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A GLAD NEW YEAR!

The New Year opens with a gentle
fall of feathery moisture which, stored
in the pockets of the mountains, will
be wealth to the valleys in times of
summer need. Prospects are propitious
for a prosperous season. In all
departments and conditions of society.
The past year was notable for the life
and progress of business and the em-
ployment of labor, and the new year
opens with promise of an increase of
animation and advancement.It is customary with many people to
begin a new year with reform resolu-
tions. They express determination to
do good things they have left undone,
and refrain from evil things that they
ought not to have done. It is a proper
custom, or would be if it amounted to
more than promises and intentions. The
beginning of the year is a fitting time
for a starting point in a right direction.
People who have contracted bad habits
usually need some particular day on
which to stop and "turn over a new
leaf." If they but act on the good
resolution it is wise and beneficial.
But the mischief is, that when a pledge
or a resolve is made and kept but for
a brief period, the backslider is apt to
plunge deeper than ever into the depths
of his former follies and vices.We advise our readers to keep their
good resolutions locked up in their own
hearts, to be brought forth only in pri-
vate, and repeated mentally but not
orally. And even these should be pos-
sible and practical. To vow to do
something that one knows he has not
the ability to perform, is but self-de-
ception or sheer humbug. It is right to
strive for improvement, but the effort
must be on the lines of possibility in
order to achieve success.The year 1904 will be "a happy new
year" if we strive to make it so. We
can be thankful for and appreciate the
blessings that come to us, and avoid
dwelling upon and magnifying the ills
we have to meet. We can be cheerful,
kind and considerate of the needs and
feelings of others, and especially those
of our own house. We can be help-
ful and friendly to our immediate as-
sociates. We can be public-spirited,
loyal and law-abiding. We can wear
a smile instead of a frown, and not
make it artificial either. We can help
the weak and weary along life's rugged
road, and push rather than lean when
there is a load in the way.Every unit in the social organism
should be a living, moving congenial
particle, having interest in the general
welfare and progress. The tearful,
doleful, dependent soul, seeking ever
for help and sympathy and imparting
nothing in return, is a clot in the blood
of the body politic, a brake on the
wheels of society. We can all be vital
and mutual according to our powers
and abilities, and if we will act in the
spirit of life and progress, we can be
happy and make others happy and all
prosperous.The Deseret News sincerely wishes
that this may be indeed a happy new
year for the whole world. That it
may be in every way an improvement
upon the old and departed years. That
it may prove a step nearer to that
millennial epoch, the "day of the Lord,"
the thousand years of peace, when
righteousness shall be the rule and
brotherhood the watchword. When
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, and they shall not learn war
any more, and when the whole earth
shall resound with praise and thank-
sgiving and reverberate with songs of
everlasting joy. A happy new year to
all!

PEARY'S VIEWS.

Lieutenant Peary, in speaking about
his plans for reaching the North Pole,
says that if land exists anywhere be-
tween the northern shore of Grant
Land and the Pole, it would simplify
his work and reduce the difficulties
fifty per cent. And, what is still more
interesting, he believes in the possi-
bility of finding such a land. The im-
pression has very generally prevailedthat the mysteries of the Polar region
have all been solved, practically, and
that no further effort is needed, to ob-
tain knowledge in that direction. This,
the famous Arctic explorer thinks is
erroneous. He points out that there
are still 250 miles to cover, from the
farthest north visited by travelers, to
the Pole. There are, he says, still 3-
000,000 square miles not trodden by
human foot. In this region, he thinks,
it is quite possible to find an isolated
island continent, "an Arctic Atlantis,"
with a fauna and flora of its own,
with one day and one night in the year,
lying there through the blinding days
and opaque nights of countless geologi-
cal ages, as completely isolated from
the world as it is from Mars.This is decidedly interesting. No
wonder, that the explorer is fired with
enthusiasm. As long as he believes in
the possibility of discovering such a
wonderland, he will naturally, gladly
sacrifice much to obtain the desired ob-
ject. And who shall say that the
dreams and visions of a wonderland in
the north are all idle, until the facts
are known? Had not Columbus been
carried onward by his enthusiasm, in
spite of all obstacles and difficulties,
he would not have succeeded. An in-
resistible power seems to be leading
some explorers northward, and not un-
till the goal is reached will the reason
for this be perfectly clear.

BETTER OR WORSE?

