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WASHINGTONVILLE WRITE-UPS

By Peter M. Herold.

The year is gone, beyond recall,
With all its hopes and fears,
With all its bright and gladdening smiles,
With all its mournful tears.

Christmas at the Churches.

The Christian church keeps alive the observance of the Saviour's birthday, yet were it not for Easter Sunday the birth of Christ would be of small consequence to those whose hopes are based upon the resurrection.

The churches at Washingtonville very appropriately gave over this year's Christmas observance to the young people, and as a consequence both churches were densely crowded by parents and friends to see what progress is being made by the little ones.

The Lutheran church was crowded Thursday night to hear the rendition of a cantata, the outlines of which were taken from Lord Bacon's "Atlantis." The leading characters were Wilbert DeJone as King, Miss Jane Welkart as Queen, Will King as Santa, and Roy Davis as the naturalist, with valuable assistance from a stage full of young people.

The M. E. Church was filled to overflowing Friday night, notwithstanding the inclement weather, and more than \$25 was received from admissions at the door. These exercises are always well patronized, probably on account of their literary character and the freedom allowed the audience to express their appreciation.

St. Patrick's church was beautifully decorated with flowers and a large number of candles were lighted; a miniature "place of the nativity" at Bethlehem was erected at the left of the altar and the entire interior had on its holiday attire, being unusually impressive. The choir rendered exceptionally good music, especially during the mass and the responses. The faithful came and went from the 6 o'clock mass until 10:30, when Rev. John Cavanaugh, D. D., president of Notre Dame university, presided a learned and systematic discourse on the origin of masses and the sacred offices of the priesthood. Rev. Cavanaugh is a native of Leontonia and worked in the Cherry Valley coal mines prior to preparing for the ministry, and it can be readily imagined that while delivering his masterly address in presence of his parents and neighbors they had reason to be proud of his rapid advancement. After the sermon Rev. Anthony DeJone gave his first mass in presence of his relatives and neighbors, and gave them his benediction. Thus two Leontonia boys enjoyed the happy coincidence of participating in the rites of the church at whose altar their parents were worshipped for many years.

During the service Father Bas sub-deacon and Mr. Hagarty master of ceremonies. Father Gerhardsteden of Salem was also present. Gloria in altissimo Deo et in terra pax, in hominibus benedictum.

An 11 o'clock dinner was served to all the clergy in attendance at the Knights of Columbia hall, and at 7 p. m. Solemn Vespers were held in which Rev. Fr. Dean, the newly ordained priest, acted as celebrant; Rev. Fr. Higginbottom of Youngstown as deacon; Rev. Fr. McGooagan of Cleveland, Rev. Fr. Griffin of Youngstown, Mr. Hagarty, a seminarian of Cleveland, Rev. Fr. Gerhardsteden of Salem, Rev. Fr. Bas of Washington, D. C. and Rev. Dr. Cavanaugh of Notre Dame, Ind., were also present. Rev. Fr. Kirby delivered the sermon.

Victor Mollie has been off work for a week with a hard cold.

Mrs. Hannah Stouffer visited relatives in Mineral Ridge, Sunday.

O. Boesert and O. E. Holt have distributed calendars for 1909.

Wm. A. Cox has secured the contract for plastering a large residence in Salem.

Chicken fanciers are said to have had some sport with game birds Saturday night.

The sidewalks of this week appear too narrow since Columbians county voted "dry."

H. L. Welkart and daughter Effa spent Christmas with relatives at Beaver Falls.

Dan Barr sustained a badly bruised ankle by a fall of slate in the Fairview mines last week Thursday.

Geo. Summerville and wife visited Friday and Saturday at the home of George Taylor in Youngstown.

Ex-mine inspector J. P. Davis of Cambridge was here Friday and attended the exercises in the M. E. church at night.

Miss Kit Wilson was kindly remembered by her Sunday school class in the on Christmas.

Miss Lucile Taylor of Youngstown spent a few days here with her grandmothers, Mrs. S. J. Taylor and Mrs. Geo. Summerville.

