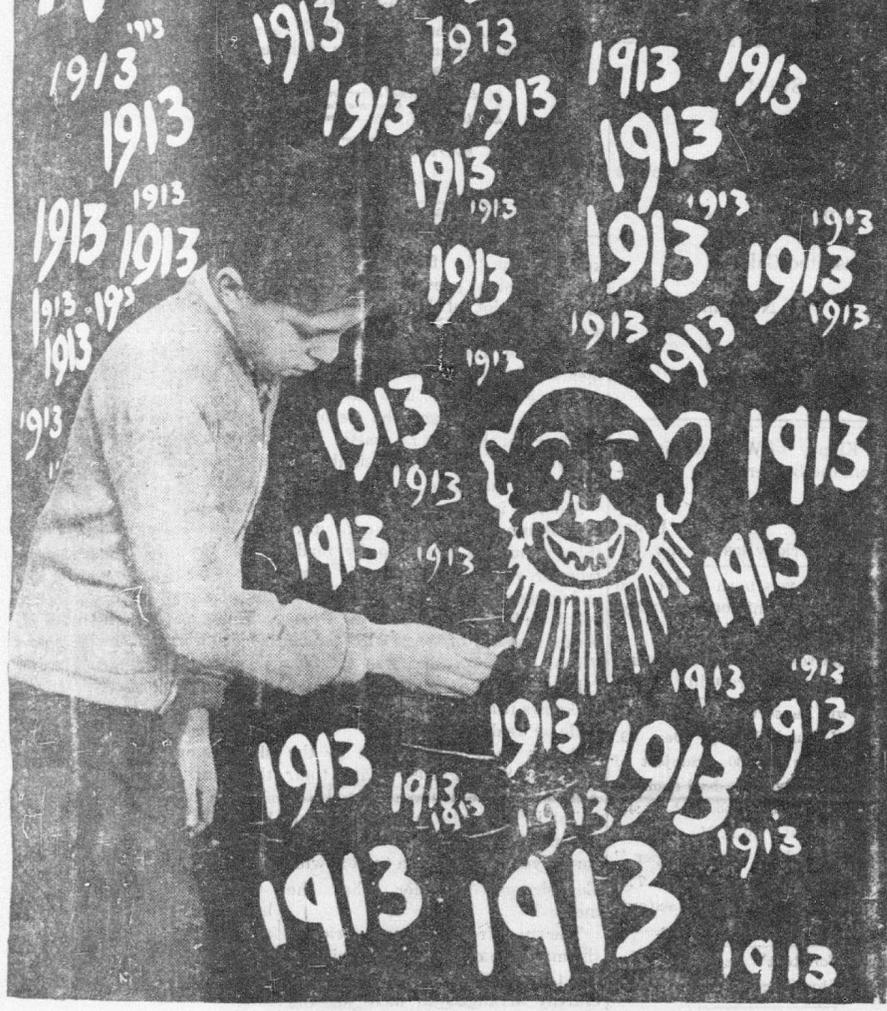


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Proposed Work In Glacier National Park

The Department of the Interior proposes to spend \$188,600 on the Glacier National Park during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, if the amount requested by the Secretary of the Interior is appropriated by Congress. This is an increase of \$113,600 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The most important work planned is as follows:

General improvement of roads, trails, bridges, and telephone lines and construction of an adequate administration building, in which to transact all the local business relating to the park. The principal construction work proposed is stage road from the old town of St. Mary past the west shore of Lower St. Mary Lake to Swiftcurrent River and thence along that stream to Lake McDermott. By this road visitors can easily reach Swiftcurrent Pass, Grinnell Lake, and Iceberg Lake.

Iceberg Lake lies at the foot of towering cliffs, and the precipices above the lake are among the most imposing in the park. All through the summer great blocks of ice break from the glacier that rises 1,000 feet above the lake and go crashing into the water. At the upper end of the Grinnell Lake the water from Grinnell Glacier falls over the cliffs with a deafening noise, and the views from the lower end of the lake are beautiful and inspiring.

