

NOTES BY THE WAY

Getting Even

We should not take revenge upon a friend or enemy who wrongs us, but recently heard a story that is worth repeating: A widow lady lived frugally along a branch railroad, something like the B. V. R. R. The widow had several children under twelve years of age. By hard work and close economy, they managed to get along comfortably. A small pig was given to them which grew into a hog weighing about 250 pounds. It was left to roam in her fields near the railroad, and frequently crossed the track. One day, the engineer said, "Say, Bill, I have a notion to bump that pig just to have a little fun seeing it run and hearing it squeal." "Better not," said the fireman, "you might kill it, and then the widow would have no meat." One day the hog was on the track, rooting, when the engineer saw a chance to try out his joke. The engine struck the animal, killing it. Of course, the widow demanded money for the loss. It was refused. The next morning the engine stopped suddenly in front of her home. After examining the iron rails, the fireman exclaimed, hogfat, and it was the same twice a day until settlement was made for the damage done.

U. S. Soldiers in Germany.

It may not be generally known that Germany is paying the bill to maintain our army in that country, on the Rhine river, at the average rate of \$2,000,000 monthly. There are now about 50,000 soldiers there and we are bringing them back to their native land (U. S. A.) at the rate of about 1,200 per month. Next May will see only about 7,000 men on guard there unless Germany pays the amount asked for promptly, the debt will soon aggregate a large sum at the rate of two millions per month.

Cutting Wages.

Steel mills take the lead in cutting wages 25 to 30 per cent. Many of the workers refuse the reduced prices and do without work. Textile workers all over the South are being cut down in wages, even \$15 per week. Even carpenters, plasterers, and other mechanics are being curtailed in wages, or laid off, for a season, and then the reduction of wages. In like manner, matters will not assume such serious proportions as at the present time.

Must We Go Back?

In Puritanical days people were punished for offences by having their feet put in stocks, their heads encased in large wooden frames, hanged up by the thumbs, and even holes bored through their tongues with a hot iron. In some parts of the country now, the "Blue Laws" are being enforced in an old-fashioned way—having the offenders put in a cage and driven through the streets with such inscriptions as "For Profanity," "For Fishing on Sunday," "For Cruelty to Animals," "For wife-beating," etc.

The World's Population.

Not often do we find an accurate estimate of the world's population. The 1919 census gives the number as 2,596 millions. The Eastern Hemisphere, including Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, have 1,494 millions, while North and South America totals 1,205 millions. The most densely populated country is Europe, with 1,114 per mile, while Australia is the most sparsely settled, having 2.45 per square mile. Do we realize how great our Heavenly Father is who rules over all this multitude?

Rockefeller Gives \$63,763,357.

Announcement has been made of another large gift by John D. Rockefeller, the sum of \$63,763,357, in memory of his wife, for the assistance of charities and public institutions largely benefitting women and children. No doubt, Rockefeller means well, but why should people pay such large prices for coal oil and gasoline, as it seems, to enable him to give such large gifts, with a string attached—that is, to the honor of Rockefeller himself?

New Public Library.

The new Library, at Fifth avenue, from 40th to 42nd street, occupies the site of the old Croton Reservoir. It was built at a cost of \$3,000,000. It contains over 1,500,000 books, with room for 1,000,000 more.

Out of Work.

Recently we met a man who was laid off at a cigar factory about two weeks ago. He said, "Yes, I am out of work. The factory will open again some time in January, and we will then take what we get in wages, or loaf."

Postal Letter Rate Changes.

An arrangement has recently been entered into by the United States and the nations of South and Central America, also Mexico, and Spain, whereby mail sent into either of these countries will be sent at domestic rates. For example, a two-cent stamp will now carry a letter into those countries, whereas it took a five-cent stamp before these new postal rates were made.

Presidents Who Did Not Smoke

The women are already after Harding, imploring him not to smoke, as Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson, all have clear records in this respect. These women could find plenty of work in Manchester District, of this kind.

76 Years of Telegraphy.

May 24th, 1920, was the 76th anniversary of the sending of the first telegraph message. The invention, Samuel F. B. Morse, sent his first message, "What hath God wrought?" It was flashed between Washington and Baltimore.

