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A happy and glad New Year to you, one and all.

ANOTHER year is almost gone. What has it done for you my friend? What have you done for it? Are you better are worse for having lived another year? How about those around you, are they better or worse for the influence you have exerted over them?

A seat on the New York stock exchange recently sold for $88,000. This too, looks like frenzied finance. —Atlanta Constitution.

WELL that may be, but it strikes us that the fellow who paid the price was frenzied or he might have been very tired o' standin'.

The Bible—Best Book Of Journalism.

The third of the series of lectures on Journalism at Missouri University was delivered to-day by William E. Curtis, the noted correspondent of the Chicaga-Record Herald, on the "Confessions of an Old Reporter." The address, however, was only partially reminiscent. Mr. Curtis pronounced the Bible the best text book of Journalism.

"From a newspaper point of view," he said, "the Bible cotains more good stuff than any other book ever written.' The works of Dickens come next, and closely following, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress."

Exaggeration, he declared, the most deplorable tendency in newspaper writing. "Don't soar," he said, "don't use superlatives. Cultivate the simplest style; use one syllable words and short sentences Remember always that it is better to miss one hundred 'scoops" than to betray confidence once."

J. A. Graham of the St. Louis Republic will speak January 19, on "A professional View of Journalism," and Melville E Stone, Manager of the Associated Press, January 26, on "Newspaper Work."

FRED KELSEY.

PRODUCTIVENESS OF MISSOURI SOILS.

(WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL LETTER.)

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 23, 1905

The productiveness of the soil of any state is shown by the average crop yields for a series of years, rather than by the total output of the state. That the soil in Missouri is more productive than most of the other great crop growing states is clearly demonstrated by the official reports of the United States Department of Agriculture, which shows the average production of corn in Missouri during the last four years has been greater than that of any other of the great corn growing states except Illinois. The United States report gives Missouri credit for producing during the last four years 130.4 bushels per acre, or an average yield of 32.8 bushels. For the same four years 1902 to 1905, inclusive, the average yield of corn in Iowa, one of the greatest corn states in the union, is only 31.8 or one bushel less than an average yield for Missouri. In Nebraska another great corn state during the same period the aveage yield was only 30.9 bushels pe acre or nearly 2 bushels less than Missouri. In Kansas another border state the average yield was only 26 bushels or 6.8 bushels less than our own farmers produced.

While this official statement shows that Missouri soil and farmers are equal if not superior to those of other states it also shows that the limit of production of corn and other crops has not yet been reached in Missouri. Many farmers have made an average yield during the four years mentioned of from 40 to 80 bushels per acre, and there is no reason why the average yield for the entire state of Missouri should not be increased to at least 40 bushels per acre, if our farmers will apply well established, scientific methods in selecting seed and in cultivation, and the use of proper fertilizers, GEO. B. ELLIS.

Secretary Board of Agriculture.

Sheriff a Voluntary Prisoner.

Sheriff Watkins surrendered his office, keys and person yesterday to Coroner Dr. G. S. Cannon, who served a paper sworn out by Prosecuting Attorney Kelly charging drunkenness while on official duty. Altho a number of his friends offered to sign his bond, Mr. Watkins refused to fill bond for $200 to appear at court, and announced his determination of remaining in jail until April, when Circuit Court met, so nothing could be done to let him have his way. He has persistently refused to fill bond ever since, tho importuned to do so time and again.

Cannon is acting sheriff in the meantime, as the law directs, but he says he is not stuck on the job.

It is likely that Mr. Watkins will resign soon, as there is no doubt that the business of the office is in a bad way. And yet, Joe is not the worst man in the county. On the contrary, he has many admirable traits, and is a better man than some who are hounding him. We are sorry for him and count him our friend. He has been a true friend to us and to many others, but John Barleycorn has him down, and some of his friends give him a kick in passing. Joe Watkins, before whiskey bereft him of home, property and friends, was a man anyone could be glad to shake hands with. What he is anyone who uses whiskey may and, in all probability, will become. We have hopes of a better Joe Watkins, who will come of this purified—a man once more. Who will help to save a friend?—Benton Record.

The New Idea Woman's Magazine for January has as frontispiece a drawing showing a circle of friends seeing the old year out in the Scotch way—with hands clasped they sing "Auld Lang Syne," as the hands of the clock point to midnight. "The Apostheosis of Philippines" is a brightly humorous dog story by Margaret Wagenhals; "A Debt of Gratitude" by Cecil Deene shows how a young girl does not like to be wooed; and "McAlpin Brothers" by Anne O'Hagan is the love story of two old men. The articles in the number are as follows, their titles giving a clue to their contents "Garments for Elderly Women," "A Vexed Question: Carpeting a House on a Small Allowance:" "The Season's Evening Wraps;" "Simple Deserts;" "Pot Making at Home," "The First American Hymn Book;" "An Island of Holland;" "The Use of Vanity in Business;" "Social Portraits: III Dolly Madison and Washington Society in the First Quarter of the Last Century;" "Making and Finishing Sleeves;" "Cake-Making Simplified: II. Mixing the Ingredients;" "German Christmas Cakes;" "Entertaining Children in Winter;" "Violets as Money Makers." The children's pages and the book notes are both fully illustrated and as interesting as usual.

