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**Season's Greetings  
to Our Readers  
and Friends**

The Editor extends to all  
his wishes for  
**A Happy  
New Year**

Among his New Year's resolu-  
tions is one to make this  
paper bigger, better and  
brighter and even more  
serviceable to the public  
welfare than before

**No Railroad Commission**

It is declared that "efficiency and economy" are the watch-words of the new Utah state administration that is just being ushered in. Of course no citizen hopes for nothing more, and trusts for nothing less. On such a platform it is safe to say the Governor will not favor a railroad commission. It is doubtful whether such a commission would be efficient, and it is a certainty that it would not be economical. In fact it would be an expensive piece of machinery that would furnish some nice jobs for the pie hunters, for which the people would pay. Now that the federal government is considering federal regulation of railroads, it would appear that a state like Utah that has so little to gain, and so much to lose through tampering with railroad legislation, had better be a little careful.

With eighty-five per cent of the railroad business of the country now inter-state, and most of the remaining 15 per cent done with some equipment and operating service, it is safe to say that the matter of federal regulation is close at hand. And if the railroads are to be regulated, which they are, is it not reasonable to presume that the best and most efficient regulation would be one supreme authority, rather than forty-nine conflicting ones. The legislature can best serve the people by devoting its time to prohibition, lower taxes, and a just equalization of taxes.

**Music Not Merely Entertainment  
It Is Also Medicine**

Music is not merely entertainment; it is medicine. Pythagoras, who lived many hundred years ago, discovered that. Esquiro, the celebrated French alienist, said: "Music acts most powerfully on the physical and moral nature, and I use it constantly in mental disease. It soothes and calms the patient's mind, and, though it may not cure, it is a most precious agent and ought not to be neglected." Gladstone, attacked by his occasional periods of nervous exhaustion, would have his favorite hymns sung to him. Herbert Spencer, when neuralgia laid him low, would lie down and order soft music played, and invariably obtained relief. Who is there that does not like to go home in the evening before dinner, and lie down half an hour and listen to some favorite music.

If in need of relaxation, there are stimulating pieces; if relaxation, there are selections that relax; if sleep, there are songs that carry one over pleasant pastures and lay him down under fragrant apple trees to peaceful slumber. Music is a mental and spiritual massage, or a bracing cold shower bath, according to what you select. Every child should grow up in a home where music is constantly played. Every experience of a happy youth should have some

particular song bound up with it, so that the playing of that song in after life will reawaken that experience and cause it to be lived again.

Do not deny your child the blessed ministry of music. It is one of the rarest gifts of God. Sweeten his soul with it. You can at least teach him to love music in his own home. And he will be in good company. That is the way the prophet Elisha liked music. Of him it is written that, when driven to utter weariness by the perplexities of his business, he would cry: "But now bring me a minstrel." "And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him."

**Why Ride The Railroads?**

The disposition to charge the railroads with everything bad under the sun has become a chronic condition in this country. They are popularly supposed to be responsible for every evil condition except bad weather, and there are some people a little doubtful about that too. It would be impossible to intelligently catalogue the variety of complaints lodged against them for they are countless in number. These are troublesome times at best, but it must require the patience of Job to operate a railroad nowadays. We believe that if we happened to have a common carrier on our hands at present, we would be tempted to let them take the blamed nuisance for the taxes.

The outlook for the much needed railroad developments in this state is not all bright. The roads are prepared to spend the money for the necessary improvements and extensions, provided they are reasonably assured of fair treatment in return. But just now they appear to be the chief object of concern of the incoming legislature. It is a foregone conclusion that the legislators have made up their minds to provide for stringent railroad regulation in some shape or other. This means of course, that everything affected will remain at a standstill until the period of uncertainty has passed.

The proposition to create a railroad commission has never made a strong appeal to the people of this state. It has found some favor of late, however, due particularly to the coal shortage and the consequent jump in prices in the local markets. If this condition is permitted to prejudice the case against the railroads it would be unfortunate indeed. The shortage of cars is not confined to one railroad or one state. It is a matter of nation wide concern, and we have it from high authority that the real fault lies with the shippers and not the railroads. It is claimed that the shippers are using the cars for storage purposes, and that it is cheaper to pay demurrage on the cars than to remove their consignments to the warehouses. One of the great railroad presidents recently made the assertion that if a rule were established, requiring all cars to be unloaded within forty-eight hours after reaching their point of destination, the speedy return of the released cars into active service would enable the railroads of the country to clear away the congestion in four days' time.

