White Earth Indian reservation. Minnesota. A tornado, with Bloomington for the storm center, swept over Illinois; 11 persons were killed and property damaged to the amount of \$2,000,000. Indiana was also swept by a windstorm; damage, \$2,-600,000, and damaging wind and rain storms swept Alton, Ill.; loss, \$1.000.000, Such "testimonies" have been given abundantly to the earth during the past year

The past year has been unusually rich in scientific achievements of a practical nature. And foremost among these must be placed the wireless messages sent across the Atlantic by Mar. coni. The Italian scientist claims to have transmitted dispatches by his wireless telegraphic system from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, across the Atlantic ocean to Poldhu, in Cornwall, England. One of these way sent to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the other to

King Edward of England. The magnitude of this achievement is difficult to realize. But think of the immense distance civilization has progressed, from the time Leif Eriksen first landed his frail crafts in Vinland down to the time when Marconi can stand on the shore of America and speak, without wire and cable, across the gray waste of winter-disturbed waves, to the British sovereign! Speak about miracles!

We are aware that some have questioned the accuracy of the report, but the transmission of wireless messages over short distances has been, for some time past, an established fact. Why

One of the greatest archeological discoveries of recent times belongs to the

The raising of the Venezuelan blockade and the raising of the Venezuelan indemnity appear to be moving along

parallet lines. Castro has dealt the Venezuelan rebals another crushing blow. It is astonishing how many crushing blows these rebels can stand and still survive and robel again.

The "lesson" that all the naval manenvers teach is that the country should have a larger navy. Such being the case it might be well to discontinue the maneuvers.

It was a beautiful day for the last one of the year. It was clear, crisp and bracing, such a day as gives health, strength and joy to man. It has been a pretty good year after all.

Colonel Watterson has been attacking the Monroe doctrine. The colonel is not the first man to foolishly butt his head against a stone wall, more to the detriment of the head than the wall.

Mr. Carnegle is turning his attention to monuments to great captains of industry. Wherever there are Carnegie libraries throughout the land there are monuments to Andrew Carnegie and his interest in his fellow man.

Castro is keeping the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy and The Hague tribunal waiting for his answer to the arbitration proposals. It would have been wise on his part to have put a special delivery stamp on his reply.

The Humbert safe, that was said and believed to contain twenty million dollars' worth of securities, has been taken to the Monte Carlo Theater, where it will be a chief attraction. It is a fit adornment for the greatest gambling of accepting a theory that seemed to place on earth.

> Army and navy experts doubt the ractical value of Marconi's discovery, There has been in the world no great discovery or achievement that has not been "doubted." Watt's discovery was doubted; Morse's was, and even so late as 1876 Stanley's finding of Livingstone was doubted. It is not the doubters who lead in the advancement of the world.

> > DR. LORENZ

Springfield Republican.

Adolf Lorenz made a pointed Dr. speech at the bankers' dinner in New York city, Thursday evening. It was one of the characteristic affairs of Gotham, and the distinguished guest was called upon. Of his remarks we get this, in the reports: "I have had some peculiar experiences. When I was in Chicago the board of health made me undergo an examination, although I think I know something of medicine-at east, in my branch of orthopedic surgery. Some weeks later they made me a doctor of laws, though I know noth-ing of law. And I am afraid that if I stay here you will make me a banker, though I know nothing of banks.

New York Tribune

Dr. Lorenz pays the handsomest of tributes to the organized charities of the chief cities of the United States, to the hospitals especially, and, above all, to the hospitals of Manhattan. This famous expert is familiar with the cele-brated institutions of London. Paris, Berlin and, of course, Vienna. But every other community he above and bottom. Sometimes it eats down swards the paim to New York for its through a stratum from seventy to marvelous generosity in providing the

other surgeons who are learning his methods millions of other sufferers will be benefited. Hartford Times Dr. Lorenz is able to boast of a genuine miracle-equal to anything ac-complished by Mary Baker G. Eddy or any other modern healer. He found a young woman at Salt Lake City who

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must be filled in. Scientific discoveries may prove Archbishop Ussher's calculations wrong, but the facts given in the Bible are not touched thereby. The question of the high antiquity of man on earth has also been discussed in this country, and, it must be ad-

neitted, the evidence produced does not entirely sustain the extremist view on that subject. The Americanist congress in October viewed a human skuli found on a farm in Lansing, Kas., last spring. Geologists having expressed the belief that the soil in which the skull and bones were found dated back to the glacial period, say 10,000 years or more, the inference was made that the owner of the remains lived in this Prof. Chamberlin of the University of

