

1909 SURPASSED THE MOST SANGUINE EXPECTATIONS OF ALL A MOST REMARKABLE YEAR

Bradstreet Gives a Review of the Business Year With a Forecast--Progress Was Made Along All Lines and the Business World is Very Cheerful.

SOME RESULTS OF THE YEAR

Nineteen hundred and nine may be said in many respects to have equaled and in some directions surpassed the most sanguine expectations entertained at its outset. In fact, it will take rank as a remarkable year in a decade which has seen great changes and wonderful progress.

Commodities, the high records of prices at time of heaviest movement showed demand waiting closely on supply, if indeed not actually surpassing it, and the too in a year when, owing to high prices of our food-stuffs, foreign demand was conspicuously small and exports fell below those of the three preceding years.

FITTING CLIMAX TO LONG STRING OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Club's Reception Many Pleasant Memories of Delightful Affair Will Long Lingere--Bungalow Artistically Decorated for Event.

MANY VISITORS PRESENT

One of the most elaborate affairs ever planned in Washington social life was the reception of the Country Club on the evening of Friday, December 31, 1909.

SECOND ATTEMPT OF BLACK HAND DESTROY HOUSE

Tenants in a Panic Bomb Explodes in Front of Sanfilippo & Co's. Bank in New York for Second Time in December.

BANKER'S NARROW ESCAPE

New York, Jan. 2.—Another Black Hand attempt—the second one this month—was made late yesterday afternoon to blow up the bank of C. Sanfilippo & Co. at 261 Elizabeth street.

POPULAR FEELING OF GRATITUDE SHOWN FOR U. S.

War Still Continues The Last Vestige of Zelayanism Will Be Blotted Out of Government—Insurgents Are Disappointed.

NEED MORE BATTLES

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Jan. 1.—Hope that the war would be brought to an end through the recognition of the provisional government, by the United States has been abandoned.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. TAFT'S FIFTH LEVEE

5,575 People Present President and Mrs. Taft Held Their First New Year Reception at White House Saturday—Received 40 Per Minute.

ELABORATE DECORATIONS

Washington, Jan. 2.—President and Mrs. Taft held their first New Year's levee at the White House yesterday.

YOUTH MEETS TRAGIC DEATH IN CHARLOTTE

Falls Under Engine Young Andrew Stiles Horribly Mangled and Dragged Across Street by Switch Engine at a Street Crossing.

OTHERS NEAR SAME FATE

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—Dragged 40 feet, his head pinioned between the heavy brake-shoe and the rail, Andrew Stiles, a young white man, 22 years old, who resided at the boarding house of Mrs. Lizzie Helms, No. 811 North Brevard street, met a horrible death, a few minutes before midnight last night at the Southern and Seaboard Air Line crossing and East Sixth street.

DID NOT RETURN

On Account of Illness Rev. Mr. Plyler Still Absent.

GOES TO NORFOLK

Mr. H. C. Harrison, formerly one of the rural free delivery carriers, has gone to Norfolk where he has accepted a position for the ensuing year.

LARGE WAREHOUSE

The firm of William Bragaw & Co. are erecting a mammoth warehouse on Water street at the foot of Union alley.

BARACA CLASS HEAR MR. SMALL

March in Body to Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

Twenty-five members of the Christian Church Sunday school Baraca class marched to the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon in a body for the purpose of hearing the address of Congressman John H. Small on the Young Man and His Ideal.

CELEBRATE THE DAY

Colored People Observe the Anniversary of Their Freedom.

MARRIAGE RECORD

The Register of Deeds, Mr. Gilbert Rumley, issued during the year 1909, from January 1 to December 31, 308 marriage licenses.

CITY OFFICIALS IN NEW HOME

The addition to the city hall building is now practically completed and the city clerk and superintendent of the electric light plant are now duly ensconced in their new quarters.

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PACKED HOUSE AT Y. M. C. L.

Mr. Small Makes a Fine Address—Music a Feature.

A packed house greeted Hon. John H. Small at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Sunday afternoon, where he addressed the Young Men's Christian League on the theme "The Young Man and His Ideal."

CITY ALDERMEN

The Board of City Aldermen will meet in regular monthly session at the city hall this evening.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- Gem Theater.
Gaiety Theater.
Wm. Bragaw & Co.—Insurance.
J. K. Hoyt—Skirts.
H. B. Goldstein—Overcoats.
Washington Light & Water Co.
—Gas.
Brooks Shoe Store—Slippers.
Gilhooly's Irish Lintment.
Vick's Remedies.
Capulins.
Pazo Ointment.
J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Bulls.
Chesapeake Steamship Co.