We had a green Christmas, which some say will bring a white Easter. An old Scotch saw has it: "A green Yule makes a fat kirk yard."

Those who are in possession of the facts say that the Y. & O. stops in this village are no fit places for ladies and children to wait for a car, and the law of common decency will not stand for it much longer.

Miss Mary Vignon and Will Thomas were married in Youngstown Thursday afternoon by Rev. P. D. Draper of the Hillman street Christian church. After a wedding tour to Cleveland the happy couple will reside on Erie street, Youngstown.

By a comparison of tax receipts in this village we notice that on the Mahoning side the rate is \$3.50 on each \$100 valuation, while on the Columbiana side the rate is \$3.50 both a fraction above that in the city of Youngstown. The village and school taxes are the same on both sides, and the difference in the rates arises from the difference in the county levy.

A Prayer for the New Year

A Lmighty God, the unfailing source of light and mercy, who hast guided us to the beginning of this year, and art sparing us to love Thee and to keep Thy commandments, prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the coming days. Let Thy grace enlighten our darkness and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and the humility they may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Deepen within our hearts the love of truth and goodness. Renew in us the life of that which alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to Thee. Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto; still lead us by Thy hand; still admonish and guide us by Thy spirit, and leave us not to ourselves. Thou Good Shepherd of the sheep. Let not the sorrow and weariness of life rob us of our faith in Thee. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship and in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Happy New Year to all.
The Scotchmen's Hogmasy is near at hand.

About everybody in town reads The Dispatch.

John W. Pasich has returned from the mines at Kaylor, Pa.

A pressed steel ceiling has been placed in Fisher's new resort.

John H. Berry and family spent Christmas with relatives in New Waterford.

Wm. Herron, west of town, butchered five hogs, the heaviest weighing 442 pounds.

Bert Simpson and wife of Mineral Ridge spent Sunday here at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Frank Heckert and children of Salem spent Sunday at the home of her father, Thos. Heaton.

Electric lights have been placed at the station and were lighted for the first time Monday night.

Rev. W. E. Hovick and family of Kingsville spent Christmas with her parents here; and Mrs. H. still remains.

Chas. Blackburn is bracing on the passenger train from Lisbon to Niles, and switches at Warren until the evening train is due to return.

The infant son of August Matthy and wife died at home Saturday forenoon. Funeral services were conducted at the home of the parents Monday afternoon by Rev. Kast. Interment in Oakland cemetery.

Thos. Wilkinson spent Christmas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Callaine, at Donora, Pa. On his return he called at the home of Chas. Hotchkiss in Pittsburg and found Chas laid up with tonsillitis.

Rumor is again current that the Niles & Lisbon branch of the Erie railroad is to be extended to East Liverpool and double tracked. Now if they will electrify the road and have a schedule for trolley cars they might and would regain much lost passenger traffic.

Harry King, wife and children of New Castle spent the holidays with their parents, George King and wife and Chas. DeJone and wife. Jacob Karsh of Leontonia also ate his 20th Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. DeJone, and has an invitation for next year.

Merry Christmas tide brought many joyful greetings, but probably none so pleasing as to the following named youthful brother and sister: Abel Tourdot 23, and Miss Lizzie Dairymple 16 were united in marriage at Lisbon Dec. 24, by Rev. A. I. Young. And the bride's brother, Hugh Dairymple 19, and Miss Maggie Warner 16, at the same place Dec. 24, by the same minister.

The best wishes of many friends are extended to all concerned.

Co. H, 115th O. V. I., held its 30th annual reunion at Columbians last Saturday, Dec. 26. There were 22 present out of the old company, besides other guests, and after a sumptuous dinner at the restaurant they returned to the hall and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Geo. Smith; V. P., Frank Webster; Sec'y, Tress, Frank Lease. Henry Gets and wife were among those in attendance. The next reunion will be held in Salem in 1909.

