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1910.

When we look backward we see that the annual turn of the year has never meant for us a change in character, conduct or circumstances. Life, good and bad, and yet through out good, goes its mysterious way unaffected by the calendar and our arbitrary division of time into year beginning and year endings. Nevertheless, with each January first, hopeful mortals that we are, we picture a year all bright, all good, all happy: a year like no other year since the generations of man began.

Let us wish each other a Happy New Year, a new year not of three hundred and sixty-five days, but of three hundred and sixty-five months or even years. Let us hope that America, for America is but "You and me and the rest of us," will begin to live wisely and so well that to be born in this land will be a great boon and privilege. Let us wish for prosperity—for good crops and good business and freedom from fire and drought and famine. Let us wish for health—not only for those who command the services of surgeons and specialties, but for those also who now live in tenements and huts and the dwellings of the poor—not a health which is built up of medicines and tonics, but an open-air, natural health of men leading sane and happy lives. Let us hope for life—for the lives of babies now dying needlessly, for the lives of consumptives and persons stricken in industry. Let us hope for wise politics and wise industrial leadership and wisdom in all our relations. Let us hope for peace—peace with foreign nations, peace among the states, peace among the various classes and sections of America, peace among ourselves and peace with ourselves. Let us hope for justice—not only the legal justice of the blindfold lady with the scales, but a justice tempered with mercy, tolerance and understanding, that cuts deep under judicial outwardness and gives to each man and woman and child all that he or she needs—and should therefore have—a justice which extends to our thoughts as to our actions. And lastly, let us hope for charity—not the doles to the poor, but sympathy and a fair construction and real help for those who fall below our standards, for all who stumble, for defectives and delinquents and dependents, for the people sent to this world half-formed or badly formed, and for those who have been crushed in our struggle for precedence. It would be a happy New Year if "you and I and the rest of us" could walk through the streets and see no distress, no misery, no corruption.

All this will not come in 1910, but all will come. Let us wish therefore, that if the year upon which we are now entering does not bring us Utopia, it will at least bring us an inch or two nearer to the Utopia. In human progress, not the goal, but the direction, counts; not the final attainment, but the constant effort to attain.—From "Success Magazine."

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LEO. MEYER.

Leo Meyer has been assistant secretary of state since statehood and has had the responsibilities of the office almost wholly on his shoulders. Because of his ability and special fitness for the place he has conducted the office in a highly efficient manner, transacting the immense amount of business promptly and economically. It is a matter of gratification that the annual returns from this office in the way of fees aggregate about $77,000 as against about $6,000 the last year of territorial government. The expense of conducting the office the last year of territorial government was approximately $12,000 and since statehood approximately $14,000 a year, notwithstanding there are twice the number of counties and double the routine business in the office, and the fact that the legislature has been in session eight months during the same period, thus greatly increasing the work of the office. Leo is a candidate for the democratic nomination for secretary of state and in view of his record is entitled to the nomination, and the writer honestly believes that the democratic party will reward his ability, loyalty and efficiency by giving it to him. Always courteous, always at his post, possessed of rare ability, scrupulously honest and honorable, Leo Meyer is the most capable and deserving man in the state in any party who will ask for this office, and the writer doesn't have a doubt that he will be the next secretary of state.

We might add that this is a voluntary expression of the opinions of the editor and it is made without Mr. Meyer's knowledge or solicitation.—Marlow Review.

RAFFLES IN DISGUISE OPERA HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT

(Continued from page one)

If you happen to attack the wrong man, it will only be taken as a good joke and treated as such by any gentleman, therefore do not be backward or timid as it is your unquestionable privilege to attack any one you may suspect of being Raffles.

Study my letters carefully and get in close touch with the happenings which will occur from day to day during my tempestuous passage through your city.

The reward must be paid to some one, and the great question of the day is, who will be the lucky one?

Reader it may be you.

Stranger things than this have happened even though you say you have never been lucky in your life. Keep your eyes open and your wits about you and it may add greatly to your bank account.

RAFFLES.

Everybody at the theater had a good look at the Mysterious Mr. Raffles of the Daily Ardmoreite. An advertised Raffles appeared on the stage, bowed gracefully to the audience and delivered a pleasing talk that set at rest all the fine question of his identity.

Flushed with youth and health and with an air of perfect ease, Raffles explained in brief his career elsewhere and what he expected to do here.

Literally Mr. Raffles arrived a day or two ago, metaphorically, Mr. Raffles "arrived" last night. Undisguised and with a wonderfully pleasing personality Raffles stood up before a large audience at the opera house.