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SPENT FORTUNE IN WILD LIVING

"Coal Oil Johnny" Cut Swathe While His Money Lasted And Oil Ran.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—John W. Steele known widely in the East half a century ago as "Coal Oil Johnny," reputed then to have spent a comfortable fortune when oil was discovered on his Pennsylvania land, died of pneumonia yesterday at Fort Crook, Neb., where he was station agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway. He came West 45 years ago, and had been in the Burlington's employ for 37 years. He was 82 years old.

Eight years ago Steele worked as a truckman at Fort Crook, but later became agent for the railroad.

The publicity which the newspapers gave his newly acquired wealth and the manner in which he enjoyed spending it made him an object of interest wherever he went.

When he came West and the days of royalties were over he flatly refused to tell of his experiences and regarded that part of his career as a closed book.

In the estimation of the world, "Coal Oil Johnny" stands as the representative type of the spendthrift and oil region prodigal. Coming into an immense fortune before his judgment had matured and without any one to advise him, he set out to amaze the world, abandoning his wife and child and friends.

This young oil Croesus had more thousands than he knew anything of. When he had finished with the world, Steele went back to work.

Evangelistic Work

The Bible tells us to "Go and spread the Good News." In 1905, the pastors of New York City (including Brooklyn) decided that something must be done for those who never attend. Open air meetings were started and gradually grew in favor, until 1920 is now called the "Banner Year," with 2,947 meetings and a total attendance of more than a half million. Thousands of dollars were freely given for expenses. One church has added nearly 500 new members, and all the churches increased their membership. Let the good work continue.

NEW YORK'S NEW YEAR RECORD

Twenty-five Killed and Many Crimes Committed—Young Girls Seek Death.

New York, Jan. 2.—The joyous season of Christmas and New Year passed leaving in its wake here today scores of suicides, murders and shootings.

More than half a dozen girls still in their teens, unwilling to face a new year of hardships and loneliness have attempted suicide, according to reports at police headquarters. More than 25 killings and shootings were shown in the reports.

The body of an expensively dressed young woman, her throat cut with a razor, was discovered on the Palisades at Englewood Cliff, facing upper Riverside drive. Police said she had been dead for several days. The only clue to her identity was a monogram on a handbag found near the body. The initials were "C. L. H."

While the body lay in the morgue today many men and women came to identify it but Dr. W. G. Ogden, coroner, reported none of them had been able to establish identification. He thought it probable the woman was from New York and had followed the trail of so many young girls who had come from New York to this isolated section of the Palisades to take their lives.

Allice Gray, a young artist, was in Bellevue Hospital today suffering from cyanide of potassium poisoning, alleged by police to have been self-inflicted, and the woman had not regained consciousness today.

Miss Gladys Harrison was suffering from seven stab wounds after having been saved from a burning bed in her home by a policeman, who heard her screams. Although the woman has been unable to tell how the wounds were inflicted and her bed had been set on fire to the bed to conceal his crime.

Conrad Weber and his wife were found dead from asphyxiation in their home. Police were working on the theory that a kitten, which was found dead in the same room, had severed the gas tube with its paws, causing the gas to escape.

Henry Deasy, 50, was killed in a restaurant brawl. Detective John R. O'Neill was charged with the shooting.

Julian Dick, member of the New York Cotton Exchange, was suffering from a wound in his abdomen, inflicted accidentally, police said, by his friend, George Bruce Brooks, a lawyer. The shooting occurred while the two men were examining a pistol in the Dick home. Brooks is the son of Belvedere manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was held on a technical charge.

A New Year's Family Reunion

An annual family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Brown, of Millers, on New Year's day. The family consisted of eight children, of whom seven were present, the absent one being Mrs. Wm. Dandy, of Iowa; twenty three grandchildren, of which 16 were present, and one great-grandchild present. The ones being absent on account of the distance from home. There were also some near friends present. After they had all gathered together and had engaged in a social chat of their experience of the past year, of which some were very interesting, especially the weighing of the family to see which gained the most weight during the past year, they were then invited to the dining room where a table was laden with eatables consisting of tame rabbit, raised by one of the grandsons, poultry, vegetables, fruits, cake, ice-cream and butter, made by Mrs. Lydia Dandy, of Schaller, Iowa, served which consisted of an old time dinner to which ample justice was done by all. After dinner someone suggested that those present weigh again and it was found that of the 42 present the total weight was 55542 pounds, and comparing the former weights it was found that there was a net increase from 2 to 5 pounds per person.

