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Goodby, Old 1910, But You've Been a Mighty Good Fellow

Standing upon the threshold of a new year—a year of hope, promise and expectancy—we may well picture in words the fruits of the passing "Old Year."

The grower, from his garden, field and ranges, has filled our storehouses with grain, fruits and meats.

That he has not labored in vain is self-evident in the millions of homes where the proverbial wolf does not haunt the door.

Undoubtedly, in some homes, relatively few, want and hunger still cast a pall of sorrow.

These, we believe, have during these 12 months become less and less in number and in intensity of suffering.

From the bowels of the earth we have gained a vast fortune of minerals.

From our forests we have hauled vast quantities of lumber that we might be the better housed.

From countless numbers of machines we have millions of dollars of manufactures.

These are but a scant portion of the material fruits plucked from the tree of 1910.

That they have not been shared fairly by all is of course unjust, but we have taken steps forward, and 1910 has been the greatest advancement toward equal privilege ever witnessed upon this globe.

And now, as we sip the last few drops of the glass which typifies a year of life, we drain not the dregs, the bitterness of a last swallow, for there is none—not for the most of us.

A new leaf of life we will at coming midnight turn, but we need not necessarily blot out the old.

Blot the year 1910 from memory, from history, and you leave a frightful chasm o'er which mankind could not leap.

Gladness and sunshine, happiness and smiles have been the allotment of most of us, and we feel thankful and happy for it, while still remembering the sorrow, anguish and misery of some of us.

Old Year, we see you not as an old, feeble, incapacitated useless never-do-well. Rather do we look upon you in the prime of your strength, doing deeds of valor, accomplishing things of manifest good to all feeding and clothing, educating and ennobling the whole human family.

Greater and better things do we expect of your hopeful successor. To record them we do this night start afresh upon another leaf.

God grant that from the voiceless silence of the buried past you may watch the handwriting upon the new page of time and note a multitude of smiles, an ocean of love, and an unmeasurable quantity of happiness meted out to all of us and more especially to the least of us, to the poorest of the poor, and to the sinfulest of all us sinners.

Farewell, Old Year. Welcome, New Year.

Wasting the Nation's Income

Another college president, Nicholas Murray Butler, has arisen to tell us what's the matter. He says: "The notion that we can live on our capital has got to stop. We have to remember that we have to live on our income."

Who's living on their capital? The laborers who do the work? No; THEY HAVEN'T ANY CAPITAL.

Who's wasting the income of mines, forests, water power, railroads, trusts, public utilities and the rest of the big revenue producers?

Not the laborers—THEY DON'T GET THE INCOME. Their average wage is less than \$500 per year. And if they waste it, they can say to President Butler: "PLEASE EXCUSE US FOR LIVING."

Perhaps if the people had the income there would not be so much need of exhausting the capital of the country—its natural resources and the health and happiness of its people.

PENCIL POINTS

AVIATOR BROOKINS is making some "amazing spiral dips" up above Los Angeles. Makes everybody's hair stand on end. And he may color the hair gray, some of these days, by making an amazing straight drop.

HON. JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S nomination as the next "white man's hope" is Mr. Con O'Kelly. Mr. O'Kelly began prize-fighting as soon as his parents had got him named. Having had some experience in naming boys, we think it may indeed even have taken a prize-fighter to name this particular "hope."

CONSTANTINOPLE dumped 20,000 of her stray dogs on an island in the sea of Marmora, and a foreign syndicate thinks there's money in that doggerly. Boll your pate-du-fol-gras!

TETRAZZINI singing in the streets of Frisco so that the thousands of poor could hear her divine voice! What nobler use of a great gift than to brighten the lives of those who cannot buy brightness!

LOS ANGELES man arrested for bigamy says it's due to "brain storms." That dear Lucky Baldwin must have suffered from regular old brain cyclones.

DO your New Year's drinking early!

TAFT'S to have "a cabinet" meeting of newspaper men every Tuesday afternoon. Let's see! Didn't William go into that job swearing he wouldn't read the newspapers?

WHEW! those Seattle Star editors go to jail for acts "tending to embarrass the administration of justice." If that idea prevails, there isn't going to be anybody at large to send anybody to jail.

CHARLESTON, N. C., man took an old pair of eagle's wings and an umbrella and aviated from a 400-foot cliff. He holds the record for 400 feet low altitude.

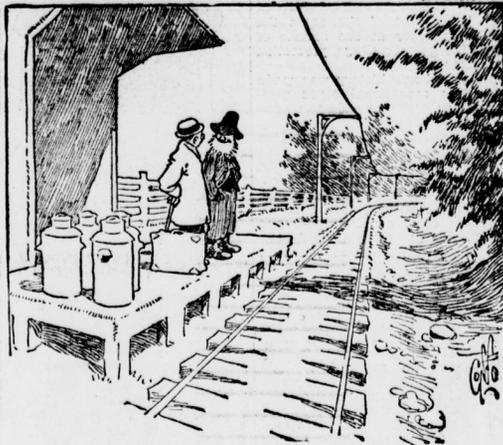


KEYSTONE LIVERY

W1502-4 Second Ave. Phone M. 5511.

