

that will tax all their wisdom, all their love of liberty and love of justice and all their commiseration for those less fortunate than themselves. If a people are to be great and a blessing to the world, it must be through their own exertions. The government may remove obstacles from their path, but that is all.

It was said of old: "To be a Roman citizen is greater than to be a king." The citizenship of a country is all that can make and keep it great, hence the best resolve that can be made on New Year's day is to be a better citizen this year than in any previous year. If our people go out from their homes today with that thought in mind, their "Happy New Year" greeting will have a new significance, and if they cling to that thought through the year, it will be found when the New Year shall have run its course that the Great Republic has made a distinct advance as the year has unwound its solemn cycles.

The Toll The Years Exact

IN the ranks of Salt Lake men many vacancies were made last year. As the roll is called this New Year's morning a great many will not answer. Some were very strong and true men; for years their were familiar faces on these streets, prominent factors in the city's business, and in the social life of the city.

It seems but yesterday when they were alert and confident and eager to conquer their part of the world's fields; since their cheery voices were as inspirations to their neighbors, when their voices rang out joyously the Christmas and New Year greetings. Now the voices are stilled and it is as was written three thousand years ago:

"Like leaves on trees, the race of man is found,
Now green in youth, now withered on the ground;
Another race the following spring supplies,
They fall successive and successive rise."

Going To Pieces

CHINA gives every symptom of being about ready to break into pieces under the blows of a new revolution. We may be certain that Japan will help the disintegration all she can. The time is most opportune for her. Were Europe at peace the big absorbants there would be even now figuring upon the share they each would take of the wreck. If Japan does not maneuver to have the dictation of the future of her big neighbor she will be untrue to her entire record during the past fifteen years. She has Korea and as good as has Manchuria now. She will doubtless give Russia Mongolia; indeed that much, we take it, is already agreed upon with Russia, but Japan wants the rest, and we suspect that before peace is once more established in Europe she will have obtained such concessions from China, as will make her the virtual dictator there. At least she will have full control of the China trade, and such control of Chinese resources and industries that China will be but a subject state under Japanese dictation.

China today supplies a startling object lesson of what can come to a nation when she neglects for a long time to fit herself for defense against rapacious outside enemies. She is not only unprepared to defend herself, but the patriotism of the people is so benumbed that they look upon the probable disgrace in store for them without shame.

A Reminder

THE giving of Carranza permission to move his soldiers across certain portions of our southern border line is a reminder of an incident in our Civil war. When Commodore Wilkes in the "San Jacinto" rounded up the "Trent" and took from her Mason and Slidell were on their way as ministers of the southern confederacy to England and France, respectively, and brought his prisoners into port, our government promptly dis-

claimed the act of the commodore, expressed its regrets over the act and offered to deliver the two ministers at any point the British government might designate. Lord John Russell received the dispatch early one morning, read it, put it in his pocket, then went into parliament and delivered a furious speech against the United States government, declaring that unless ample reparation should at once be made, Great Britain would teach this country that her ships must not be interfered with and wound up by stating that additional forces would at once be sent to Canada.

He made the speech to further prejudice the people of England against our country. In as much as he at that moment had in his pocket the regrets of our government that the incident had happened, it was as mean and cowardly a speech as was ever delivered.

When the news of the proceedings reached Washington, Secretary of State Seward instructed Charles Francis Adams, our minister to the court of St. James, to inform the British government that his government had learned it was the purpose to send to Canada a large contingent of soldiers, to remind the British government that in winter the coast at the mouth of the St. Lawrence was very dangerous and that it was a pleasure to tender to Great Britain the freedom of any port on our coast, in which to land her majesty's troops and free transportation for them and their accoutrements to Quebec or Montreal.

Lord John did not report the offer to parliament.

Utah's Gifts

THIS should be a great year for Utah. The range men are jubilant over the prospect; the dry farmers are exultant; the regular farmers are preparing new areas to cultivate; the old mines are holding their own, many new mines are expected to be dividend payers early in the spring; many more are to be developed; some new manufacturing are being made ready for active work; a good many new structures are to be erected; better than all there is a feeling in the very air that this is to be a great year in Utah. It is as though the watchman on the heights had been making notes that had been caught up by the wireless that carries impressions to men and every message is filled with hope.

