The Twentieth Century.

The twentieth century began January 1st, 1901, and will end with 2000. People did not begin to reckon time from A. D. 1., but waited until about the 550th year of the Christian era. People who begin to take the great health restorative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, immediately after the first outbreak of dyspepsia, malaria, rheumatism, constipation, nervousness or kidney trouble will date their cure immediately from then.

The Boston Boy's Ranch.

A western cattle ranch, belonging to the children of some Boston people, has been named by them "Focus," because it is where the sons raise meat.—Boston Transcript.

No Advantage.

He (boldly)—Do you think two can live as cheaply as one?

She (blushing)—Yes; I do.

"Let's not become one, then."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Lively Wake.

"I hear there was doings at McGhooligh-nn's wake."

"Doings? There wor so manny foine fights, me boy, thot th' wake was raypoorted in the sportin' column."—Indianapolis Press.

"I can understand how badly that French editor felt when he was shot." "Naturally. Any editor would have a special dislike to an article, and that article a leaded one, going in in spite of him."—Philadelphia Times.

How a man swaggers in and orders goods on credit, but when the bill is presented he nearly always intimates that he is being robbed. The meanness of people crops out most surely in money matters.—Atchison Globe.

Not in the Bargain.—"You can't seem to keep a hired girl, Mrs. Baxter." "Yes, I can; but when it comes to half keeping two or three policemen along with her, I won't."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A small degree of wit, accompanied by good sense, is less tiresome in the long run than a great amount of wit without it.—La Rochefoucald.

There is a marked difference between music and some piano playing.—Puck.

Romance seldom outlives good digestion.—Indianapolis News.

Got in Standing.

Miss Coy—Do you really think a girl can find out who her husband will be by consulting a fortune teller?

Miss Wise—Perhaps not, but I found out who my husband wouldn't be by that method, not long ago.

"Really? What fortune teller did you consult?"

"Bradstreet."—Philadelphia Press.

Then He Swore Off.

He (producing cigarette case)—Do you object to cigarettes?

She—Not at all. I don't blame the cigarettes—I only object to people who smoke them.—Chicago Daily News.

One Good Thing.

"There is one good thing about this classical music," remarked Mr. Meddergrass. "You can start or stop anywhere you want to without spoiling the sense of the piece."—Baltimore American.

You know how you hate some people, without any particular reason. Well, some people hate you in the same way.—Atchison Globe.

STATISTICS OF FAILURES.

A Favorable Showing for the Initial Quarter Year of the Twentieth Century.

New York, April 6.—Dun's Commercial Review says:

Commercial failures in the first quarter of 1901 were 3,335 in number and $31,703,486 in amount of defaulted liabilities, of which 716 were in manufacturing for $12,504,222, and 2,468 in trading for $14,552,906, with 157 others, not properly included in either class, that owed $4,646,358. Banking defaults numbered 21, with liabilities of $3,441,389.

While exceeding the same three months of last year in number, failures were much smaller in amount; commercial and financial insolvencies together showing a decrease of $21,532,180. Only two years of the last 20 made a better showing either in aggregate or average indebtedness to each failure, while the proportion of $26.74 to each firm in business, and $1.09 to each $1,000 of solvent payments through clearinghouses are records that were surpassed but once in two decades.

For the month of March total liabilities were much smaller than in the corresponding month of any year since monthly statements were first published. These figures indicate most undeniably that the new century has opened with business on no uncertain foundation.

REFUSES TO VACATE BENCH.

Suspended Pending Impeachment Trial, Takes His Seat and Holds it All Day.

Omaha, Neb., April 6.—Samuel I. Gordon, who was last night suspended as police judge, pending an impeachment trial by the city council, yesterday attempted take his seat as usual at the morning session, and, with his son, was finally removed forcibly by the police. Justice Crawford, who was appointed to succeed Gordon, opened court at nine o'clock, and adjourned it for the day a few minutes later out of respect to the death of the late Judge Learn.

Gordon and his son came into the court room a little later and the ex-judge attempted to hold a session of the court. The court officer refused to produce the prisoners or call cases on the docket. Gordon sat on the bench the remainder of the day, however, and when the desk sergeant informed him at six o'clock it was time to lock up he refused to leave the room unless removed by force. This three policemen did after a struggle with father and son.

Another scene is anticipated when the court convenes to-day, Gordon stating last night that he would insist on holding court as usual in the morning.

A BIG DEMAND FOR MEN.

All Idle Sheet Steel Mills to Start Up—Trust Can Not Meet the Demand.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 6.—The American Sheet Steel Co. has issued orders to put in operation four sheet mills and two steel bar mills at the Falcon plant, Niles, O., which have been idle for about a year. The demand for sheet steel has become so large recently that the trust can not meet it, and this is the cause of the new activity displayed. The plants that had been partly abandoned will also be started up as soon as they can be got ready, among them the old Saltsburg factory, the works at Scottdale, the plant at Piqua, O., and another at Hyde Park, this state. Sheet workers are said to be scarce, and with these additional plants in operation there will be a big demand for men.

CROWDED WITH IMMIGRANTS.

The Steamship Rhein Brings Over a Record-Breaking Passenger List.

New York, April 6.—The steamship Rhein, which arrived here yesterday from Bremen, broke the record as a passenger carrier. Besides her crew, which numbered over four hundred, she had 2,502 passengers. Of the latter but 53 came in the cabin. The 2,449 steerage passengers were landed at Ellis island, and although the officials there were busy with a thousand passengers brought here by other ships, those from the Rhein were passed before the immigrant depot closed for the day.

The highest number of passengers of the third class which had previously arrived at this port on a single steamship was 2,200.

Russell Harrison is Satisfied.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 6.—It was reported from New York, yesterday, that Russell B. Harrison intended to contest the will of his father with a view of obtaining his portion of the estate direct. Howard Cale, who is Mr. Harrison's attorney, said yesterday afternoon that the report was unfounded. Mr. Harrison, he says, is entirely satisfied.

Drunken Indian Witnesses.

Omaha, Neb., April 6.—Fourteen Indians, including several squaws, who came to Omaha to testify in the federal court against white men who are charged with selling them liquor, appeared in the court room yesterday morning in a state of intoxication that created considerable excitement. They were removed from the court room and at once began a dance in the corridors of the federal building. Several of them were arrested and locked up, and the rest were removed by force.