Some claim that it is a man's privilege to drink too much the same as it is to eat too much We heard a man, yes a man, say that a few days ago. Well, we would like to ask that man if it is his privilege to drink until his family has to want for the necessary things of life, and would also like to ask him how many men he ever saw hung for killing their fellowman, because the murderer had filled up to full on pork and beans. Did he ever in all his life see a man bring disgrace upon himself and family by eating to much? Did he ever see a family in rags and suffering from the vigors of winter because the father and husband had filled himself on something good to eat? How many people my friend did you ever see in the poor-house on account of too generous living?—Sikeston Enterprise.

Water As a Beautifier.

While women run after each thing in the way of face creams and complexion beautifiers, a very simple aid to good digestion, and hence to a clear, pretty skin, goes unappreciated and unused right at their hand. It is simply water, of which very few women drink one-quarter as much as they should do in the course of a day. To do its work properly the liquid should be taken between meals, and at least three pints—six ordinary glasses—a day should be the average of an adult. A woman whose skin is the envy of others and who is believed by many to resort to all sorts of "beauty" devices, attributes it entirely to the plentiful use of water, both internally and externally She drinks a full glass at a time almost every hour. Hot water, if taken a cupfull on rising and another on going to bed, will reduce the weight of a stout person Cold water, unless taken with meals, will not increase flesh, but has a tendency to harden and make it firmer.—Exchange.

Not Fitted for Office

As the time for jovial candidate to to be "feelin' around" is near at hand the country press is beginning to publish little squibs of him. We carve this one from an exchange, this week, says the Dunklin Democrat.

"'Squire Jim Williams was in our sanctum, yesterday, and left us $3 to pay for his announcement as a candidate for county clerk. We are here for business and will publish any candidate's announcement that will dig up the necessary cash, but we want it distinctly understood that the $3 doesen't buy our influence and support at the primaries. The 'squire is a fair to middling sort of a man, but the truth is that he is no more fitted for a county clerk than the peewee is fitted for a bass singer. Jim couldn't keep a set of books to save his life, and if the people were to elect him county clerk, he wouldn't know whether he was on foot or on horseback. As a matter of fact he does not stand a ghost of a show to get the nomination and whatever money he puts up is just that much thrown away."

Mr Bryan Abroad.

William J. Bryan sailed from San Francisco September 27. Mr. Bryan will make a voyage around the world. In the course of his journey he will visit Hawaii, China, the Philippine Islands; India, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Spain Switzerland, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Holland and the British Isles.

In each of these countries Mr. Bryan will write for his paper, The Commoner one or more letters describing his observations. It is needless to say that Mr. Bryan's letters will be interesting to men and women, regardless of political prejudice. Those desiring to avail themselves of the opportunity to read these letters should lose no time in subscribing for The Commoner.

Attention is invited to an announcement, relating to these letters printed in another column of this issue. We are able to offer special inducements to any one who desires to read Mr. Bryan's articles.

The Hick's Almanac for 1906.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' almanac will not be published for 1906, but his monthly journal, "Word and Works," has been changed into a large and costly magazine, and it will contain his storm and weather forecasts and other astronomical features complete. The November number, now ready, contains the forecasts from January to June, 1906. The January, number, ready December 20th, will contain the forecasts from July to December, 1906. The price of this splendid Magazine is one dollar a year. See it and you will have it. The November and January numbers containing the Rev. Irl R. Hicks forecasts for the whole year, and more complete than ever, can be had by sending at once 25 cents to Word and Works Publishing Company, 2201 Locust street, St. Louis.

Obituary.

Mrs. Catherine Bollinger was born January 8, 1829, and departed this life December 15 1905, aged 76 years, 11 months and 7 days.

Mrs. Bollinger was one of a large family of the early settlers of this country, of which but one brother, Thomas Cook, of near Frederick town, and two sisters are living

She was married to Geo. F. Limbaugh in 1849 Thirty years later, or in 1879, Mr. Limbaugh died leaving her a childless widow. Two years later she became the second wife of John Bollinger. This union lasted about seven years when death again made her a widow

Altho childless, she was kind and true to unfortunate orphans, and several such children found her house a home, and in her a mother's heart.

She had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church South about 41 years.

The last four years she made her home with her friends Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharrock at Patton, where she died.