His words were simple, yet forceful, and his eyes—eyes that would seem to reveal his identity in any disguise, spoke more than his lips. "I am Raffles, the man of many mysteries, engaged by your leading paper, the Daily Ardmoreite, the paper that is the pride of every Ardmoreite, whether at home or in a strange land, to furnish a short bargain of pleasure and amusement extraordinary." Raffles explained that his strenuous performance of deceiving the public was a mental and physical strain that melted his flesh from his bones and made him look as wan and emaciated as an underfed newspaper reporter. But Raffles was jovial. Good humor sparkled in his eyes as he invited every man, woman and child in Ardmore to search for him. In fact, Raffles extended a cordial invitation to the ladies to get in the chase.

Possibly he would not consider it quite so disagreeably to be captured by one of Ardmore's fair maidens.

Raffles said he would appear at theaters, public places, in business houses and private homes, appear and disappear like a mirage that gleams across a sky that spans a desert desolation, appear and disappear as a wave that floats upon the turbulent bosom of a storm swept sea, passing in and out of places like a wind that blows hither and thither and is gone again. Raffles, dressed no two times alike. Raffles, as he is and as he isn't, Raffles the handsome, Raffles the ugly, a myriad of characters and a multitude of characters embodied in the one man, and the man a man of mystery. Today Raffles the mysterious. Raffles the clever, whose step is as soft as the creep of a Bengal tiger on the greensward of darkest Africa, is walking about on the streets of this city, cheek to jowl, with us all.

"Yea amateur sleuths, where art thou?"

Yes, the great man of elusive frame is among us. People of Ardmore, unite your cleverness and wit and round up this gay deceiver.

It may be that someone will nab him today, or perhaps tomorrow, who can tell.

Fortunes have been won and lost in a day, Rome fell in a night, and like these Raffles may meet his Waterloo.

Some one will salute the man of mystery with these words soon: "You are the Mysterious Mr. Raffles of the Daily Ardmoreite, the cleanest paper in the state and the best advertising medium in the city."

It may be you, why not?

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Hog Or Serial Sausage?

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 30.—"Do you want hog or cereal sausage?" That is the question which will be asked after tomorrow by the men behind the counter in Kansas meat markets.

This distinction is due to the fact that the state board of health recently determined to compel all packers and the butchers who make their own sausage to label it when anything other than meat is put into it. Many butchers and some of the packers use corn meal in some sausages to give an added flavor. Some butchers were found who were not dissatisfied with selling ground corn for sausage but soaked the meal to give weight. Hence all will have to cease using meal or the sausage containing it will have to be labeled "cereal sausage." The sale of sausage containing cereals of any sort is prohibited when the label is not used.

FOR RENT—Room house and bath, closets, pantry, stable, feed room, all improvements. Close in. 201 A Northwest. Call Phone 533. P. Schmahl. 31-3

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Attention, Company G.

Order No. 16. (Dec. 31, 1910) Company G will assemble at the armory at 1 p. m., January 1, 1910. Every man is hereby ordered to report in uniform. Any members violating this order will be brought before court martial. By order of Captain Hutchinson.

The retail stores of the city have agreed to close tomorrow (Saturday.)

Ardmoreite Want Ads are the best.

D. Ward King of Missouri

D. Ward King of Missouri, the great est promoter of good roads living, is coming to Oklahoma in January. The management of the State Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stillwater, has secured him for a series of addresses on the 18th, 19th and 20th of January, in which he will explain his system, which is a method of making good mud roads at a most trifling cost. Mr. King has been before the public with his system for ten years, has presented it in twenty-three states and in Canada and it has been received with enthusiasm everywhere. The Iowa Register and Farmer, Des Moines, says: "The King drag has revolutionized the road making business of the state."

New Southwest of St. Louis, Mo., says: "Missouri has been pretty well converted to the good roads idea as advocated by D. Ward King, whose split log drag has redeemed many miles of road in many counties of the state." A feature of Mr. King's lectures is that he arouses such enthusiasm for good roads and so thoroughly convinces his hearers of the feasibility of his system that they go home and get busy at road improvement—on the roads, not on the street corners or at public meetings.

Invite your neighbor to go with you to hear Mr. King.

FRISCO SCHEDULE CHANGES SUNDAY

CLOSE CONNECTIONS MADE AT HUGO AND MADILL ON MAIN LINE.

