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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The year of our Lord nineteen hundred and two commences auspiciously. It marks one step nearer to the great Millennium day—the thousand years of peace and rest and universal harmony. The tendency of the times is in that direction. There is much of strife and evil and human misery in the world, and radical changes must be made in the earth's affairs before the grand consummation can come. But every year brings us closer to it, and shows advancement in the right and in the subduing of the wrong.

Every intelligent being can do something, during the present year just opened, towards the pacification of the world and its progress on the way to fraternity and happiness. Each individual has a special influence, which can be used for good or evil. It all counts for something and has its effects. It is so with nations. If the majority of mankind would determine to work for mutual benefit and the promotion of truth and justice, the minority would soon be brought into line or its power be suppressed.

Good resolutions are common on the first day of the new-born year. The idea is right, even if there is failure often in its practice. To make up one's mind to avoid the errors and sins of the past and to take higher ground for the future is fitting at any season, but particularly appropriate to New Year's day. It is better, on such occasions, to make those resolutions in the heart than to utter them with the lips. Boasting of them is vanity, and often leads to vexation of spirit.

With each advancing year there should be increasing kindness, charity and unity among men and nations. The general welfare rather than personal greed ought to be kept in view. Then right would be done and mercy would sweeten life, and the heavenly powers would be drawn to earth, for the beautification and uplifting of all things toward the perfect and the divine.

The light revealed in the nineteenth century at the opening of the last dispensation, is the glow of the morning before the rising of the Sun of righteousness. It is now struggling with the shadows of darkness and error, and its rays are streaming forth as heralds of the approaching day. Soon the conflict will be over and the victory will be complete. Every year, as man marks time, hastens the end of evil and the triumph of right.

Let the good and the true of all nations and tongues rejoice at the prospect! Let us come together in spirit and in act, for the world's redemption and God's glory. Then shall each revolving year be happier and better than the last, and our hopes and toils at length shall reach their full fruition. The Deseret News wishes the bright new year with glad anticipation, and hopes it will prove to its readers the happiest and best, as yet, in all the years of their lives.

**A NEW YEAR'S MOVEMENT.**

A letter published in this paper on the last day of the year just departed, suggests a movement for the benefit of this city to which we desire to add our endorsement. It is for the organization of a Commercial Club, or association of business men for mutual profit and the advancement of their material interests.

It is really remarkable that in a city the press of which has shown, particularly in holiday imprints, such wonderful progress in commercial and industrial pursuits, there is no practical combination of its leading spirits for business purposes. Every man for himself and every firm for its own affairs, seems to be the governing motto. That is not the best way to succeed.

No one, in these days of great projects, can stand alone and disregard the steps and affairs of others. No matter how prominent a part individuals may play in the drama of commercial life, the interests and actions of other characters on the stage, must necessarily be considered. The good of all is of benefit to each. A common interest affects all branches of similar business.

There is, in nearly every city of importance, some organization or association of its chief commercial men and companies. Salt Lake City ought not to form an exception. Its live business men should have some recognized means of working together. A chamber of commerce has been formed here in times past, but its failure has given that name a taint and not overpleasant color. A commercial club, or something of the same character which by another name would smell as sweet, is proposed, and we believe it ought to materialize and receive the support of all our prominent business houses.

We look for an immediate practical step in that direction, and think it would be a most appropriate movement wherewith to begin the new year, which bids fair to be more than ordinarily active and prosperous. Who will take the initiative?

**THE NEW YEAR'S TRIBUNE.**

The New Year's issue of the Salt Lake Tribune has been a prominent feature in Utah's journalism for several decades. The edition for January 1, 1902, comes forward in line with its predecessors, but is more profuse than they in pictorial illustrations. Its numerous half-tone pictures and portraits speak more forcibly than words, and give additional attractions to the big epitome of the resources, industries and properties in this State.

The statistical and other information compiled for the Tribune is of great value for future reference, and the paper containing it will be sent far and wide, carrying the tidings of Utah's progress and prospects, and holding her up to the world's wonder and admiration. The circulation of such pages will do much towards removing incorrect impressions concerning Utah and her people, and attracting the attention of persons desirous of investing wealth in profitable enterprises.

The Tribune of today appears desirous of ignoring past differences, and devoting its energies and influence to the promotion of the best interests of this State. This new year's number moves in that direction, and we wish our contemporary success in its endeavors.

The power of the press is recognized everywhere, and during the year now opened can add greatly to advancing Utah's welfare. Whatever differences its journals may have on minor matters, they should all unite in working for the upbuilding of the State and the diffusion of intelligence, for the benefit of mankind and the glory of our mountain commonwealth. Utah may well be proud of its enterprising newspapers.

**THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS.**

Some time ago it was feared that the pan-American congress would be a complete failure, as far as the arbitration question is concerned, but it is now reported that a substantial agreement on that matter has been reached by the several delegates. The basis of the agreement is the Hague convention, and all the American republics will become parties to that convention. In addition, a number of states will sign among themselves a scheme of compulsory arbitration, but still accepting the Hague tribunal and the Hague procedure. This compulsory plan, however, it is said, will take effect only among the signatory nations and will not have the official sanction of the pan-American.

This is a great achievement, and justifies the hope that another important step has been taken, at the close of the first year of the new century, toward universal peace. It may be said that the Hague convention itself did not bring the definite results that were hoped for it. But it was splendid preparatory work for universal arbitration, and now the declaration of all the republics in this hemisphere in favor of the principles adopted at the Hague, means further progress in the same direction. And thus, little by little, the cause will advance, until the goal is reached and victory won. Hon. Volney Foster, of Chicago, was justified in taking a hopeful view of the result of the convention's work, and declaring that he believes the congress will be a success, and that it will achieve what it set out to do under the program.

The agreement reached proves the influence of the United States in the deliberations of the pan-American delegates. The representatives of our country tried from the beginning to persuade the other delegates to accept the Hague convention as a basis of agreement, and in this they succeeded. It is a compromise, and one that will render it more difficult for quarrelsome statesmen to plunge the little republics into the throes of war on trivial provocations. Even an indefinite agreement to arbitrate is gratifying. It should tend to the preservation of peace in South America.

**THE DANISH ISLANDS.**

According to a dispatch from Copenhagen, the treaty transferring the Danish West Indies to the United States will be signed in spite of the agitation against it. The question of plebiscite will not be considered.

There are sufficient reasons for this. In the first place, a vote on the question would be in the affirmative, unless the sentiment has greatly changed since 1867. In that year a vote was taken on the island of St. Thomas, with the result that 1,241 voted for and only 22 against the proposed sale. Then the intelligent people of the island appeared anxious to become citizens of the United States, and presumably they are so yet, as were the Porto Ricans when the opportunity presented itself.

In the second place, the contemplated transfer is not proposed as a matter of benefit for the people, but of convenience for the home government which finds it to its advantage, in this way, to seek relief from a considerable financial burden. A great many inhabitants of those islands, we fancy, are incompetent to form a clear judgment on that question. Others, as office holders, may be interested in the continuation of the present status.

The question of a plebiscite may be raised for the purpose of delaying negotiations. But the respective governments will have to settle the matter. If Denmark will sell, and the United States finds it advantageous to buy at the figure proposed, the transaction will take place. Traders and office holders who may be opposed to changing their allegiance will not be compelled to do so. The status of the people will have to be considered by Congress, and the presumption is that it will be similar to that of the Porto Ricans.

**CENSUS OF THE EARTH.**

According to an estimate in The Current Cyclopaedia for December, the total population of the earth now is somewhat over one and a half billion. Of these, \$39,558,000 live in Asia; \$72,855,000 in Europe; 179,950,000 in Africa; 128,715,000 in America; 6,900,000 in Polynesia, and 52,000 in the Polar regions.

From this it will be seen that Asia has the greatest number of inhabitants, while Europe, Africa, and America follow in the order mentioned. Europe, however, is most thickly settled, having nearly 97 persons to the square mile, while Asia has 48.57; Africa, 14.77; and America only 8.56. What vast opportunities for home making and happiness does not the western hemisphere offer for the world, if its resources are utilized to the extent that they are in Europe, or even Asia! What a vast difference between 9 persons to the square mile, and 49! Or 97!

Of the European countries, Russia is now first in point of population, having 106,154,608 inhabitants. Germany comes next, with 55,245,014; then Austria-Hungary, with 46,960,835; then the United Kingdom, with 41,454,219; France, with 38,441,333; and Italy, with 32,449,754 inhabitants. But if the inhabitants of the dependencies are considered, Great Britain is vastly ahead of every nation, her flag waving over 309,000,000 souls, or about one quarter of the total population of the earth.

It is curious to contemplate that at this late date of human civilization about 500,000,000 human beings are colonialists, governed largely by foreign races and on principles conceived on foreign soil. That is about one-third of the entire population of the globe. Evidently there is still a great work before the goddess of liberty, before everything is prepared for that reign of peace and contentment which shall be the ultimate condition of the human race.

**A CHAIR OF CHINESE.**

The report that Gen. H. W. Carpenter has endowed a chair of Chinese in the Columbia University, causes a shiver among some of our contemporaries. They talk of the "perils of too much learning in America."

There is no cause for alarm on this score. Very few Americans will drop their business and apply themselves to learning the 46,000 characters, or more, that Chinese scholars need for literary purposes. And many who commence the strenuous task will give it up, for more profitable occupations. We believe it was Dr. Legge who said he had studied Chinese for 30 years, and had just commenced to master some of its first principles.

