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ADIEU TO '96.

As we go to press we are within eight hours of the period when 1896 shall be of the past. It is well that we review the year's experiences and the part we have played in making it a time that we like to recall or would fain blot out of our recollections.

Providence has dealt propitiously with us in that we have had no general calamity from famine, pestilence, storm, floods, conflagrations, etc., nor has the wickedness of man provoked riots, mobocracy, great factional strife and partisan antipathy. We have enjoyed peace and plenty and probably the highest measure of real good.

If the year has not been one to bring to our hearts many joyful recollections, is it not of our own doing? If memory lingers sweetly in passing over the experiences of the year may we not safely give our own hearts much of the credit.

We shall tomorrow enter upon the platform of a new year to acquit ourselves again as heroes for the right, or, without lofty ambitions, be on hand to destroy the building erected by the more noble. As we fold away the work of '96 we spread out before us that of '97.

With our heartfelt thanks to the patrons of the STANDARD for kindness in the old, we extend to you our best wishes for a beneficent New Year.

ARE ALL SAFES UNSAFE.

Under the above caption the Chicago Tribune tells some interesting facts showing that the mechanical ingenuity of man cannot cope with the safe cracker. One Samuel Rodman, Jr., who formerly belonged to the United States Engineering Department, but recently is an expert in high explosives, has been chosen to test the power of various manufactures of safes and has proven to be superior to any one yet presented. He needs few implements, and if he should choose to lay aside his useful and honest occupation there is probably not a vault in the land that he could not relieve of its contents in from 30 minutes to 2 hours. Nor is Mr. Rodman alone, for professional crakers are up to the tricks.

It is now stated that any electrical expert with a wire to connect with an electric line can, with a stick of carbon, burn through any safe in 30 minutes and empty it of its contents.

The time is fast approaching when the vigilant eye of an honest man will probably be the only safeguard.

It is now the chief dependence of safety for the national vaults.

With the progress that we are making in the direction of vanquishing darkness and obliterating night it may not be long till business will not close its doors as the earth revolves. The sunshine will either be bottled up and used on the shady side of the earth or the forces of nature will do the sun's work in his absence and the safe-cracker's business will be spoiled more effectually than can be done by safe-makers.

A mammoth tin horn 30 feet long with a bell of 6 feet in diameter was made in Illinois and helped to boom up McKinley. Six men carried it to Canton, 560 miles, and presented it to Major McKinley on the 29th. He can now blow his own horn for 1900.

When the legislature meets there may be a few contested seats. But if no changes are made, the senate will stand: Populists, 24; Republicans, 17; Democrats, 9. In the house it will be: Republicans, 49; Democrats, 35; Populists, 34, with two classed as doubtful. On joint ballot, it will stand: Republicans 66; Populists, 58; Democrats, 44. Populists and Democrats, united, would give 102 votes. If they vote together, unitedly for senator, they can elect easily their man. But they will not do this. Many Pops will be found voting for Pritchard—perhaps enough to elect him. If the Populists should generally vote for the Republican measures, they will easily pass. But if they should vote against, with Democrats, they would fail. What will the Populists do for North Carolina? Will they stand by their professions as to silver? Or will they elect a gold senator? Will they oppose all unwise, dangerous, ruinous legislation, or will they "go it blind" and help to give North Carolina another set back, and send confusion through the State?—Wilmington Messenger.

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on advertised druggist and get a trial bottle free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. Fetzer's Drug store.

Hurrah for Miss Smith.

Miss Libbie Smith, of East Norwalk, Conn., was to have been married to Elmer Merrill, a merchant of Staten Island, New York, on Christmas night, but at her own instance the marriage was indefinitely postponed. In a letter to the New York World, the Rev. Frank E. Robbins, Miss Smith's pastor, explains why it was that the young lady declined to allow the marriage to proceed, as follows:

"Miss Smith is a diligent Bible student and withal a most devout young Christian woman, and having failed in her earnest and constant endeavors to win this young man to accept Christ as his Saviour, the conviction grew upon her that she ought not to marry him. The Apostle Paul's stern warning to Christians, 'Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers,' was accepted by her in all seriousness. The question arose: If she did not possess sufficient influence over this young man to effect his reformation before, would she after marriage? Common sense answered no. There was no vision, no hysterics, nothing

but good old-fashioned common sense about it all."

Miss Smith is evidently made of the right kind of stuff, and will doubtless be a great deal happier without Mr. Merrill than she would have been with him. There would probably not be so much marrying if Miss Libbie's policy should be generally agreed upon, but there would unquestionably be more happiness. Marrying wicked young men to reform them is a snare and a delusion. There has been too much of this sort of thing all over the country. It is the source of most domestic woe, and comes out in nearly every divorce trial. Nobody ever heard of a young man marrying a bad young woman to reform her—why should not the women have as much sense as the men?

Hurrah for Miss Libbie Smith!—News and Courier.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal. One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with griping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

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Offers to the business public a reliable, permanent, conservative and accommodating banking institution. We solicit your business with the assurance of honorable treatment and due appreciation of your patronage. If we can serve you at any time, we shall be glad to have you come and see us.

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D. B. COLTRANE, Cashier.
J. M. ODELL, Pres.

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BARGAIN IN FURNITURE.

I have now in stock in the Morris building opposite the court house, a nice line of and all grades of furniture, and more coming suitable for holiday presents and every day use and can sell it as low as anybody.

Respectfully,

J. T. Pounds.

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A SPECIALTY Primary, Secondary or Tertiary BLOOD POISON permanently cured in 15 to 35 days. You can be treated at home for same price under same guarantee. If you prefer to come here we will contract to pay railroad fares and hotel bills, and so charge, if we fail to cure. If you have taken mercury, iodide potash, and still have sores and pains, Mucous Patches in mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, it is this Secondary BLOOD POISON we guarantee to cure. We solicit the most obstinate cases and challenge the world for a case we cannot cure. This disease has baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians. \$500,000 capital behind our unconditional guarantee. Absolute proof guaranteed on application. Address COOK REMEDY CO., 307 Masonic Temple, CHICAGO, ILL.

THE RACKET STORE

Big lot of books, including padded poems, handkerchiefs, fancy celluloid boxes from \$3.50 down. Doll trunks, guitars, mandolins, handkerchiefs, mufflers, boys' workboxes, drums and more Xmas goods than all Concord put together. Come early to avoid the rush. At the Racket. Games of all kinds.

Very Respectfully,

B. J. Boston.