Two new trains have been added to the Frisco line and the schedule will be changed next Sunday. The schedule has been so arranged that close connections will be made at both Madill and Hugo. The west bound trains will arrive here at 9:30 a. m.; 12:35 p. m.; 1:25 p. m., and at 8:55 p. m. The east bound trains will leave at 7 a. m.; 11:00 a. m., and at 1:25 p. m.

The Rock Island will make changes in its schedule beginning Sunday week. On this line it is proposed to put on a train that will run direct from Ardmore to Little Rock.

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Escaped Trusty Caught.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Williams returned this morning from Fort Worth with Charley Brown the negro "trusty" who escaped from the jail here Wednesday afternoon. This is the second time that Charley has taken "French leave" from the officers and he will out likely have another chance soon as he is locked up in one of the cells in the rear of the jail this morning.

Petty Thefts.

Two negroes were arrested by the police last night hearged with the theft of a suit case and some clothes belonging to the porter at the Palace Barber Shop. The negroes entered the building from the rear and got away with the goods while the men were at work in the front of the building. One of the parties arrested had formerly worked at the shop and evidently knew what time to go in to make a successful haul.

SEE! SEE! SEE!

Lots of hay by the bale, ton or car load. Write or phone for prices.
PORTER STAPLES,
Phone 19. The Hay King. 31-3

Busy Bees.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Vallye Sutherland Friday afternoon.

WANTED—QUICK—Young man with office experience. Must be sober and a hustler. Apply C. E. Sykes, Gilmer Hotel. 31-3

MRS ESSIE JACKSON WON AGAINST CITY

SIDEWALK TROUBLE ON C ST., SOUTHEAST SETTLED IN DISTRICT COURT.

The city of Ardmore has been involved in the trial of several suits yesterday and today. One very important suit is that of I. R. Best against the city in which the defendant seeks to defeat the ordinance requiring him to build sidewalks. The case has been argued by J. B. Moore for the city and Bledsoe & Little for the defendant.

The defendant claims the sidewalk law is unconstitutional, that the law under which the city is operating was repealed by a subsequent act of the legislature and that the law is confiscatory. Defendant also claims the petition circulated to obtain names of citizens was done by C. E. Fraley for his own special benefit.

A general demurrer and a special demurrer to the petition of the defendant was filed by the city attorney and has been argued before the court but the opinion of the court has not been announced.

Walter Colbert also has a damage suit against the city in which he asks for $8,000 damages, claiming the sewer outlets has reduced the price of his property from $16,000 to $8,000. The city has demurred to the complaint alleging that the injury is not a permanent one and can be abated and that Mr. Colbert cannot ask for damages of depreciation of lands.

Mrs. Essie M. Jackson has also brought suit against the city. She has built walks according to the former survey of the city and says to change them to conform to the present lines would confiscate her property. Evidences was taken in the suit today and arguments of counsel heard. W. B. Johnson represents the plaintiff and J. B. Moore the city.

Judge Russell has ruled in the Essie Jackson case this morning sustaining the injunction which is a victory for Mrs. Jackson. The city will probably take no appeal from the decision.

The demurrer of the city in the Walter Colbert case was sustained. Mr. Colbert cannot plead as damages the permanent damage to property.

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CUSTOMS TRIBUNAL CHANGES TODAY

WILL HEREAFTER BE AS INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT AS ARE FEDERAL COURTS.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Today witnesses the passing of the treasury department's control of the board of United States general appraisers and hereafter the customs tribunal will be as independent of the government as are the federal courts. The change about to be made becomes an accomplished fact as the direct result of amendments incorporated in the administrative section of the Aldrich-Payne tariff bill passed on August 5 last.

Ever since the foundation of the board of appraisers in 1890, the various administrations in the treasury department have been wont to look upon the board as a "bureau" of the department, and as such amenable to directions from the secretary of the treasury, or his subordinates. This conception has from time to time been opposed vigorously by some of the more independent members of the board and by importers as well as by domestic interests. Not only has the secretary of the treasury claimed the right to name the president of the board, but a disposition has existed to lay down rules for the conduct of the tribunal's business, and actually in certain instances to attempt intimidation when cases were to be decided in which the government had a vital interest.

The new tariff, however, changes all this. Not only is the executive of the board to be named by the president of the United States, but the tribunal is given direct authority to make its own rules, not alone for the conduct of routine business, but for the hearing and determination of customs issues as well. In addition to the foregoing additional powers, section 12 of the Payne law confers upon the board all of the powers possessed by the circuit courts of the United states.

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Even a chilly proposition looks inviting in hot weather.