Utah should be one of the greatest of states. Her soil and climate are fitted for a mighty production of fruits and cereals; and that greatest of products, good health; her mines are banks and they charge no interest and are not careful of the nature of the securities that are offered by borrowers; they contain so many varied treasures that those who seek for almost anything needed are reasonably sure of finding what they want; she is the half-way station between the east and the west, and fills the expectations of trans-continental travelers, with her natural scenery and with the work that is being pressed by our people; her inland sea is a wonder; her mountains rival the alps, while the pictures they hold in their sombre frames are fair beyond description.

Utah men and women have every incentive to make them cultured, generous, self-respectful and have a right to cherish an honest pride in their state and its manifold gifts and blessings.

Dr. Gowan's Deep Reasoning

IF Dr. Gowan had a farm and some growing crops and his boys were to say to him: "The neighbors around us have the range filled with hungry live stock, let us fence the farm!" would he reply, "My children, building fences is not the best exercise for growing boys; their hearts generally rebel against it; they have no stomach for it, it is liable to excite their spleen; they do not kidney to it; it, as a rule, causes an undue pressure on the lungs, and I have known cases where that kind of exercise affects the mind and develops in tender youth a vagrant and premature dis-

position to use profane language. If you need gentle exercise, try football or baseball, or turning back somersault, or the Roman wrestle or the Jiu-jitsu, or walking on your hands, or running races." "What, you say there is danger that the hungry stock of the neighbors will eat the corn or trample under foot the celery and the melon-patch?"

"My sons, do not nurse unseemly prejudice against your neighbors and trust more to God for protection."

The above would be just as wise as anything that Dr. Gowan has thus far been reported as urging that the high school lads should not be permitted to engage in preliminary martial training. It is on a par with the lofty sentiment which attaches to the sublime poem, the first lines of which are:

"Mother, may I go out to swim?"

"Yes, my darling daughter,

Hang your robes on a hickory limb;

But don't go near the water!"

Indeed, thus far the doctor has said nothing on the subject as thoughtful as the old man's advice! "My, son, never go fishing on the holy Sabbath day, but if you do, be sure and bring home the fish."

It sometimes seems as though long service in charge of schools, strange as it seems, has a tendency to narrow the vision of men, to lead them to taking up flabby theories and to make them dictatorial and impatient of opposition to any of their crank theories. In stooping to lift students up to a higher plane the stoop seems to become chronic and fixed, and thus to contract their horizon.

The war in Europe has accentuated the need of training our youth in preliminary military duties.

A million of foreigners from the countries now at war across the sea have come to this country annually for a dozen years past.

Most of them mean to be good Americans, but that does not prevent their antagonism to those who come from countries with which their friends and relatives are now at war. This is apparent on our streets; it is talked over in their homes; and secret antagonisms are being nursed which will last for years. It gives to thousands and tens of thousands of their people a divided fealty.

Many who left their native countries in past years to avoid what has come upon those countries now, still when they read that their relatives are involved in the very war which they saw was coming and which they left native land to escape, hate those with whom their relatives are at war, and their full sympathy is with every act done by native land no matter how wrong it may be, and are ready to criticize this country for doing what their forefathers have been doing for centuries, when the children of these people enter our schools it is good for them to be reminded every day that this land claims their full allegiance and that this country's flag is the proper one for them to salute and have a reverence for and to give them the preliminary knowledge of how to defend it.

The present instruments of war may all be obsolete ten year hence, but men will not be. If called upon they will need a knowledge of what to do. Our country's liberty was obtained at a fearful price. It is worth preserving.

The Prospector

ONE day years ago, when J. P. Jones of Nevada was in the United States senate, the doorkeeper sent him the card of a man who solicited a brief interview. "What does he look like?" asked Jones. "A substantial looking man, from the west I should say," was the reply.

"Well have him shown into the marble room, and tell him I will see him in a few minutes," said Jones.