One day last week Nathan Minner, a one-armed soldier who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Michael Brigs, south of town, while walking along the Y. & O. railroad, was hit by an electric car and severely injured. Mr. Minner was coming in from the J. D. Smith mine where he had been to order a load of coal for the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee, and did not notice the car backing on the siding to allow the 2 o'clock car from Salem to pass, which was late.

Among the holiday visitors to the village were Mrs. John Moon and children of New Waterford, David and Daniel Moss of Sebring, Eugene Piller and family of Youngstown, Mrs. David Summerville of Garfield, Earl Lewis of New Castle, Mrs. Alfred A very of Leontonia. The surrounding towns which furnished Christmas visitors here to see John Barleycorn were Salem, Leontonia, Lisbon, Columbiana, Waterford, Palestine and as far north as Warren and way stations. In the afternoon a Salem and a Lisbon man came together on Main street; the county seat man was carried to a nearby residence and Dr. Kennedy sewed up the scalp wound caused by being knocked against the curb. He was taken to the cooler, fined \$4 and sent home.

Take your watches and clocks of Carpenter

A Chance for All.
The less a man knows about making love to a woman the more she can do it for him.—New York Press.

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CRAZED BY RELIGIOUS MANIA.

Entire Family in Small Swiss Village Becomes Insane.

A strange case of a family suffering from religious mania is reported from the Swiss village of Oftringen. There are eight grown children in the family, and recently they were converted by an itinerant preacher. Thereupon the whole family began to neglect their farm and domestic duties, and to spend the day and night in prayer. The cattle were neglected, and would have been starved had they not been fed by the neighbors. One girl named Bertha declared that she was the bride of Christ, and always went about clad in a garment of white. Strange rites, too, were practiced. Once at midnight the whole family, dressed in white clothes, assembled around a wood pile altar in a field and burned a white calf, meanwhile dancing around the burning pile. This was called "Immolation." Then Bertha expressed a wish to be immolated, and it appears that an attempt was made to crucify her. The police, however, got to know of this and arrived in time to prevent further mischief. Bertha was found ill in bed with nail wounds in her hands. She and two sisters and a brother were promptly removed to the lunatic asylum at Koenigsfelden.

AS TO THE CALENDARS.

The Jewish year is solar-lunar, and may consist of as few as 353 days and as many as 355. New Year's day usually falls in September. The Mohammedan year usually consist of 354 days, being purely lunar, and the leap years, which occur in certain twelve-months of a cycle of 30 lunar years, contain 355 days. The first day of Muharrem—New Year's day—may in course of time make a whole revolution of the seasons. An instance of this may be given. The first of Muharrem, 1906, fell on February 25, while the Mohammedan New Year last year began on March 7. Inasmuch as it is purely lunar, the Mohammedan year is almost unique in the calendars of the world. While the Chinese year conforms to the eastern idea, being founded upon lunar months, a month is added to every 30, to make time conform with the solar year. Consequently, the Chinese New Year may begin any time between January 21 and February 28.

REVOLVING NEW YEAR.

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CHARM OF THE APRON.

Nowadays, when woman wishes to subdue man or win him to her whims, she puts on her finest frock and woos him. Foolish girl so to trouble herself! She could do it twice as easily and many times as cheaply if she were to top off an old gown with any pattern of apron. Every kind is an arrow in her quiver. At least the Cleveland Leader says so. When she wears one of the kitchen brand that runs from collar to hem of skirt, bares her when arms and mixes up a batch of flapjacks, she fascinates man with her domesticity. When she dons the parlor or gold thimble pattern, resplendent with the lace, coquettish of pocket, and so trim and provocative about the waist that a man has to grind his teeth and grip hard at the arms of his chair, he is perfectly willing to abase his head and let her put her Cuban heels on his neck.

LESSONS FROM GOOD BOOKS.

