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How about those New Year resolutions? Are they still intact?

The turkey that isn't chicken-hearted about now is a brave bird, indeed.

Those who think the most seriously of marriage frequently are still single.

The Mississippi belle who married a Chinaman will find him handy if she ever has to take in washing.

Fourteen years for the grafter and briber, Abe Ruef, Good for Frisco. Now let Pittsburg have an inning.

You cannot always tell how much your friend likes you by the cost of the Christmas present you receive.

Few women believe what a man says when he explains, and nine times out of ten she is on the right track.

There are two distinct businesses that depend absolutely upon the mail—the mail order house and the post office.

To some Pittsburgers the saddest thing about the new graft cases is the smallness of some of the amounts.

After a personal trip to Panama the Congressman will be able to tell at sight the difference between an isthmus and a canal.

While the mistletoe is hanging from every chandelier, the popular young man finds his social duties very pressing.

The Taft Club is to take the place of the "Big Stick" in the South, and it is expected to accomplish more through milder methods.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Roosevelt, we would advise Mr. Taft to send the Big Stick to the Smithsonian and let it gather cobwebs there.

The selection of Senator Knox for the portfolio of State in the next cabinet confirms the faith of the nation in the administration of Mr. Taft.

Perhaps if some Washington newspaper would donate to Mr. Roosevelt the use of "a page a day" Congress would not have to submit to so many special messages.

If everybody will pull together for the upbuilding of the town very material results can be accomplished in Big Stone Gap during the present year.

The way we have been receiving remittances on subscriptions to the Post during the past week we are inclined to believe that this paper is appreciated in many a home. It makes us feel good and we truly appreciate your kindness in this matter. We hope to make the Post better this year than ever before.

When a boy at college quits writing home for money with which to buy books, it is safe to bet that he has all the football togs he needs.

The new sidewalks and crossings the town has recently put down adds greatly to the appearance of the town and the convenience of the citizens.

J. Pierpont Morgan's dues in the 35 clubs to which he belongs amount to more than \$7,000 annually. What a lot of excuses he has for remaining away from home at night.

Big Stone Gap will soon be well supplied with good hotels and restaurants. A nice place to stop and something good to eat is an attraction to most any one.

The editor of this paper enjoyed a most pleasant Christmas, and he trusts that every reader of the paper had equally as pleasant a time. Let us all strive to make the present year the best year of our lives in every way we possibly can.

An effort will be made soon to reorganize the Board of Trade at this place. Much good for the town can be accomplished through an organization of this kind and we hope it will be revived again and kept active.

We are assured that the restaurant Mr. Hyatt is going to start in Big Stone Gap, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue, will be first-class in every particular, and will be one of the most up-to-date establishments of the kind in Southwest Virginia. This is something that Big Stone Gap has always needed, and we predict for Mr. Hyatt much success.

The list of state officers to be elected this year embraces governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of commonwealth, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction and commissioner of agriculture. In addition to these there are to be chosen one hundred members of the house of delegates. No state senators are to be chosen. The election of the various officials in the counties does not occur this year.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND COMMON HONESTY.

"In these last days of President Roosevelt's administration it is a pleasure to think how often in these columns we have had the privilege of agreeing or disagreeing with him," writes the editor of *Woman's Home Companion* for January. "Mr. Roosevelt has made mistakes, as he would be the last to deny, but he has done the country one service which is not written on the statute books or on the records of his official achievements. He has promoted in the paper which the people read, and more important, in the minds of the people themselves, an active discussion of questions that had become shrouded from neglect. He has given publicity to the Ten Commandments; he has refurnished the Beatitudes; he has popularized Common Honesty. For these things let us give him credit."

The old landlord of a small country inn was sitting listlessly before the fire in the bar-parlor when the door opened and a loud-voiced young fellow exclaimed:

"Halloa, granddad! Get your frame in circulation! Don't sit here like an old woman! I want accommodation for man and beast!"

"Where's the man?" asked the old landlord in a flash.—*Tit-Bits*.

GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

President-elect William H. Taft, at the annual banquet of the North Carolina Society of New York, said, in part:

"The growth of the South since 1890 has been marvelous. The manufacturing capital in 1890 was \$250,000,000, in 1890, \$650,000,000; in 1900, eleven hundred and fifty millions, and in 1908, twenty-one hundred millions, while the values of manufactures increased from \$450,000,000 in 1890 to \$900,000,000, in 1890, to \$1,450,000,000, in 1900, and to twenty-six hundred million in 1908.

The farm products in 1880 were \$300,000,000; in 1890 \$770,000,000; in 1900, \$1,270,000,000, and in 1908, \$2,200,000,000. The exports from the South in 1880 were \$260,000,000; in 1890, \$206,000,000; in 1890, \$306,000,000; in 1900, \$484,000,000, and in 1908, \$648,000,000.

"In this marvelous growth the manufactures of the South now exceed the agricultural products, and thus a complete change has come over the character of other industries. The South has become rich and only the surface of her wealth has been scratched. Her growth has exceeded that of the rest of the country, and she is now in every way sharing in its prosperity."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas in the providence of an Almighty God it has pleased him to call from us our worthy and beloved brother, Brother W. A. Childress, a member of McPherson Lodge M. D. 25 A. F. and A. M.

He was born May 2nd, 1842, died Dec. 11, 1908. Age 66 years, 7 months and 9 days. He leaves a wife and children to mourn his departure, but of all he embraced a Christian hope, lived a pious life and died the death of the righteous, and he has gone to the home of the good, peace to his ashes.

Resolved first, That we most deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow and children of the dear Bro. in their saddest afflictions and bow in humble submission and obedience to the calling and mandates of our Great Grand Master of the Universe.