If this is the case, then it would appear that we have been shooting in the wrong direction. The matter deserves the immediate attention of the proper authorities. And in the meantime here in Utah, the case against the railroads should be considered simply upon its merits, and all political and other prejudices should be set aside.—Goodwin's Weekly.

The legislature will soon be in session, and the usual grist of bills will be in the mill, many with merit and many without merit. It is remarkable how many freak bills can get a hearing and pass committees and be favorably reported, and still more remarkable how many freak measures can be passed. But Utah is growing and learning, and the experienced legislator is awake to the fact that many bills and many committee reports are prompted by honest and conscientious motives, while at the same time our asylums are filled with men who are prompted by honest and conscientious convictions. The ambitious lawmaker, and the enthusiastic committee are sometimes possessed of hallucinations and dreams that make them well nigh mad. We know the boys from Cache are wise, which is a good reason to believe they will be careful.

"The bubble looked at me and said,  
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**Drainage Project  
Attracts Nation  
Wide Attention**

**Drainage Engineers Pronounce Local  
Project One of most Complete in  
Entire Country. Work has been  
Practically Completed.**

The Logan Land and Drainage company, is ninety per cent done in its work of draining Richland Acres, according to the management. All of the main drains are completed, about 175,000 feet of tiles are in, pump houses are finished ready for installing the machinery, the Utah Power & Light company is about ready to connect in their lines for running the machinery, and much of the irrigation improvements are in a position to be rapidly installed and completed. Steel head gates, turn outs and other irrigation devices have been made by E. W. Lundahl & Sons. In short, one month of dry ground will enable all the work to be finished. No completer irrigation project can be found than that on Richland Acres. It has attracted a great deal

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of attention in this valley, but almost an equal interest has been displayed in engineering and drainage centers of the country.

Some of the features of engineering that have been attempted successfully are the reasons for this interest, and the further success is going to be followed with an even greater interest because of its bearing upon future drainage in the west. One of the machines employed on the work has also added a great deal of interest in the project. That is the Baer machine, made by a Utah man. It cut on an average of 1600 feet per day of eight hours when the weather allows operating at all. No other machine in the country has done such remarkable work and so consistently. It has attracted men from all over the country because of its great performance.

The system of tile drainage as installed in Richland Acres is working in splendid fashion. Large streams of water are draining off the land from the four units of construction. Although all the work is not finished the drainage is going on in those units that are finished regardless of the state of the others. This is the special value of the four unit system. The country is not drained by one large outlet but by four, each distinctly separate from the others. It is this feature that commends the project so favorably to drainage engineers.

"What is drainage doing down there?" is a frequent question asked the management by farmers interested in the undertaking. First, it is taking off the surplus water and lowering the water table. Few farmers realize the value of a low water table in the soil. It means an increased area for plants in which to find food; it allows roots to strike down into the soil farther; it keeps the ground warmer because of the absence of standing water that fills the pores of the soil; it allows the air to enter the soil; it draws off injurious salts in the upper portions of the soil, and distributes those salts elsewhere. Second, drainage is removing waste irrigation water, a cause for many of the ills of farming in irrigated sections. Thirdly, it is making the district sanitary in that it removes swamps and marshes and draws off heavy rains. Fourthly, it is making the cost of farming much less, because the ground will be drier earlier in the Spring which will allow the farmer to get under way with his work. This dryness will make the roads and fields easier to cross and easier to handle in every way. What drainage is doing could be answered by pointing out what has been done in hundreds of places throughout the United States, and that would take too long a time. This much is certain, that a very great proportion

of the irrigated section of the west will be tile drained in time, and the cost of such work will be many times repaid in the increase in quantity and quality of the crops raised.

A very prominent sugar magnate of this state said to the management the other day, "I have been told by a number of men who have studied your project carefully that you have the best land project in the whole west. If what they tell me regarding it is true, I agree with them." Undoubtedly this is true because the project lies in Cache Valley which is the best place in all the land. That fact in itself makes the assertion true, but the facts regarding the project itself emphasize the correctness of their judgment. The list of advantages to be found in Richland Acres reads like a farmer's Christmas wish rather than an actuality. Electric lights, heat and power; telephones, schools, tile drains, splendid flowing wells, irrigation water that costs 12c an acre; meadows that make ideal pastures; hay land that produces wonderful crops; beet land within a mile or so of the factory; dairy land within an equal distance of a condensed milk factory; soil of great depth and fertility; and Logan, the best city in Northern Utah and Southern Idaho, only three miles away, where the Utah Agricultural College can be reached for the young boys and girls who seek higher education. In short, Richland Acres offers all the advantages of splendid farming land near a large and growing city, and a number of the most important advantages of a city.

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