A man is known by the company his mind keeps. To live continually with noble books, with "high erected thoughts seated in the mind of courtesy," teaches the soul good manners.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

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NEW YEAR'S AROUND THE GLOBE

NEVER since man knew enough about astronomy to divide time into years which more or less agreed with the earth's annual revolution around the sun, he has in various characteristic ways regarded the first day of the new year as a day of rejoicing and well-wishing.

It was the great day for exchanging gifts until, in some Christian countries, Christmas day was substituted. While in America New Year's day is generally observed as a holiday and as an occasion for paying ceremonial social calls, in France, even now, New Year's presents have not entirely disappeared.

New Year's day is not observed on January 1 in every country, although most nations nowadays use the Gregorian calendar, and consequently begin their new year on that day. In Russia the Julian calendar is still in use, and as a quarter of a day in each year is lost by that system, there is now an accumulated loss of 12 days. January 1 in Russia, then, corresponds to January 14 of our calendar. The Mohammedan New Year, the Jewish New Year and the Chinese New Year, owing to the peculiar systems of keeping time by those people, are very elusive dates, or seem so to persons familiar only with the Gregorian calendar.

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atic and of little price, being branches cut from the wood consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. These were presented to the king as an omen of good fortune. The gifts became more pretentious as time went on, and in later centuries some of the Roman emperors demanded New Year's presents of great value from the "magnates" of those days. As the Roman rulers were gentlemen who were not to be trifled with, the presents usually appeared on time after notice to the wealthy was given.

It was in Rome, too, that the habit of masquerading at New Year's appears to have originated. The custom still observed in Italy now is confined to the celebrations at the Epiphany and at the carnival time.

FESTIVITIES OF THE DAY.

In some countries, notably in Great Britain and in some cities in Canada and the United States, the new year is welcomed in by festivities on the eve of the day. In Scotland, for instance, it is customary to celebrate New Year's eve with some festivity, which is prolonged until past midnight. At the stroke of 12 every one present wishes each other a "Happy New Year." The custom is also common in many parts of Germany, where the salutation is "Prosit Neu Jahr."

Similar to this custom are the religious "watch meetings" held in some of the churches in this country on New Year's eve. In England on New Year's eve, in some houses, a curious custom, or superstition, is observed. At the stroke of 12, which ushers in the new year, the party, already waiting on the stairs, begin to ascend the stairway backward, taking a step at each stroke. Every step successfully mounted means a happy month, every stumble a reverse. Of course, it is one of those playful superstitions which are not taken seriously.

GLUCOSE FONDANT FOR CHRISTMAS.

Two cups sugar, one cup water, and two tablespoons glucose. Boil all until a little dropped in cold water will form a soft ball. Remove from fire and beat till creamy.

Seven ways to use the fondant:
Make into balls and dip in melted chocolate.
Roll them in cocoanut.
Roll them in chopped nuts.
Fill gifts with fondant and slice thin.
Fill dates with fondant, or put the fondant around the stoned date.
Make into squares and place a nut on top.
Roll nuts in the fondant and then in sugar.

TIE RACKS FOR MEN.

A present that will be greatly appreciated by a man is a tie rack. This may be mounted embroidered linen, burnt wood, decorated leather or painted cardboard. The only thing to be guarded against is not to make them too elaborate. The more simple the pattern is the more sure to please.

ROOM FOR LOTS OF PRESENTS.

"I wish I could be a laundress," said little Dorothy.

"You would have to work very, very hard, my child," observed her mother.

"But just think, mamma, of all the stockings I could hang up."

GREETING.

Now while the surging, deep-toned bells lament
The past year, o'er sickle, they shall change
Their solemn burden for a round of joy,
Chiming the praises of the year new-crowned.

—Edith Thomas.

FOUND STONE TOAD IN DECAYED TREE.

A petrified toad inclosed in bark was found in an old dead tree by E. J. Healy at Indian Rock, Conn. It is believed the toad was electrocuted 45 years ago, when lightning struck the tree and partially killed it.