Her remains were interred in the Limbaugh graveyard about four miles south of Sedgewickville.

She leaves one brother, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure, but our loss is her eternal gain.

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Southeast News.

Kennett had a $15,000 fire last week.

Jackson Cash-Book.

Fred Hartle sold eight hundred dollars worth of lots at Perryville in one week for the Schumer Springs company.

New Madrid Record.

It is only a question of a short time when the Electric Railroad will be built from New Madrid to Cape Girardeau via. Sikeston, Oran and Chaffee. This opinion is based upon the fact that whenever there is needed improvement in Southeast Missouri which will pay a handsome dividend on the investment, the capitalists take it up and put it thru.

New Madrid Record.

Rev. J. J. Furlong is one of the best known men in Missouri, and was on the committees which entertained Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt and their official families when they visited our state. He is a personal friend of Postmaster General Cortelyou and Secretary Loeb, and on his recent visit to New York he was invited by his friends to stop over at Washington a few days. He did so and was most kindly received by his many friends, leading senators and representatives. He had a private audience with the president thru Secretary Loeb; was dined by Senator Stone in the senatorial dining-room and entertained at the residence of his old schoolmate, Congressman Hunt.

Greenville Journal.

W. L. Mathews and W. S. Glass returned Saturday from an extended trip over the proposed new line of railroad. They went thru to Chester, Ill., making a casual investigation along the proposed route. In conversation with Mr. Glass, he said, "In addition to the railroad survey that a feasible route is along the old military road thru to Chester, but before anything definite as to the location of the road could be said, the matter would be subject to a closer examination." From the present indications it appears that there will be something doing in the way of railroading soon. A line from Williamsville thru to Chester, Ill., would put us in touch with the east and would prove to be of great benefit to the whole country, in the way of commerce. Again, it would be a much shorter route to St. Louis and all eastern points. We think that railroads have been one of the great civilization agents of the world and we should urge the construction of same. We have the natural resources, minerals, timber, stock and everything and it seems to us that it would pay a road well thru the proposed territory.

SURE REMEDY.

Complete repose, the doctor said,
Would put him at his best;
And so he ceased to advertise
And got the needed rest.

—Woman's Home Companion for January.

"Poor b'y," exclaimed O'Hara, condoling with Cassidy, who had been injured by a blast: "'tis tough luck teh have yer hand blowed off." "Och! Faith, it might 'ave been worse," replied Cassidy; "suppose Oi'd had me week's wages in it at the toime."—Journal of Agriculture.

Our Correspondents.

Turkey Ridge.

Health is good in this vicinity, with the exception of bad colds.

We had a fine Christmas.

Mr. Thacker is busy hauling wood these days.

Rev. J. H. Yount is working our road.

The Masters boys are getting out a lot of wood this week.

Mrs. Geo. Ledbetter visited here Sunday.

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J. M. Winchester has employment with Geo. E. Conrad. A. B. C.

Patton.

After quite an absence, I will try to send in a few items.

We are having some rainy weather after the pretty days of the first of the week.

The holidays are with us once more and the young folks are enjoying themselves in the usual manner—fireworks etc.

Hannah Green, who has been sick some time, is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Green were the guests of Benjamin Green and family recently.

George Marshall, who has been at Cape Girardeau, returned home last week.

Wilson Knowles has purchased C. N. Dennis's restaurant, and is up to date in the business.

A little girl baby was recently born to Mr and Mrs. Geo. Bollinger. George is all out of fix.

Jefferson Garland is busy hauling bolts. PATTON IKE.

Bessville.

How did you celebrate Christmas?

We have been having fine weather but quite a number of our people have been unable to enjoy it on account of bad colds.

Mrs. F. M. Watts has been suffering from rheumatism.

J. M. Sitzes has been running the J. Q. D. Whitener & Son sawmill several days during the past few weeks.

Avery Bess and family of Flat River are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Hugh Sitzes, who is teaching on Shetley's creek, is at home for the holidays.

Born—To Esq. and Mrs. Huffman one day last week, a fine boy baby.

Jeff Spain, Jr., and Mr. Trip spent Christmas in our town.

Rev. Mauk filled his regular appointment at Union church Sunday.

Minta Hale, Ionia Rhodes, Lula Welker, Harley Venable, Harley Hale, Omer Rhodes, Cassell Welker and Harmon Smith were awarded books last Sunday for being the most regular attendants at Sunday school the past year.

BESSVILLE.

Lodge.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to you, Mr. Editor.

Health is very good in this locality.

H. B. Miller and Alfred Hawn went to Fredericktown Sunday and will spend Christmas with relatives there.

A. J. Bess and family of Desloge are visiting Mrs. Bess's father, 'Squire M. B Minter and other relatives here and at Bessville.

Noah Myers has moved into his new residence.