SPECIAL SALE—60 head all size horses and mares, 10 wagons, 15 buggies, 10 sets heavy harness, several light harness. Every horse thoroughly tried and guaranteed. Don't listen to hot air. Come and be convinced.

A NATURAL PHENOMENON



"What do you think of a dozen ducklings hatched out on my farm yet they don't swim?" "That is very funny. How do you account for it?" "Lack of any water to swim in."

HIGH FINANCE AT AGED 7

Spokane has at least one little girl who has in her midget mind her makings of a financier. And she also believes in the maxim that Mr. and Mrs. Common People should get the best of the corporations whenever they can.

Incidentally she is something of a schemer, even if she is only 7 years of age.

Yesterday she was down town with her daddy, and when it came time to go home he was unable to return with her. So he loaded her onto a car which passed right by the house, and sent her home alone.

"Now, papa," said she to daddy, when he handed her a nickel for car fare, just before the car came, "don't you tell the conductor where I get off."

"Why, dear?" he asked, thinking she wanted to play "grown-up" and tell the man herself.

"Because," explained the little mite, "if you tell him where to let me off, he'll know that I'm all alone, and he'll make me pay my fare. But if you don't tell him, I'll get a seat alongside some man or woman, and he'll think I belong to them, and maybe I can save my nickel."

"STATE UTILITIES COMMISSION."

In order to be better able to cope with the question of the control of public utilities in general, a movement has started at Olympia to convert the state railway commission into a utilities commission. Such a commission would have the power, it is held, to control the price of gas, telephones, water or other privately owned public utilities.

HELPS SCHOOL FUNDS.

Louis Anderson, a gun carrier, was made to contribute to the school funds through a fine in the police court. Anderson was drinking and threatened to cause trouble.

Enroll Next Monday at



\$30 for Full Course. 01907 Wash. Maxwell 1701



Going to Entertain New Years?

A Victor or Edison Talking Machine would be just the thing. It will supply all the music your friends love best—and everyone loves music.

Look all around you and you will find the best and most cultured homes owning Talking Machines; even the music room of our national capitol at Washington has a beautiful Victrola.

We have an instrument for every purse—\$13.00, \$21.10, \$28.00, \$38.10, etc., buys complete outfits, machine and records. Pay \$1.00 a week.

Come to Talking Machine headquarters and compare the two best makes side by side before deciding which to buy.



Location During Erection of New Building, 415-420 Sprague Avenue, Between Stevens and Washington.

REMARKABLE FAMILY REUNION TO BE HELD IN SPOKANE TOMORROW—CURIOUS FAMILY MEET AGAIN

Famous Hunchback and His Three Little Ones Are Today on Their Way to This City and All Will Be Here in Time for Tomorrow's Reunion—Press Staff Photographer Will Take a Picture of This Unique Family Meeting.

One of the most remarkable families the world has ever known will be in Spokane tomorrow. It is truly a wonderful family, one the like of which few living beings have ever seen.

Probably not in the whole city is there a man or woman who has seen the famous hunchback of history and his three little ones together at the same time.

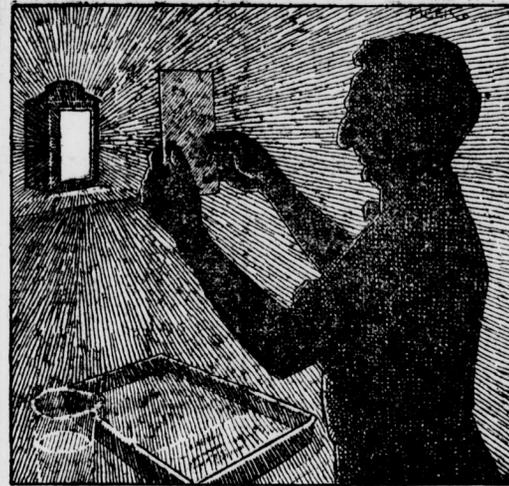
That curious family, which dates its genealogy back through centuries, has been united but twice, but these reunions were so long ago that it is hardly probable that anybody in this city recalls them today.

Science maintains that all things age, that every living thing withers away into nothingness; it also asserts that the father must necessarily be older than his child; that it is impossible for three children born at widely different years to be triplets.

Be that as it may. We do not intend to start an argument with learned scientists.

But we do know that arithmetic says there's an exception to every rule. Maybe the hunchback and his three little ones are the exception to the rule discovered by the scientists.