Nothing is more pleasant, at a time
when one naturally pauses for a mo-
ment's contemplation of the past, pres-
ent, and future, than to be able to say,
the world is growing better all the time;
it is better than ever. But, are we not
inclined to pass that verdict without
sufficient facts on which to base it?A New York clergyman reviews his
career of fifty years and finds many
changes for the better. He finds, for
instance, that the lot of the work-
ingman has been greatly ameliorated. Half
a century ago, the aspiration of the
workingman was to obtain two dollars
a day and roast beef for dinner. We
know, he says, in the iron mills and
everywhere else one turns, how far be-
yond such wages the workingman has
attained! At that time, too, the aver-
age of a working day was twelve hours.
It was thought a great advance had
been made when it was reduced to ten.
Now it is eight.And yet, there were no strikes, then,
no labor troubles, such as now threaten
the very life of industry. The New York
clergyman, just quoted, says:"I worked nine years at the anvil in
Pennsylvania. We made hammers,
hatchets and axes by the dozen. When
my employer, Mr. Hammond, found he
must cut down wages a little he always
called us into council, explained the ne-
cessities of the situation and asked us
if we were willing to have the schedule
reduced. We invariably agreed to-
gether upon what could be done—and
there was no strike. When the times
were better and Mr. Hammond could
afford to pay us more he called us to-
gether again. Of course we always
agreed to the increase a little more
readily than to the decrease. But the
point is this: There was no trouble in
that shop during the nine years I was
there."Are we, then, not justified in asking,
in what has the status of the work-
ingman become better? Fifty years
ago, he could not eat roast beef every
day, and he worked long hours; today
he has higher wages and shorter hours,
but frequent strikes and troubles. For-
merly the laborers in an establishment
were regarded as human beings, for
whom the employer was to some extent
responsible. Now they are so many
parts of the general machinery, about
the souls of which soulless managers
have no concern. Hence the antagonism
between the two great divisions of the
industrial world; hence the brutal, and
brutalizing, conflicts that often con-
sume the greater wages of the work-
ingmen. Are they so much better off than
they were when their worth as human
beings was more generally recognized?Again, it is pointed out that the world
is so much better, because of the gen-
eral desire to live "a higher life." This,
we are told, has been brought about
by the schools and libraries. How does
this vision of "a higher life" appear in
the light of the increasing crimes, of
lynchings, of divorces, of "race sui-
cide"? A century ago, people were
more ignorant, as ignorance is now re-
garded; they were more superstitious,
more bigoted; but they had more re-
verence for sacred things, more regard
for the divine law, and it is a grave
question whether the multiplying of
knowledge has not to many been a
curse instead of a blessing, because
they are as unfit to use it to advan-
tage, as is a small child to handle fire.Still, although grave doubts must be
entertained, as to whether the world
is gradually growing better all the time,
there can be no doubt as to this, that
an era of truth, and righteousness, and
happiness is coming, and perhaps is
nearer at hand than many dare to
hope. Providence is clearly shaping
the movements of the world toward that
end. The bringing together of the na-
tions in ever closer intercourse, and
the consolidation of their interests, the
facilitation of international communi-
cations, the annihilation of distances,
all is preparatory to the era of ideal
conditions that is sure to come. But
its coming must not be looked for
through the process of slow evolution
alone. Evolution is but one way nature
has of obtaining her ends. Sometimes
sudden outbursts produce in a day what
evolution would need millenniums to
accomplish. This fact should never be
forgotten, when the possibilities of a
year, or a century, are contemplated.

SHOOTING IN THE YEAR.

The shooting in of the New Year is
said to be an old custom, the original
meaning of which is nearly forgotten.
It is said to be first heard of among
German settlers of Pennsylvania. When
in 1750 some of these left that state for
the South, they carried the custom
with them. The poorer people gathered
in the evening. They marched from one
"big home" to another, singing New
Year's greetings and saluting with the
firing of guns, their inhabitants. What
followed is thus described by a corre-
spondent of the New York Evening
Post:"The door is then thrown wide and
the company enter, awkward, grinning,and shivering with cold. Some of them
have come from a distance of eight or
ten miles, as the country is sparsely
settled, and must necessarily be tired;
but they consider it more deferential to
stand, or if one is finally persuaded to
take a chair he sits on the edge un-
graciously."The ruddy, Santa Claus-like old men
exchange laconic remarks on the price
of cotton; the youngsters refer to the
"possum hunt of the previous night."
Some one goes to the piano and strums
away in a frantic attempt to furnish
amusement. They are stolid until she
strikes up "Dixie." The effect is magi-
cal. The callers mark time with muddy
boots and remark slyly:"That's the stuff!"
"Apples and oranges, cakes and cof-
fee, are now brought out; at some
places the ever dear black bottle is
passed around. Then the shooters with
a relieved sigh pile out of the door—
the society manner is a fearful strain!"The social call is no longer part of the
ceremony of shooting in the New Year.
In this part of the country, at least.
But the shooting and the noise remain.
This shows how old customs are held to
by generation after generation, even
after the real meaning of them is lost.
It shows how prone man is to keep the
form of many ceremonies, even after
the spirit has left them.

Write It 1904!

