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BACKWARD AND FORWARD.

The old year was not arrayed in a mantle of immaculate snow as he slipped out down the valley of oblivion last night.

He had many farewells on his reluctant lips. Farewell, he said, to the wife in the weeds of widowhood;

And then the bells in the towers and the voices of the people cried in chorus to the conquered fighter in field of Time, farewell!

And as the last faint semblance of this misty shape vanished behind the veil and down the valley of the past, there arose from the red rim of the east a jubilant young champion out of the coral caves of the sea.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky. The flying clouds, the frosty night; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells and let him die!

The BAZOO returns thanks to its many friends who have kindly wished it a happy and prosperous New Year, through the mail and in person and it will strive hard to merit their good will.

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Rheumatism. Neuralgia. N. Ogden, Mich., May 17, 1890. Hagerstown, Md., April 21, 1890.

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MISSOURI NOTES.

A Liberty man killed and dressed a big hog, single-handed and before breakfast the other day.

Liberty Advance: Now that the State University has a head, we hope to see it go right ahead.

A charity ball at Moberly netted \$100. That much is less than is required to clothe one society woman for a fashionable ball.

There has not been a serious fire in Jefferson City for many years, and yet it is always spoken of as being a very dry sort of a place.

The church members of Vandalia have had a meeting and have "whereas" and resolved to stop the illicit sale of liquor in that town.

The Paris Mercury says that the price of Sunday drinks at Hannibal has been raised from \$5 to \$10, and then adds: "The McKinley bill, you know."

A Trenton corporation claims to have raised 35 million dollars for the purpose of buying the Cherokee strip, which is not for sale to private parties.

The Carrollton Record was destroyed on Tuesday of this week by fire. The proprietor and the community in which the Record circulates are both losers by this misfortune.

Mexico has a Keely club. Its leading object is to reform those who have become drunkards by sending them to Dr. Keely of Dwight, Ill., for treatment. Dr. Keely has effected many wonderful cures of inebriates.

Lieutenant S. A. Smoke of Fort Leavenworth and Miss Susie Trimble of Columbia were married on Thursday at the home of the bride. The happy pair met each other for the first time at Excelsior Springs last summer. They will live at Fort Leavenworth.

Chariton Courier: For the benefit of his lady friends we wish to state that James H. Fuller, who was married to Miss Emma Tucker at the Chariton house in this city on Monday of last week, was not Keytesville's J. H. Fuller, familiarly known as "Chicke Jim" or "Eggs."

A Century Old. Marshall, Mo., Dec. 30.—"Uncle Baldwin," living six miles north of this city, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth yesterday. There were between 100 and 200 guests in attendance during the day from the vicinity and adjoining states, among whom were his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. The centenarian was born in Logan county, Virginia, December 29, 1790. At the age of twenty-one he moved from Kentucky to this state, and assisted in defending St. Charles against the attacks of Indians.

His First Dress Suit. New York, Dec. 30.—The first dress suit Andrew Carr, formerly a driver, latterly a beggar, ever wore covered him last night as he lay in a fine casket. Carr was a native of Ireland and was supposed to be very poor. However, he left bank books containing deposits aggregating \$1700, to the lady who had for two years rented him a dingy room for 80 cents a week, a rent which he seldom paid. The landlady bought the dress suit and the casket. Carr was 80 years old.

Drowned in a Well. Salem, Mo., Dec. 30.—This morning at about eight o'clock, Mrs. G. W. Cox, living fifteen miles west of Salem, committed suicide by throwing herself into a well eighty-five feet deep. Her husband was in this city when the news reached him. It is said Mrs. Cox has been unbalanced mentally for quite a while, and has repeatedly made threats of destroying herself. As proof of her insanity, a few days ago she tried to kill her husband with a gun, but fortunately for him the gun was not loaded.

A Mute's Voice Restored. Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 31.—A remarkable case of recovery of speech has occurred in this city. About a year ago Miss Julia Morris, of this city, was struck dumb with the horror of witnessing the killing of her brother. Since then she has been unable to utter a word until yesterday, when her speech returned to her as suddenly as it left. She is now able to converse freely.

MAY APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Gov. Steele Says Oklahoma Settlers are in a Destitute Condition.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Gov. G. W. Steele of Oklahoma, now in this city, says there is great destitution among the people in his territory. He says there are hundreds of farmers who are very near the point of destitution, and will certainly reach it unless further measures of relief are devised. The trouble began with the "boomer" days. The boomers squatted on the edge of the territory and indulged in occasional forages across the border while waiting for the President's proclamation. In this way their means were dissipated, and when the proclamation came they rushed in in a destitute condition. Add to this that last season's crops were bad and the present results are inevitable. Money is scarce; there is no work for those who are willing, and, unfortunately, there is a large floating population which is chronically indolent to work. Gov. Steele says he may go on to Washington with a view to asking congress to take action in the matter.

THE NEGRO GHOST DANCES.

The Weird Orgies Carried on by the Colored People of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—A newspaper correspondent visited the section of this city known as Bellevue Hollow last night and by the aid of a negro friend secured admittance to where the so-called ghost dance was in progress. It was presided over by Reuben Carter, who proclaims himself as the forerunner of the black Messiah. The dance was one of the most grotesque scenes ever witnessed in this part of the country and was nothing more nor less than the "voodoo" dance of the negroes of Georgia and Louisiana, only the orgies were not so horrible.

Carter was most fantastically arrayed and led the mad dance with an energy which was surprising. He was stripped stark naked with the exception of a cloth which was fastened around his waist and hung down to his knees in the form of a skirt. His body was oiled till it shone in the light of the candles which were stuck around the room. Around his neck and down his back were a lot of rattlesnake skins. On his breast hung a "voodoo" charm string, composed of bones, shells and odds and ends of all sorts. In his left hand he carried a rabbit's foot, while in his right, he held a willow wand, at one end of which was tied a bunch of rooster's feathers, which he whirled about as he danced.

The prophet went from one end of the room to the other, while the followers of the new craze sat around on their haunches watching the mad gyrations closely. As he passed along the line he would touch one after another with his wand and those so designated would follow him in the dance. This was continued until fifteen men and women were on the floor dancing, presenting a weird scene. As the dance proceeded, those assembled kept up a monotonous song full of negro melody, with a humming interlude, the refrain being the word "come," which some of the singers repeated constantly.

Fester and fester became the dance until suddenly Carter came to a full stop in the middle of the floor with both arms extended forward and upward. His eyes became fixed and assumed a glassy appearance and he slowly sank to the floor and after a few convulsive tremors lay perfectly quiet, while the devotees waited with painful silence for the next manifestation. Slowly, like one asleep, the prophet rose to a kneeling position and with his eyes still fixed began to talk. His voice was changed and seemed to come with the action of his lips. Gradually it rose from a whisper until the full volume filled the room with a sonorous sound.

His words were those of a camp-meeting exhorter, and his talk continued for many minutes, during which his hearers interspersed the harangue with groans and cries. By degrees his voice grew weaker and gradually it ceased. He again sank to the floor, where he lay for a moment, and then he started wildly to his feet and gazed around the room in a dazed manner. He was led to the corner of the room where he was placed on a couch and given nourishment by some of his followers. As he lay there he told of the glories which had been revealed to him while in his trance. He told them that all who believed would be led to a land of perpetual summer. They would all have what their hearts desired. They would be shown miracles and signs and wonders which would convince them that their leader was the true Messiah. Oklahoma was

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