Robert Moyers has his new house about completed.

J. J. Phillips, after an absence of more than twenty years, is visiting relatives in old Kentucky.

Clay Minter is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Mr. Poley Yount and Miss Alzada Miller were married at the home of the bride's parents on December 25, Rev. W. A. Davault officiating. May joy and happiness attend this worthy young couple.

Harry Sample of Dongola is spending Xmas with his old associates here.

J. H. Chostner is getting along nicely with his school. It seems that he will be boss wherever he teaches.

Peter Nelson, who has employment in St. Louis, is visiting home folks here.

Success to THE PRESS.

OBSERVER.

Loyd.

After quite a long absence, I will try to give you a few items of news from this locality.

William Gruner and Miss Amanda Trentham were married last Sunday at the home of the bride

"Uncle" Thomas and "Aunt" Jane Hawn spent Christmas with their son, J. D. Hawn, at Patton.

Our merchant, W. A. Yount, is doing a good business.

Miss Norma Whitener, who is teaching near Keehn's store, spent Christmas with home folks here.

Miss Effie and Esley Shrum, Misses Maude and Blanch Wallis and Charley Wallis are spending the holidays with relatives at Mine la Motte.

E. Hawn, I understand now owns one-fourth interest in the Patton mill.

Miss Clara Walker is teaching again.

J. H. Hawn of near Glen Allen spent Monday night with his father,

J. L. Wallis had business at Marquand Monday.

John Pulliam of Marble Hill is visiting friends in this community.

John Brenson and wife returned to Lutesville Christmas.

Good wishes to THE PRESS and its many readers and a happy New Year to all. LOYDITE.

Scopus.

As the correspondent at this place hasn't been doing much at it lately, I will try to furnish a few items.

Health is good and all our people seem to be enjoying life.

Elder H. H. George filled his appointment at Cole's chapel the third Sunday in December and preached three good sermons.

"Grandma" Dewhitt, who has been sick some time is slowly improving.

Browns have moved their sawmill home from S. E. Dewhitt's last week, after supplying the wants of that neighborhood in lumber, and will saw and grind for their customers at home the rest of the winter.

Saturday was a busy day at Scopus, as Santa Claus was laying in his goods for the little ones. But John Barleycorn was also present. When will Christmas come without his presence?

Well, Scopus is without a doctor again. We hope some thin, pale, sickly docter will come to Scopus, as it is so healthy around here that that a doctor don't enjoy it.

Jeff Limbaugh is building an addition to his house.

Henry Tallent is erecting himself a house; so you see our people are making improvements and Scopus is growing.

Asa Stevens visited in Cape county last week.

S. E. Dewhitt contemplates building an ice-house and filling it this winter, but if the goose-bone man is right he will not fill it with ice.

"Uncle Bill" Welker has been plowing a lot of ground this winter He says he won't swap until he gets done plowing, and then he will be ready for "biz."

Mrs. M. F. Chostner is visiting her daughter in Arkansas.

Now I will close, wishing the editor and all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. BIG CHIEF.

Buchanan.

Hello! Merry Christmas to THE PRESS, its editor and many readers.

All are very well with the exception of colds.

Jacob Like has just rallied from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mike Barnhart, who has been in St. Louis some time, has returned home.

C. K. Wagoner was visiting in this vicinity Sunday.

The good people of Buchanan had a Christmas tree in the hall Sunday night, which was enjoyed by a large congregation.

Misses Hattie and Ida Kinder are spending Christmas at home.

Frank Kinker, accompanied by Messrs. Collins and Bernard, came up from Cape Girardeau last week and are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. Kinder's parents.

Miss Cleveland Kinder is also at home again.

Messrs. Chas. Cooper, Jesse Newell and several others of the Flatwoods attended the Christmas tree Sunday night.

Grover Myers, who was thrown from his horse a few days ago, is able to be out again.

Dame Rumor has it that we are to have a wedding in this vicinity in the near future.

Miss Metta Estes went to Marble Hill Friday, where she will spend Christmas with home folks.

A sad accident happened here last Thursday morning. John Cruse was instantly killed in the bolt-woods near Buchanan. He had just helped saw down a tree, which balanced upon a large limb; Mr. Cruse supposing there was no danger, stooped over to pick up his ax, when the limb broke the butt end of the tree falling on and killing him instantly. He was well known in the Flatwoods, but he had been here only a short time. He had many friends who were suddenly bowed in sorrow on learning of his unfortunate death. The bereaved relatives and friends have the sympathies of the entire community.

F. C. Loyd, our clever blacksmith says he has homesteaded 160 acres of land in Stone county, Ark. and will move there in the near future.

Quite a number of our young men talk of attending W. M. College after the holidays.

Wm. Hill, our timber boss, has been puny for several days.

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