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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The human family seems so constituted that it is either at one extreme or the other. There are, however, always a few who are to be found betwixt and between, better known as conservatives, but a great majority of the human family are extremists. Just a few years ago and New Year was looked upon in the most serious light and the older heads met at the churches and prayed and mourned the old year out and the new year in, while the younger ones spooned and only saw the funny side of the situation, but even they did not dare impose too much upon their religious incredulities because they really believed that sacrilegiousness on their part at that particular time would be followed by the visitation of some calamity on them or their family before the year was out. And so deride and overcome the influence of the religious teachings of their fathers, persons inclined to travel the broad roads of sin and vice and more especially the latter and took up the other extreme of the New Year celebration and indulged in orgies and revelries that not only put the church folk to shame, but all manner of respectable manhood.

In most of the cities in the East and especially New York, the New Year orgies are so debauching that for a respectable woman to be seen out on that evening is almost the same as publicly admitting that she is a woman of the town, and she would certainly be so considered by all of her acquaintances, if seen going in the cafes and restaurants that make special preparations for that occasion.

We see no reason or excuse of wearing a face a foot long because the old year is passing away and a new one coming in. For if you have not prospered in the old year, kicking a dying man does no good and it is not common sense to scold at a person, who was in no sense responsible for your misfortunes.

On the other hand it is uncivil and un-Christian like to make the night hideous with drunken orgies as is so often the case in most of the large cities of the country. Let us hope, therefore, that all concerned will take a more conservative view of New Year's and refrain from doing those things that are not becoming good citizenship.

Fifty-one years ago a young couple quarreled over the question, which finally brought on the great civil war, and the two separated, the husband taking up the cause of the union while the wife became a nurse in the confederate cause. The breach was a bad one and during all those years they never heard from each other. Circumstances, however, recently threw them together and instead of fighting the issues of the war over again they rekindled the old "flame" and were soon again one in heart and soul, and took up the thread where they had lain it down as neither of them had ever re-married. The man at the time of the separation was twenty-six years of age while the woman was one year his senior, and at seventy-five and seventy-six years of age this couple have begun to do what they should have continued to do before they permitted foolishness to separate them. But this is another strong mark of evidence that the issues of the late civil war are being forgotten. It was

only a few days ago that President Taft named as supreme justice of the United States a former confederate general. This getting back together on the part of the unionists and the confederates is giving the emancipated end of that controversy a world of misgivings and he argues that he is being sacrificed in order to bring the jarring factions together. To an extent that may be true, but the all directing hand that first separated these brothers and that is also bringing them back together will see to it that humanity, whether white or black, will be jealously guarded and in the end all reach the goal.

## CARRYING COALS TO NEWCASTLE

If there ever was a true case of carrying coals to Newcastle it occurs to us that in the following excerpt it is to be found:

Five million dollars will be expended by the city of Spokane upon a municipal power plant to be located on the Pend Oreille river, near Metaline, Wash., one hundred miles north of Spokane, if the recommendations of a committee, having charge of fire, water and sewer matters, are adopted by the common council. Morton McCartney, city engineer and W. D. Moore, hydraulic engineer, say in reports to the council that between 5,500 and 6,000 horse power electrical energy can be delivered to Spokane from the site over a 100-mile high tension line without appreciable loss in transmission. Mr. McCartney adds that the cost of development will be reasonable considering the amount of power available for manufacturing and other purposes. He estimates the cost of the plant and equipment at \$5,000,000. The site and water rights are owned by Messrs. Ham, Yearsley and Yearsley and Ryrrie of Spokane, who received permission from Congress several years ago, to build a dam and span the Pend Oreille river with a dam.

Within the very heart of the city of Spokane is the most magnificent waterfall in all the West, and with the power properly conserved it has a sufficient amount to supply Spokane for the next hundred years or until she has a population of more than a million inhabitants, and yet Spokane has to go a hundred miles from home to get power for lighting purposes. In early days the corporation known as the Washington Water and Power Company, by the liberal use of corruption money, caused the council to sell and give away the rights of the people until the city was left with nothing for her own self to use. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, but Spokane city councils sold the rights of the whole community for even less.

## TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

In speaking of the institution, of which the public has heard so much, the principal thereof, Dr. Booker T. Washington, recently enumerated what constitutes Tuskegee, which is as follows:

"We have at Tuskegee 3,000 acres of land on which the school stands, 23,000 acres of public land in northern Alabama, 96 buildings, a new \$50,000 dining hall, 900 acres of farming land, 20 miles of fence around the grounds, 12 miles of paved streets about the grounds, 26 steam boilers and engines, a railroad of 10 miles, water and electric plants, 5,000 incandescent and arc lights, an ice plant, 200 horses and mules, 300 cattle, 5000 hogs, a savings bank which clears about \$350,000 annually, a United States post office appointment by the President, 3,400 students and teachers. The value of the property is \$1,000,000, and the endowment is \$2,000,000. This is what we have to make Tuskegee. We must raise \$350,000 each year to carry on this great work."

All of which to the person, who will stop to think, has been accumulated within the past twenty-five years and all of which has been planned by one mind makes it almost miraculous. That Booker T. Washington is without a peer in his line is an admitted fact by the civilized world, and while his labors have been ostensibly in the interest of the colored youths of the South they have also benefitted the whites almost as much, as their parents are patterning schools after Tuskegee all over that section of the country.

## EDITORIAL EDICTS

From the handsome picture the Tacoma people are sending out of the Stadium of that city it would seem that they are stuck on their stadium, and you cannot blame them very much.

It is said of Theodore Roosevelt that he is neither a Socialist nor a Republican, especially of the stand pat type, and therefore, he is to have a little hell of his own, from a political standpoint.

Methodism is planning for a \$5,000 new church edifice at Rosalia, Washington. In their prosperity the farmers of that section of the state have not forgotten that there is One above all who is the giver of all we have.

From a report of the Washington state prison it transpired that men without wives greatly predominate therein. Most men with wives get periodical lickings and that must account for them keeping in the straight and narrow path.

It begins to look as if in the re-apportionment of the members of the legislature Whitman county is in line to lose a state senator, which is not being favorably received by the citizens of the county, but remember, friends, those who have must lose.

It must have cost King county something like \$5,000 to find out that John Fyaad, the Assyrian, is not Joseph Fyaad, but only a brother. It would seem that arresting officers would look into such matters more carefully before they put the county and state to such an enormous expense.

Among the notable sick of Seattle is Mrs. Mary Ann Denny, who is the last of the colony of white folk that made the original settlement of Seattle. She is now in her eightieth year, but it is hoped she will be restored to health and live for a number of years yet to come.

A rabbit round up at Wilson Creek, Washington, is expected to be so lucrative that arrangements have been made by those participating to snip a carload of the slaughtered game each to Seattle and Spokane to be distributed among the poor. Having been in the newspaper business for the past eighteen years no one will doubt that we are in on that.

Everybody and his brother in Seattle are said to be playing politics just now. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and it begins to look as if Seattle in her next election is going to get a dose of political poison such as was never before administered to any other city.

Whitman county, according to the News-Letter of Colton, is in a peck of trouble over the county commissioners having placed it in the seventh class of counties of the state, and now the U. S. census shows that it is not entitled to that position. The farmers are objecting to paying the county officials the amount that that class of county officials are entitled to receive, and the whole controversy will have to be settled in the courts and it matters not which way the controversy is ended, it will cost the taxpayers a large sum of money.

If it be true that the board of control of the state of Washington has recommended the use of oleomargarine instead of butter at the various state institutions then it demonstrates that it has no practical experience and the members thereof should be dismissed. Every state institution could have a sufficient number of cows to furnish the institution with all the milk and butter it uses. The prisoners could do all the work even to raising the hay for the cattle. Such a herd would pay for itself in two years and at the same time the state would be demonstrating to its more worthy citizens the practicability of breeding valuable cattle.