For the development and care of the national parks the Secretary of the Interior has asked Congress to appropriate the sum of \$733,014, an increase of \$504,464 over the appropriation of the current fiscal year. The national parks constitute ideal recreation grounds for thousands of people, but their development and use are seriously retarded by the lack of adequate roads and trails, and until sufficient money is appropriated for beginning a comprehensive plan of development the parks will fall short of rendering the important public use for which they are intended. It is the intention of the Department to make the principal places of interest in the parks more accessible, to render traveling more comfortable by sprinkling the roads throughout the dry season, and to guard the health of the traveler by the installation of proper water supply and sewerage systems. The responsibility for the future conduct of the national parks must rest with Congress, but the Department feels that the financial needs of these reservations should be clearly presented to Congress in the annual estimates. A comprehensive list of books and magazine articles on the national parks has recently been issued by the Department of the Interior and may be obtained on application.

Theory Advanced By Petrified Wood

Saint Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Some very interesting conjectures are opened up in regard to the formation of the Western Hemisphere by a piece of petrified or silicified wood recently picked up near the right of way of the Northern Pacific Railway in Yakima Canyon, Cascade Mountains, Washington. The piece of petrified wood which is an unusually good sample of this interesting phenomenon, was taken from a stump some five feet in diameter and ten feet high, which is surrounded by lava for a height of about three feet. This stump is not more than one hundred feet above the present level of the Yakima River at an elevation above sea level of approximately 1250 feet. As no large

TARIFF WILL COME FIRST

Wilson Confers with Clark as to the Cabinet.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 25.—Congress probably will be called into extraordinary session by President Woodrow Wilson shortly after his inauguration, perhaps on March 15, and the particular legislation that will come before it will be tariff revision.

After two hours' conference with Speaker Clark, the president-elect today said he would endeavor to meet the wishes of democratic leaders in congress who he was informed, were anxious that the interval between the two sessions of congress be as brief as possible.

While, the speaker said, the time of the present congress would be consumed with appropriation bills, leaving the bulk of the democratic platform pledges to the new congress, he concurred with Mr. Wilson that the tariff should be the foremost subject to come before the special session.

In urging an early meeting of congress, the speaker told Mr. Wilson, he believed members of congress ought not to be kept waiting too long between sessions. The president-elect did not disclose what names he and

Mr. Clark discussed for the cabinet. He said at the outset, however, that the speaker did not come primed with suggestions, but rather hesitated to express himself on the cabinet until asked, "because he considered that a sort of family relation existed between the president and his cabinet."

"I asked the speaker for his opinion as to seven names," said Mr. Wilson, "and the names he did mention he went over in a very judicial spirit. He has had so much experience I knew he could tell me some things about the public men that other wise I should not be able to get, chiefly as to their experience."

Both the president-elect and the speaker said Mr. Bryan's name had not been mentioned in the conference.

When the newspaper men approached the speaker he declined to give out any information as to his talk with the governor. They pressed him, however, as to whether Mr. Bryan had been discussed.

"No," answered the speaker, "I'll give you that much information. He was not."

Harry Potter has moved his household effects to his claim over the "divide."

Frank Ferguson has again begun to rig up his threshing machine after a short vacation.

Mrs. John Duff left for Nebraska last week to reside permanently. Mr. Duff will follow as soon as he makes final proof on his homestead.

Miss Olive Pullen has left for an extended visit with her parents in Michigan.

The good weather still continues, which gives the farmers plenty of time to get ready for cold weather.

Mrs. Colby has built an addition to her house. We wonder why?

Olson & Son have moved into their new storeroom which will give them more room to take care of their rapidly increasing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Olof Anderson were Terry visitors the first of the week. The lumber is now on the ground for a second school-house in District number 44.

Mrs. Heide and Mrs. Andy Miller were in Glendive this week. "Montana."