At the same time, the intercourse between Asia and America is going to increase. It does not hurt to have in this country a seat of learning, where those inclined to do so, can obtain some knowledge of Asiatic languages. This is convenient for both missionary and commercial purposes.

Write it 1902!

Sardon's plays come high but the Comedie Française must have them.

This is a splendid day for Historian Macay to turn over a new leaf in his history.

Laureate Austin's "Together" is pervaded by a very friendly spirit if not by a very poetic one.

New York's "tenderloin" has a new captain. He will have a tough job to make it palatable.

New Year sees a great many good resolutions being formed, but, as in other cases, the good die young.

Professor Loeb says the human body is a dynamo. This is where he gets his eternal life—man is to dynamo.

The officers are not despondent because the slough they drained and searched proved to be a Slough of Despond.

General Miles' relations with the war department are strained. "This, then, makes clear the cause of the repudiation."

It is estimated that 350,000 pianos were sold in this country during 1901; and most of them came West. It is trumping good evidence of great prosperity.

To judge by the sounds that pierced the air at midnight's holy hour last night, there must have been several editions of "The Strayed Reiver" abroad.

Germany is in no hurry to settle her dispute with Venezuela; neither is Venezuela. Both being in that frame of mind they should be able to compose their differences very easily.

"The treasury is in a condition of unexampled strength," says Secretary Gage. It is a good condition to be in, and the unexampled should be made an example to follow.

Uncle Sam's business achievements in 1901 were tremendous and without precedent. But the advent of 1902 may see them small in comparison with the record of 1902. So may it be!

The governors' meeting at Helena resulted in their excellencies resolving to stand together. They might be termed, not inaptly, a standing committee on national railway grievances.

J. Pierpont Morgan continues to electrify the world. He has just consummated a combination of the Westinghouse Electric company, and the General Electric company, the capitalization being fifty million dollars.

Sir Thomas Linton has decided to have plans for Sharnock III prepared. Perhaps he puts faith in the old saying: "First the worst, second the same, third and last, the best of all the game."

Stations on the Russian railway in Manchuria are placed eighteen miles apart without reference to the location of towns. The towns will have to go to the stations just as Mahomet had to go to the mountain.

The Alaskan boundary question is the most serious one now confronting Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefoot. It can be easily arranged. All that remains to be done is for John Bull to step down gracefully as he has done in the Bulwer-Clayton treaty case and some others. John is becoming quite an expert in the unbinding act.

Ponce de Leon sought the fountain of youth in the New World, and missed it. Brown-Segard told the world that he had discovered the elixir of life, and Brown-Segard died. Now Jacques Loeb of Chicago's university announces to the world that he has made a discovery that places the secret of eternal life in the hands of man. Eternal life comes not through potassium salts but is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE COMPLAINT OF ITALY.**  
 Baltimore Sun.  
 It is natural that foreign governments should desire complete protection for their subjects who are residents of the United States. In the main this protection is accorded them under the system which now prevails with our dual form of government—state and federal. It is impossible for any one to say that the United States does not meet its treaty obligations in this regard as effectually as it is able to do under constitutional limitations. Whether these limitations should be removed is a matter of exclusive concern to the people of the United States. It is for them to say whether the Federal government shall receive greater powers than it now possesses, while the powers inherent in the several states shall be correspondingly diminished, or whether we shall retain unchanged the system which was devised by the greatest sovereign this country has produced and has stood the test of a century.

**San Francisco Chronicle.**  
 There is but one way, under our constitution, by which we can protect aliens domiciled in this country, and that is by national law, enforced by national courts. No justice is to be expected in any state where public sentiment tolerates lynching or other forms of mob violence upon men by reason of race or nationality. By the constitution, our treaties are the "supreme law of the land." They override the laws of any state, or of all states. If circumstances prove that additional legislation is required for the due enforcement of these treaties, it is a constitutional duty for Congress to enact the legislation. To assert our inability to control the states as an excuse for violating our treaty obligations is for the United States to set at naught the part of a Venezuela. We cannot afford to do so. Every breach of international good faith should be repaired without further delay.

**San Francisco Call.**  
 Under ordinary circumstances there would be no sympathy among Americans with any effort made by a foreign power to induce us to change our system of doing justice. We are well content with our method of leaving life and property to the care of the states rather than burdening the federal courts with them except where the wrong done is in violation of a federal statute. Upon the subject of lynching, however, we are likely to be tolerant of any suggestion from any source that tends to put an end to it. Lynch law has now become so prevalent that it constitutes one of the most serious evils of the time. In several of the states the courts are unable to effectively deal with it. Consequently anything which will bring a lynching back to answer to federal authority instead of state authority will be widely approved.

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