We don't say that they are, and we don't say that they are not. We merely say that while this globe



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE PRESS PREPARING PLATES TO TAKE PICTURE OF REMARKABLE FAMILY REUNION.

has been blessed with many historical characters, both good and bad, none can ever achieve the fame nor the deeds of this hunchback, not to say anything about his dear little ones.

To begin with, they are unique. The hunchback has often moved about throughout the country, escaping with but little or no attention. Probably that was because we are a busy people, maybe it is because he has never sought the limelight of publicity.

His three little ones are also very notable personages, but like some strange collection of freaks, are much inclined toward seclusion, and for that reason have been permitted to come and go with scarcely more than a word of comment. They are as much alike as are triplets; it takes a very discerning eye to tell one from the other, despite the fact that their

ages are widely different. And in the meantime The Press has its staff photographer busily engaged in preparations for taking the picture of the famous visitors. In the picture above he can be seen getting the plate in ship-shape. In Monday's Press the only authentic picture of the hunchback and his little ones will appear.

LOCK OF DICKEN'S HAIR

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Fifty-one dollars was the price fetched by some interesting relics of Dickens sold at Sotheby's. They comprised a lock of his hair, a prayer book (Oxford, 1861), with inscription "Mr. Brunt, from Mr. Dickens 1st August 1870"; a large pocket knife, and a small portrait of the novelist, with an autograph letter, dated December 24, 1869, from Charles Dickens, written in the third person, engaging George Brunt as his gardener and two other letters.

FREIGHT HOUSES CLOSE.

All freight houses will be closed Monday and freight will neither be received or delivered.



Claude (at the stage door)—How is the show this week, Cholly? Cholly—I don't know, Claude. I can't afford to go inside—it takes all my pocket money, doncha know, to entertain the soubrets.

J. H. Summers

General Mason and Cement Worker. Repair work a specialty. 3167 1/2 Monroe St. Room 3.

TWO TRAINS TO PORTLAND VIA O-W. R. & N. 6 P. M. AND 9 P. M.

The Spokane Press, delivered, 25c a month.

A Happy New Year!

A LITTLE later we will tell you perhaps of plans for 1911 which we have matured—plans which will keep this store in the forefront of Spokane's good favor for another year, as it has been for the past and especially during the Christmas season just closed.

But we wish just now to express our appreciation of your patronage. It gives us courage to add every possible improvement in our store methods, and still further to increase the size and diversity of our stocks.

During 1911 you will find us a better store than ever. You have made it possible for us to make it so. We thank you and we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Monday Is the New Year's Holiday and the Store Will Not Be Open

We Will Remain Open Tonight Until 9:30 o'Clock

That hour will close the very remarkable pre-inventory sale which we are holding this week. All the bargains published in last night's papers will remain in force.

THE WONDER

319-321-323 Riverside Ave 320-322-324 Sprague Ave

Hurry In to Wentworth's Bargain Annex TONIGHT

78c for men's regular \$1.00 fleece lined horse hide and tan buck gloves.

54c for men's 75c pure outing flannel nightrobes, cut extra long and full through the body.

20 Per Cent Discount

on all men's and young men's corduroy pants.

95c a Suit for men's warm cotton fleece lined \$1.50 underwear.

\$1.10 for men's regular \$1.50 gray and brown woolen sweater coats.

\$1.85 Suit for men's genuine \$2.50 lambsdown underwear.

\$9.35 for choice of a good line of winter suits worth \$16.50 and \$18 each.

Wentworth's Clothing House Entrance 709 Riverside Avenue

Please patronize John E. Lyon, low price plumber, 75c cents per hour. Phone Main 5997. 615 Third avenue.

Announcement January 3rd we will occupy the entire banking floor of our own home—the arble Bank Building—with increased facilities in every department. Union Trust Company Of Spokane The Marble Bank Building Capital \$500,000.

Business Men Need A sound bank with which to deposit their funds and securities. A bank from which they can obtain money upon approved collateral or indorsements. This bank being under the control of the federal government affords absolute security for all deposits. It offers every accommodation compatible with sound banking principles. It has correspondents in all parts of the country so that it can transact promptly and accurately the business of individuals, firms, corporations and banks. Interest paid on Time and Savings deposits. Exchange National Bank SPOKANE, WASH. Capital \$1,000,000 Surplus 250,000

Spend Too Much for Christmas? Of course you did. Everybody did. You spend too much not only Christmas, but every day in the year, unless you have a system of saving. The only way to keep from spending too much is to decide how much you are able to save and then put it aside first, spending what is left. Four per cent interest from Jan. 1 on all deposits made before Jan. 10. 20 Years Under Same Management. Spokane & Eastern Trust Company Howard and Sprague J. P. M. Richards, President. R. L. Rutter, Secretary.