Resolved 2nd, That while we bury the faults of our dear Brother, if any he had, in the grave with the body, we most gratefully cherish his many noble and generous qualities in our hearts that by them we may be made better men and masons. He has gone to the land from whose bourne no traveler has ever yet returned.

Resolved 3rd, That in commemoration of the esteem, friendship and brotherly love for our deceased brother, we wear the badge of mourning of our lodge for a period of thirty days and that the lodge be draped in mourning for same time.

That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the *Jonesville Star*, *Gate City Herald* and *Big Stone Gap Post* with request to publish same; also a copy be sent to the widow of Brother Childress.

Resolved 5th, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minute book of our Lodge.

E. M. McPHERSON,
LEWIS ROBINETTE,
C. F. McPHERSON,
Committee.

NEW DISCOVERY.

A recent discovery that promises to be of great value to the medical profession is that of a process enabling oil to be put into powdered form. Practical use has been made of this discovery by a German scientist who has succeeded in reducing castor oil, that wonderful, but generally disliked, aperient to a tasteless powder.

Castor oil was first discovered in 1764 by Peter Canvane, when it was immediately hailed by the medical world as one of the greatest discoveries. It is the best aperient or purgative, but its nauseous taste has prevented its universal adoption. The new discovery has made it possible to eliminate the objectionable features of ordinary castor oil, without interfering

with its restorative virtues. In fact, it is claimed by physicians that in the powdered state it is even superior to the oil, as it does not decompose in the stomach and does not repeat or gripe. Another great advantage of the powdered castor oil is that it can be mixed with milk or other liquid or any cereal food or pudding without being detected, and can thus be readily given to children when it cannot be in the ordinary state.

Castor oil in powdered form is now sold in the United States under the name of "Castor Lax" and is endorsed by the highest medical authorities.

BANKRUPT NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of John Good, Bankrupt.

To the creditors of John Good, of Norton, in the County of Wise, and District of Virginia, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1908, the said John Good was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of Graham & Roberts in Norton, Va., on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. This December 31st, 1908.

D. E. BAILEY,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of Letters remaining in the Postoffice at Big Stone Gap Va., uncalled for Jan. 1st, 1909:

Walter M. Carter,
Mrs. Lena Cook,
Mrs. Anes Flannery,
L. S. Hady,
Mr. Emory Hurst, (2)
Mrs. R. Troene, (Foreign)
Mrs. Nancy Watts,
Persons calling for any of the above letters please state that they have been advertised.
W. S. ROSE, P. M.

MULES PROFANITY.

Some men go upon the idea that the only way to impress a low or ignorant person is to enforce the observation with an oath. To "cuss" a man has become very common among many who think the vernacular too weak to carry their meaning. It is a very low habit, which true gentlemen do not indulge in though it does seem sometimes very affective with mules.

A story is told of a preacher who resorted to the simple life of farming a little tract; so he bought a mule and attempted to plow an acre of it. But he couldn't make it go because the mule actually refused to work unless it was "swore at" vigorously, and this the preacher refused to do. He tried to make the animal go by throwing clods and stones at it, and by ejaculating "get up!" most angrily; but he wouldn't work. That mule seemed to be waiting for the swear word that he had been accustomed to in the past, but the minister wouldn't say it, and the ground was left unplowed.

How like the mule are many people in this world! They are waiting for somebody to come and swear at them, and when this actually happens, which is often one is very apt to conclude that some people are just like mules—they won't work unless they are sworn at.—*Ohio State Journal*.

B. S. G. & P. V. RAILWAY.

SCHEDULE FOR DUMMY
The Dummy leaves Bank Building as follows:

L. & N. West, Train No. 22, 9:50 a. m.
" East, " " 21, 8:15 a. m.
" West, " " 24, 7:50 p. m.
" East, " " 23, 7:50 p. m.
V. & S. W. East, " " 2, 9:15 a. m.
" West, " " 3, 11:00 a. m.
" East, " " 4, 2:55 p. m.
" West, " " 1, 7:20 p. m.

The Dummy will not meet Train No. 23 when over one hour late, or when train No. 23 and train No. 24 meet and pass west of Pennington Gap, Va.

Dec. 21st, 1908. A. B. EATON, Supt.

R. T. IRVINE, Pres. W. T. GOODLOE, Vice Pres. & Secty. JR. P. BARRON, Treas.

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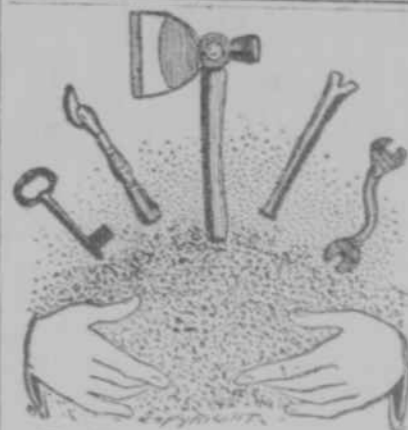
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Insurance issued in 1905.	\$523,284.00
Insurance issued in 1906.	\$1,037,563.00
Insurance issued in 1907.	\$3,233,569.00

While 1908, week by week, shows 400% of 1907.

Aside from STRIKING GROWTH, the Company's statement shows: 6 3/10 per cent interest earnings; bonus ratio compared with mean amount in force, 2 1/2 per cent; interest or investment returns exceeding 50%; death claims paid and unpaid, NONE; mortality experienced, 50 per cent of the expected; death claims less in 1907 than in 1906; surrender values paid less than in 1906. Insurance in force increased 50 per cent, or over one half. These things prove careful management.

For further information write to Home Office, Richmond, Va., or see S. S. Brooks, Appaehia, Va., or A. C. Wyss, Jonesville, Va.

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