Help to make this a happy new
year!It's a wise boss that knows his own
heelers.Mr. Bryan found nothing rotten in
Denmark.Colombia refuses to love her neighbor,
Panama, as herself.One good resolution kept is worth a
basketful broken.It is easier to scorn a reformer than
to reform a scornor.As like as two peas—the last day of
1903 and the first day of 1904.The weather bureau said there would
be snow; and there was snow.All the U. of U. boys will regret the
fact that they are to lose Holmes,
sweet Holmes.The girls who get the New Year gifts
laconically remark: Know all men by
these presents.Boston has outlawed the tramp,
which is very good, but it doesn't sup-
press him, which is very bad.Mr. Rockefeller never pours oil on
the troubled waters. He always pours
it on the University of Chicago.With the turning over of the City
government it is to be hoped there will
be a turning over of a new leaf.It is really too bad that Alfred Aus-
tin should undertake to mar the advent
of the New Year by writing a poem up-
on it.Monte Carlo counts on seven million
dollars' profits this year. But what
shall it profit a man if he gain the
whole world and lose his own soul?Lady Josephine Beaumont Montague
Manifold has just secured a divorce in
South Dakota and married her third
husband. Her husbands if not her
blessings are manifold.A Cornell professor has just returned
from Europe, where he has been study-
ing mushrooms. It must not be infer-
red from this that Cornell is a univer-
sity of mushroom growth.General Miles says that if Russia and
Japan go to war, all Europe will be-
come involved. As to whether the United
States would become involved in
such an event, he knowingly shakes his
head and wisely says nothing.The cost of sending the militia to the
coal camps should be charged to the
educational fund, for the great and in-
valuable lesson that the laws and peace
of the State must be respected and
maintained has been taught.On the occasion of the eightieth anni-
versary of the birth of Colonel Thomas
Wentworth Higginson, the Boston Her-
ald recalled this old miserick perpetu-
ated on him when he resigned his
pastorate in Worcester to take com-
mand of a black regiment in the Civil
war:"There was a young parson of Worces-
ter
Who could have a command if he'd
choose to;
He swore each recruit
Should be blacker than soot,
Or he'd go back and live where he used
to."Mr. Brandenburg, writing in Leslie's
Magazine for January, says the Italians
have no true conception of America. He
traveled with Sicilian immigrants, to
ascertain their views and sentiments.
Once he was called upon to settle a
most bitter dispute between two men
as to what America was like. One who
had a brother in Wilkes Barre, Pa.,
thought it was all coal mines, steel mills
and railroads, while the other, whose
cousin worked in a New York barber
shop, maintained America was all high
buildings and railroads which run over
the housetops. Well, we have heard of
worse ignorance than that. A pros-
pective emigrant from Abdul Hamid's
domain once asked an American gentle-
man whether the Americans had the
same moon as they have over in Tur-
key.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The year 1903 closes better than was
expected. Matters are not all right,
but they are working better than was
deemed possible on September 1st. La-
bor troubles are far less numerous and
not so acute. Both sides see that they
must make concessions, else the wheels
of labor will not turn. Thousands of
workmen have been discharged be-
cause there is no work for them in the
manufactories. But the new year will
open under so much better auspices,
that it is hoped thousands will soon be
re-engaged.

Kansas City Times.

There has begun a general turning
toward so-called institutional work-
the attempt to introduce a little more
sweetness and light into this presentworld. The Salvation Army dinners,
Graham Taylor's efforts to clean up a
rough Chicago ward, Dr. Rainsford's
parish house in connection with St.
George's church, New York—all these
are instances of the modern movement
in religion. And it is to be noted that
they come very near to standing the
test proposed in the New Testament
picture of the last judgment, in which
service to others is made the basis of
the separation of the sheep from the
goats.

San Francisco Call.

To summarize, the condition of trade
in the United States at the close of 1903
is satisfactory and there are no sinis-
ter signs apparent anywhere. Prosper-
ity is still with the country and on a
more stable, even if quieter, basis than
in 1902.

New York World.

"Radium," says Wizard Edison, an-
swering in a word the World's query as
to the most important development of
the coming year. Mr. Edison's opinion
is backed by authority. But there are
to be considered the advance of wireless
telegraphy, the wonders of electric ap-
plication, the progress, in aerial nav-
igation and other marvels upon which
the eyes of the age are bent.

San Francisco Chronicle.

As always has been and always will
be the case, an era of prosperity has
been abused by the speculative class
in attempts to palm off on the public
both substantial and unsubstantial
properties at absurd prices. Very few,
however, of the securities representing
these overcapitalized concerns appear
to have been purchased by the "invest-
ing" public. They have found their
market with those who have bought on
speculation intending to get rid of them
as soon as possible. They did not get
rid of them and lost their money. At
any former period of our history it
would not have been their own money
which the speculators would have lost,
but other folk's money, borrowed from
the banks. The fact that a tremendous
liquidation, extending over more than
a year and involving enormous losses
to the speculating class, has passed
without creating even a ripple of trou-
ble in legitimate business, proves how
financially solid we are and how pru-
dent our bankers have been.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Leslie's Monthly for January has a
striking article on the Gambling Spirit
—the poison that pervades our modern
American life—with portraits of W. C.
Whitney, Keene, Canfield, Yerkes, Al.
Adams and others, and also the first
chapter of the experience of a special
correspondent of the magazine who
lived in Sicily with a peasant family
and emigrated with them to America,
with the object of investigating that
side of our immigration problem. There
are nine short stories, business, society,
automobile, political, domestic and hu-
morous ones, with another chapter of
"A Few Real Boys," and an amusing
sketch by Charles Battell Loomis, called
"Miss Flatterly, on What is Doing."
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