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NINETEEN TWELVE.

What is described in most parts of the country as a record holiday trade has crowned a year which has had few equals and fewer superiors in nearly every line of human endeavor.

The above quotation is from a review of business conditions by Bradstreet's mercantile agency, an authority that is conversant with the situation in all parts of the country.

In this general distribution of business and industrial activities Montana received a generous share. It is the testimony of merchants, farmers, stockmen and Montana citizens engaged in other pursuits, that the past twelve months formed a year that has had few equals and fewer superiors.

Not only in the things actually accomplished, but also in preparation for larger enterprises that will be completed in the future, will nineteen twelve be recorded as a memorable year in Montana history.

What of the new year? That will be written twelve months hence, and the Montana citizens who participated in the activities of the past year will doubtless make as good a record in 1913 and may possibly surpass it as a season of profitable achievement.

BEEF SUGAR INDUSTRY.

There is no occasion for the department of agriculture to appeal to American farmers to raise more sugar beets, on the ground that it would be economy for the nation to produce all the sugar it consumes.

A sufficient tonnage of beets is grown in the vicinity of each factory for its use, with a few isolated instances, and the fact that two million short tons were imported is due to lack of cheap land transportation rather than to any disinclination upon the part of farmers to devote their land to beet growing.

What the sugar beet business does need, however, in order that it shall assume the important place the industry merits, is a permanent and satisfactory settlement of the tariff question.

There is good profit in the beet sugar business for manufacturer, grower and the community at large if conditions are permitted to remain as they are; there is prospect of financial ruin for the entire industry if it is forced into unfair competition with cane growers sought by eastern refiners and democratic tariff tinkerers.

All the news in the River Press.

Best New Year Resolutions.

It seems to us the best New Year resolution should be something that men and women feel as a kind of creed; not a rule to be slavishly followed; but a guide, something from which we may depart when we are in the grip of circumstances, but to which we may always return.

It must be the kind of resolution that we all can keep, in greater or less degree; for it must do real work, and the measure of it must be this work. It must be so simple that a child can understand it; so significant that the philosopher respects it; so real that all of us can feel it.

"I will try to be kind." "I will try to find good in others." "I will carry sunshine with me, especially into the dark places."

Perhaps it would be better to leave out the word 'try' because the mere suggestion of 'attempting' leaves a sort of loophole for not 'doing.' On the other hand, any one of those resolves involves a pretty big contract for most of us to live up to.

The nation can well afford a salary for its ex-presidents, provided it does not forbid them the natural active life of a dignified private citizen.

Want No Endowed Figureheads

No ex-president since the civil war has been forced to any undignified activities or any pecuniary embarrassment, with the exception of General Grant, whose fortune was swept away by the Grant & Ward failure.

The recent increase in the president's salary allows a fair margin for savings. Perhaps with the present scale of living and the demands on prominent men that margin is not enough.

The cost of typhoid. Springfield Republican. It is hard to state human lives in terms of dollars and cents, but prob-

ably Dr. McLaughlin did not exaggerate in telling the Associated Life Insurance presidents in New York that typhoid is costing the United States \$100,000,000 a year. Incidentally, it kills 25,000 people, or as many as a considerable war, and to life insurance men that is not a merely sentimental argument.

That the greater part of this loss is avoidable appears from the fact that in 50 of large cities the death rate per 100,000 from typhoid is 25, while in 50 of the principal cities of northern Europe it is but 64.

The defendants were cited for the publication of the message of Theodore Roosevelt to the people of Idaho relating to the decision of the supreme court barring the progressive candidates for presidential election from the Idaho ballot, together with editorial criticism of that decision.

COW-BOYS AND INDIANS CREATE FUROR IN CHICAGO

BILL PRUITT THE COW-BOY CARUSO FROM HELENA STARTLES THE MUSICAL ARISTOCRATS OF THE EAST WITH THE WONDERFUL BEAUTY AND STRENGTH OF HIS VOICE. BLACKFEET INDIANS HOB-NOB WITH MARY GARDEN AND OTHER GRAND OPERA START. THE CHICAGO PRESS CLUB, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES THE BRIGHTEST MEN IN THE NEWSPAPER WORLD ENTERTAIN THE MONTANA AGGREGATION



THE ROUNDUP LUNCHEON GIVEN TO NEWSPAPER MEN, COWBOYS AND INDIANS IN THE LOUISIANA HOTEL, SHERMAN, MONT.



CHICAGO PRESS CLUB ENTERTAIN THE GLACIER PARK INDIANS & MONTANA COWBOY BAND



COWBOYS & INDIANS IN CHICAGO GRAND OPERA STARS HOBNOB TOGETHER; STAR INDICATES BILL PRUITT, THE MONTANA COWBOY CARUSO, WHO WILL JOIN THE CHICAGO GRAND OPERA COMPANY

Bill Pruitt, The Cow-Boy Caruso, The Montana Cow-Boy Band, sponsored by Jas. Shoemaker of Helena and a band of seven Blackfeet Indians, held the public eye in Chicago during the past two weeks through the exclusion of many world celebrities who happened to be in the "Windy City" at the same time.

At night they were given the boards at the American Music Hall and showed Primrose and Dockstader minstrels, how to give a real wild west show. The Indians put on native dances which startled the shut-ins of the Windy City.

The Indians and Cow-Boys at luncheon in their palatial club rooms and showered every attention upon the visitors from Montana. The Indians have been giving exhibitions of their native songs and dances to crowded houses at the U. S. Land Show, Chicago, every day since the show opened.

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