The host and hostess were very much delighted that they could serve such a sumptuous dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lippy and family, of Millers; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herah and family, of Melrose; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and family, of Greenmount; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Brown, at home; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lease and family, of York Road; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Graf and sons, of Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Hanover, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hare, of Millers; Mr. and Mrs. Parker Zepp and son, of Baltimore; Miss Dease McCullough, of Millers; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lippy, of Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Myers and son, of Millers; Master Geo. Harman, of Alessia. At a late hour in the afternoon they left for their various homes wishing each other many more such happy New Year's together.

Refuse to Pay Reward For Firebug's Capture

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 28.—The commissioners of Fayette county who recently offered a reward of \$5000 for the arrest and conviction of the firebugs who have been terrorizing that part of Pennsylvania have declined to pay the money to the persons responsible for the arrest of two men now in jail on the ground that the real firebug has not yet been captured. "We are not fully agreed that we have the right man," said Commissioner Hibbs, today. "Frank Koma, the first man arrested, says he fired the Marlboro school and so does Albert Smith. It looks to us as though both were ready to agree to anything."

Spoils Prisoners' Joy

Towanda, Pa., Dec. 29.—James Williams, a negro, has taken the holiday spirit out of the Bradford county jail and the twenty prisoners, cheered by a fine Christmas dinner and other gifts, are deep in gloom.

Also they are broke. It all happened after Williams had been released after serving a twenty-three day sentence for train riding.

He returned to the jail and joyously announced he had obtained a job and would start work here. He asked his former companions if he could get something for them. They raised \$7.25 every cent in their possession, and directed him to purchase smokes, candy and other articles. He was to bring them later in the evening. They waited, but he did not return. The police have been unable to find him.

Boy Is Whirled to Death

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 28.—Fred Firdana, 16 years old, was whirled to his death in a frightful manner when caught in the breaker jigs of the Port Carbon Coal Company, where he was employed.

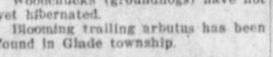
To resist the cold weather Firdana was heavily bundled with clothing, and this proved the cause of his death. His overcoat, which he failed to remove, caught in the machinery and so silently that no one heard his struggles he was drawn into the machinery, and when fully in its power, was whirled around with such tremendous force that he was dead before discovered. Firdana had been working at the breaker only three weeks.

Why Winter Will Be Mild

Kane, Pa., Jan. 2.—The coming winter is going to be mild, according to the weatherwise of this section, which is over 1200 feet above sea level and one of the coldest spots in the State when it is cold. These are the reasons for a mild winter:

Robins are still seen in the trees. Woodcock are still found in the woods. Pollywogs, were found in a small stream in Russell City fully in its power, was whirled around with such tremendous force that he was dead before discovered. Firdana had been working at the breaker only three weeks.

Fishing worms have been seen crawling over the snow-covered sidewalks. Woodchucks (groundhogs) have not yet hibernated. Blooming trailing arbutus has been found in Glade township.



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Cornmeal, lb. 5c	Syrup, qt. 25c
Oatmeal, lb. 7c	Toilet Soap—3 bars 25c
Granulated Sugar, lb. 10c	Laundry Soap—3 bars 25c
XXXX Sugar, 5lb. lots, lb. 14c	Syrup, gal. 90c
XXXX Sugar, lb. 15c	Candies and Nuts for New Year
Corn Meal 15c	Oranges for New Year
Cocoa, lb. 18c	Oysters for New Year
50 lb Lard lb. 19c	Post Toasties, box 12c
Soda Crackers, lb. 20c	Kellogg's Flakes 12c
Pure Lard, lb. 22c	Washington Crisps 10c
Chocolate, 1/2 lb. Cake 25c	Quaker Flakes 16c

GRANULATED SUGAR, Saturday, January 1 and Wednesday, January 5, lb. 9 1/2c. 100-lb. lots \$9.41. Wishing one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Nov 19

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