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When skies are cold with wintry stars, and hills
Are white with yester-even's snow, and lie
In ghostly state beneath the ghostly sky;
When many a gusty blast the darkness fills
With ever lonely, homeless sound, and chills
The window panes with frost; when crackling fly
The sparks about the hearth, and glow and die,
While in the pause his note the cricket trills;
Oh, then how dear is home and what a selfish
Of ruddy warmth and peace beguiles the mind!
And what a charm in listening while the wind
Blows fierce outside, through winter's starry tents,
And dies away around the window-pane,
And ever rises loud, and dies again!
—Ernest Warburton Shurtleff.

The Newness of the Year

"Happy New Year!" The glad greeting rings out on every hand. A new twelve month has been ushered in with all its mystery of "the things which are to be."

We need then for ourselves and for others to put the emphasis upon the word "new" rather than upon the term "year." That another year has come is relatively unimportant. The stress is to be laid not on the quantity but on the quality of one's life. All that an earnest soul can do is to live each day of the new year by itself, as it comes in its turn, trying, if so it may be, to put a month's effort in one day, and a day's victory into a single hour. The time is short, and it remaineth that all who know Christ and partake of his gift of new life should be diligent always, watch unto prayer and boast not themselves of the morrow. Sufficient unto each day is the burden and blessing thereof.

The newness of the new year is essentially a newness of spirit. A new man will always enjoy the new year. When another January arrives it is distinctively the time to slough off the old and to put on the new. There is an old nature to be discarded, and a new spiritual manhood to be assumed. The trouble with many people, however, is that they try to remake and to reform themselves, forgetting that a few good resolutions, more or less loosely kept, can at best only touch the outside and possess no interior efficacy in the recesses of the spirit. The new man who is really worthy of the name is the new man in Christ Jesus. Where Jesus is there is always newness of experience, renovation of the moral nature, freshness of hope and a resiliency of elastic joy. It is not necessary to wait until the first of January in any approaching year to win the wisdom of such a heavenly faith or to experience the benefits of such a spiritual quickening. The promise of God is now, to every one that believeth. Each morning may be a resurrection day, each evening a time of golden promise fair, yet not as fading, as the sunset. The New Year joy is for all of life, all the time.

It is stimulating and encouraging to feel that a brand new year is offered for happy employment, and that the old records with their motley pages,

some still vacant and other marred, and, perhaps, here and there blotted with tears, may be put away, and fresh, unstained pages substituted in their place. It is helpful to remind oneself that those broken resolutions of 1908 may be renewed in 1909, and, what is better, reinforced by more of that prayer and divine grace for want of which the idealizing resolves of the past year were soon forgotten or went so sadly unfulfilled. The new year means, accordingly, a new hope, a new song, a new endeavor, a new outlook, a new inspiration, a new determination and a new grace—every new thing that is good appears to be possible in its gift. A hope like this makes any doubter optimistic, and gives to existence the character of a life worth living.

A wide chasm seems to intervene between the old and the new. Into its depths should be cast every regret, every halting doubt, and every hampering fear which belongs to the past period of our experience and which would burden and hinder our worthy efforts and spiritual progress in the new year. Let us take up our new duties and meet our fresh opportunities in free, gladness and hopeful spirit, knowing that God, who has purposed them for our uplift, will give us grace to carry us safely through.

Happy New Year! The message is sent far and near. Let the glad greeting be heard on all sides. There is a prophecy and a promise in the New Year. Even to those who are bent with grief, or lonely by reason of bitter bereavement it is possible and timely to say, though with lowered tone and softened accent: "Happy New Year!" Every year will be a happy, or, at least, a peaceful, one in which the presence of the Lord is realized—which is spent under the protection of his wings, while its duties are discharged in his fear and its responsibilities are borne with the assistance of his grace. For the Christian every year should be an improvement on the past, and offer its additional opportunities for growing in grace and Christlikeness. The Christian is a convinced and convincing optimist for, having a heavenly hope which the world can never give or take away, he can in every condition of life find a basis for an assured happiness expressing itself in the oft-quoted dictum: "The best of all is, 'God is with us!'"

New Year's Greetings

