

FAREWELL OLD YEAR!

To-day being the last day of the year 1903 naturally makes every one pause and recall in reminiscent mood its incidents and events.

Many who started out at the beginning of the year full of life and hope have fallen by the wayside. Around many family hearthstones there is a "vacant chair" and many a family circle has been broken by the untimely death of some loved one.

There has been rapid growth and development in the arts and sciences and in everything that tends to the comfort and convenience of human life.

Above all else the past year has been one remarkably free from widespread pestilence, famine and war, the three grim demons of destruction that so often afflict the human race.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Before the echoes of the sad farewells to the old year have died away are heard the joyful greetings to the new year.

Today we say farewell to the old year and tomorrow we greet the new year, just as in monarchical countries, at the death of a king, is heard the cry, "The King is dead," and then the joyful shout "Long live the King!"

The Progressive Farmer has been bought for \$7,250 by a new company, of which Mr. Clarence H. Poe is the principal stockholder.

The fatal toy pistol got in its deadly work last Friday, as is usual at every Christmas nowadays.

Sixty Killed Or Wounded.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 27.—Tonight the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette Railroad passenger trains near east Paris early yesterday evening, stands at 22, with 38 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to high wind, which extinguished the red signal light on the order board at McCord's station.

Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way from fence to fence.

When train No. 5, bound west, whizzed by McCord's instead of stopping, the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, then found that his red light had been extinguished.

There was no chance of the fast-running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard to even slow down and in few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and there was awful loss of life.

Science Saving Southern Cattle.

The mortality from Texas fever has been reduced from 75 per cent, to less than 10 per cent. By a conservative estimate, through the work of the Texas and the Missouri experiment station alone, there has been saved to the cattle interests of Texas not less than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the work is now only well started.

Fatal Christmas Festival.

Bessemer, Ala., Dec. 26.—Information has reached here from Clear Bluff of the killing of John Parsons by A. J. Lockheart, at a Christmas tree festival given at a church, Lockheart, a peace officer, was acting as Santa Claus. It is alleged that Parsons became disorderly while the exercises were in progress and Lockheart bawled the proceedings and ejected him.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

Councilsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise, the Duquesne limited, the fast through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, ploughed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock this evening, and it is estimated that 63 lives were lost and 30 persons injured.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 24, 1903.

War with Colombia resulting from the action of the administration in recognizing Panama and preventing the Bogota government from suppressing the revolution, is by no means improbable.

Admiral Walker, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission and representative of the Administration on the isthmus, has returned here and will make a report to the President.

Alarmed by Senator Hour's speech and the hostile criticism of the United Democrats, who have it in their power to prevent the ratification of the canal treaty, the republicans of the House have decided to aid their party in the Senate and support the administration at all costs.

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New York, Dec. 28.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway, if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the flat iron building, and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present hold the record.

Maxton, Dec. 24.—The eight-year-old son of Dave Fairly, a negro living a few miles from here, shot and killed his 12-year-old sister to-day. The parents were away from home when a dispute arose between the children. The girl was objecting to eating an egg and the boy objected, threatening to shoot her if she did. She persisted and the boy fired a gun at her. The girl was shot in the neck and died in a few moments. The boy claims that he thought the gun was not loaded.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 24.—Deaths have been asked for the handsome monument to be erected over the grave of the late Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, in the Salem cemetery. The monument will be unveiled next May, during the commencement exercises of the city schools. Dr. Wiley was the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina and the monument will be erected under the auspices of the public of the Winston graded schools. A handsome sum for this purpose has already been raised. It will be largely increased by next May.

The Salvation Army, in keeping with its annual custom, distributed Christmas dinners to 25,000 of New York's poor.

A Blizzard In New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—A driving snow storm accompanied by furious squalls that at times rose to almost hurricane force, struck the city early to-day. Lowering black clouds pressing down on a bank of sea fog and the dense character of the snow-fall combined to produce for a half an hour so deep a darkness that lights were lit in all the down-town streets and along the river fronts.

A Young Crook Jailed.

Salisbury, Dec. 28.—A young professional crook, giving his name as Edward K. Horton, of Atlanta, though he had passed under the aliases of C. T. Ward and J. M. Arnold during the adventurous week which he spent in this city, was arrested yesterday afternoon on three warrants, charging him with false pretense and two with larceny.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Melville church, the leading Protestant place of worship in West Mount, the fashionable residential suburb of Montreal, was without the services of a choir to-day. In his sermon on Christmas morning Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of the church, severely criticized the members of the choir for eating candy during the service.

Norfolk, Dec. 28.—John Barton, of Irvington, Va., mate of the schooner Colombia, which arrived here to-day, was washed from the vessel's deck by a huge sea. Saturday and lost a few miles north of Hog Island. The colored cook was almost frozen to death.

Forest City, N. C., Dec. 28.—Gaither Trout, a man nearly sixty years of age, and well known in this community, wound up a spree of a week or more by attempting to burn his home, threatening his family and striking his son with a stick of wood. Police were called in but the frenzied man was not secured until he had smashed several windows of his home and overturned the stove in the kitchen. His frenzy, like that of Dr. Jay, seized him early in the morning.

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