Vote "Yes"

Hear that yell
And the bell
To send the firemen facing hell;
The alarm
Sends him warm
From his bed through cold and storm.
And the fire,
Mounting higher,
Is of the fireman's funeral pyre;
Or a fall
Of a wall,
For the fireman ends it all.
Ends the life
And the strife,
With a thousand dangers rife;
Makes an end
Of your friend,
Fighting grimly to the end.
Hit or miss
Think of this,
Crown the fireman's dream of bliss;
While alive
Let him thrive
Through all,
And vote for Glendive's
New fire hall.

—By a Fireman.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

VIATORS should resolve to quit falling out in winter. Frozen ground is hard. Skaters should resolve to keep away from air holes and thin ice, not only because the water is cold, but it musses up the skating pond. This also applies to politicians.

Porch climbers and yeggmen should resolve to wipe their feet and wear gloves. Leaving tracks and finger prints is a bad habit.

Those on the water wagon should resolve to stay on at least two full days—no double entendre intended on the word "full." This "off again, on again" habit is apt to stretch the conscience.

Those not on the water wagon should resolve to learn the song of "Stick, Brothers, Stick," before climbing aboard.

Those making dates should resolve to quit using the general delivery at the postoffice. Uncle Sam is taking up the role of a stern parent and may ask questions.

Grocers' boys should resolve to quit kissing the hired girls. The delivery boys are apt to take too much time from their social pleasures and to wear them away before they are through.

Telephone girls should resolve to quit saying "Line is busy" and "They don't answer." It may grow into a habit.

Old maids should resolve to forget it in 1913. By continuing to write it 1912 they can think it is still leap year.

All other persons should resolve to stop writing it 1912. It spoils stationery—and tempers.

Women with abundant hair should resolve to quit boasting that it "falls to the floor" when let down. People may think it false.

Stenographers should resolve to stop using paint. It is sometimes embarrassing for an employer to take a complexion home on his coat.

Trust magnates should resolve to quit leaving their letter files where the editor may get hold of them. It is liable to overtax the explanation facilities of their politician friends.

Baldheads in the front row at the chorus should resolve to quit studying anatomy. That is a proper subject only for surgeons.

Shopgirls should resolve to quit talking about their best young men while waiting on customers. The customers may become so interested that they will forget to make purchases.

Floorwalkers should resolve not to take too lofty and patronizing a tone with mere men customers. Men who have to shop feel small enough anyway.

Everybody should resolve to quit telling his troubles to other people. They may not only have troubles of their own but may forget to keep the secret.

The average citizen should resolve to quit talking politics. Election is over.

WHY JAN. 1 STARTS YEAR.

That Date Fixed by King Numa of Rome 700 Years Before Christ.

Legend ascribes the fixing of Jan. 1 as New Year's to King Numa Pompilius, who is supposed to have reigned in Rome 715-672 B. C. He it was who is believed to have founded the temple of Janus and many other Roman institutions. The reason given for Jan. 1 is connected with Janus Bifrons, the two faced god, the idea being that at that time the year looked both forward and backward. According to our calendar Jan. 1 is ten days too late for this interesting two faced observance, but what is a matter of ten days more or less to a legend more than 2,500 years old?

Numa was a most interesting king, according to traditions, noted alike for his wisdom and piety. He succeeded Romulus, gave the Romans their ceremonial law and, with the help of the sacred nymph Egeria, rounded the religious institutions of the people. He reigned for thirty-nine years, and this period was a golden age of peace and prosperity. He stands out in Roman legends as little less than an avatar. So the date of Jan. 1 as New Year's comes from ancient and honorable parentage.

Practical Course For Teachers.

Those who desire to teach spring schools or to complete the 8th grade work at this time, have one more good chance, for the Montana Wesleyan University at Helena, encouraged by the success of its Summer School for Teachers and those who attended it, has decided to offer another Teachers' Review Course that will commence January 3rd and last right up to the time of the February examination. No attempt will be made by Professor C. W. Tenney, who will have direct charge of this work to make it psychological, pedagogical or even methodical in the technical sense, but the subject matter of the new text books will be thoroughly reviewed so that those who take advantage of this course will not only be prepared to take the examination but will be able to handle the subjects in a practical way in the actual work of the school room.