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Banner EkgLetter.

MR. EDITOR: How many of your readers do you suppose had time and courage to read Teddy's last message to Congress? It was so long that I at first thought I wouldn't read it, but after reading so many and varied comments upon it, thought I would read it through; but I found nothing but a conglomerate of nothingness for the great common people of the land. Boiled down to what it really means, it would run, in plain English, something like this: "Trust bosses and attorneys:—You have met to consider the condition of your property, and play for the perpetuity of our peculiar institutions. You are aware that there is tremendous unrest among the common people who produce our billions of wealth, and it behooves us to look with great care how they can be deceived and be kept contented, that we may prosper off their credulity and labor. The past has been the most prosperous year for us in the history of financial trickery, but evidences are not lacking that we are in danger. The agitator is abroad in the land, and we see what may be our fate in the near future unless we can make the people believe that they are to get some relief from an unconstitutional protective tariff. Some of our members have been very coarse and clumsy in their work, and the people are becoming suspicious that all is not right. We must allay their suspicions by making some pretended reforms; they must have some legislation on insurance, so as to make them think they are; the exposures of rebates and bribery in the railroad industries also require that we make similar laws regarding them, or the people will demand a strict accounting from us, and that will mean that we shall not have the opportunity to fleece the fools that we have had in the past. You should proceed cautiously in the work of building up a large army and navy for our protection, under the guise of patriotism and peace. You should destroy the people's money and issue money to the banks under the deception of having an elastic currency to move the crops; make a great show of economy by cutting off a few hundred clerks and laborers in the departments; you can put your heels back on again and the people will not notice it; make a howl about my great peace play at Portsmouth and also the Monroe doctrine; make some meaningless statute about the adulteration of food, something that the courts can knock out at pleasure, as the people are getting on to this method of swindling them, and it won't hurt anything; push the building of the Panama canal, as it is furnishing splendid opportunity for the contractors and others of us to graft millions from the treasury without being suspected, and the people must be bled more cautiously; we must be careful in using the public money for our own benefit, and not make any clumsy mistakes in the future. We must keep in mind the great

danger of arousing the common people, the producers, for if they ever realize the true state of affairs, they will make the laws for us and control the army and navy and then they will make it possible for us to get something to eat and wear only when we earn it."

PHANTOM.

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Mrs. Michael Hart, wife of the superintendent of Cart Service at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies Islands, says that she has for some years used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, croup and whooping cough and has found it very beneficial. She has implicit confidence in it and would not be without a bottle of it in her home. Sold by all Dealers Boone N.C. and Bowling Rock Drug Co.

THE year 1905, with its numerous joys and sorrows has dropped into the eternal past. The Old Year held for us much of joy as well as sadness. There was much to make life pleasant and then much that vexed and perplexed. Opportunities were ours then that never will be again, for once they are gone they never come back again. Oh! how we would like to go back and live it over and try to make a change here and there; how we'd like to do some things we left undone, and undo some things we did. We sometimes thought the clouds hung mighty dark over us, but for all we know they may have had "silver linings" if only we had looked for them. It is useless now to worry over the mistakes of the past, but the new year is open before us and let us each one realizing that we shall not pass this way again; seize every opportunity to do some little good, and not waste the time in dreaming of great things to do by and by, for after all the great things of life are only made of the little things.

In Memoriam.

On the night of December the 16th, 1905, the Reaper angel visited the earth and bore away on the pinions of love to the home eternal the loving, faithful wife of Mr. Amos Stansberry, and daughter of the late Mr. Elijah Tatum.

The whole community was shocked and saddened by the news of her death. Often did we hear the remark made: "We have lost one of our very best neighbors, and her children one of the kindest of mothers."

In early life Mrs. Stansberry gave her heart to God and joined the Baptist church at South Fork, in which connection she lived and died a consistent and an honest member. If she had an enemy, we know not who it was. To know her was to love her. A grief-stricken husband with five children survive her.

What is sadder than a crowd of little children weeping around the casket that contains all that is mortal of their mother? May the strong loving hand of our Father bear up the heart broken husband and children, and may they make an undivided family around God's throne in Heaven.

MAGGIE TAYLOR.

CASTORIA.
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New Year Reverie.

IT was the 31st day of December, never mind what year. The house was still and quiet and I sat in my easy chair before a blazing wood fire.

Without, the wind whistled and howled and moaned—within, all was bright and cozy and warm.

As the hands of the clock pointed nearly to 12, the fire low, I fell into a doze and this is what I saw: A great pile of fragments, little odds and ends of things, rose before my astonished gaze; the pile appearing to grow larger and larger. There I recognized a broken resolution or two, here an unfinished duty, there again a wasted minute and a neglected moment ("the fragments of an hour let go"). While here and there, in wild confusion, I noticed, staring at me reproachfully, a hasty word, an ungoverned temper, an unloving thought, a lost opportunity, a broken promise, an unsubdued passion, an unconquered habit, an unread Bible, a neglected prayer, an unhallowed Sabbath, an unfrequented church, an unaided charity. And as I gazed the pile grew higher and higher, a vast column, until it swayed and rocked to and fro, and then, toppling, fell with a great crash and disappeared!

I awoke with a start, just in time to brush the coal fire from the hearth where a burning stick of wood, breaking, had thrown them, and to count the strokes of the old clock on the stairs—"one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve!"

Twelve hours gone! Twelve months gone!—gone, forever gone!—but gone with the past repented of, and, therefore, forgiven, and the future before me! And the bells in the town rang out on the clear, cold air, a joyous, glad some tone—rang out the old, rang in the new—the glad new year with its hopes, its joys, its beginnings all over again, its fresh starts, its "turned leaf," its clean, white page, its new resolutions, its God given strength to begin anew and to start aright, and, by the help of the Holy Spirit, in the name and for the sake of our blessed Lord, and Master, to have a clean record to show when the New Year becomes the Old Year!

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Christmas in Boone.

SINCE the DEMOCRAT greeted its readers last, the joyous Christmas tide has come and gone. We say joyous, and it was to many, yes, to a great majority; while to others perhaps, it was as a funeral knell. We hope and believe there were none in our midst who found no joy in the blessed season.

On Christmas night there was a Christmas tree in the court house for the whole community, which was well loaded with presents, beautifully decorated and lighted. Before the presents were distributed Rev. J. H. Brendall delivered an unusually interesting address on the origin of Christmas and the Christmas tree, which was very much enjoyed. Following him in short, spicy speeches came Capt. Lovill, Mr. F. A. Linney and Mr. W. R. Lovill. And the splendid music, both instrumental and vocal, by the hands and under the supervision of Miss Sallie Sienk necht, our highly accomplished music teacher, was fine in the superlative degree, and reflected much credit on her untiring efforts.

Misses Alma Moritz and Lucile Winkler had appropriate recitations that were so well rendered they fairly brought down the house in round after round of applause. The crowd was large, and so quiet and well behaved that every word of the speakers could be plainly heard over the room. In fact in credit to our town and community we must say we have never seen so quiet a Christmas.

Was it not as it should have been? It seems to us that the peaceful quiet that surrounded us on Christmas day was a fit emblem of the "peace" and "good will" heralded by the angels on that blessed day so far back in the mystic past, when a Savior was given to the world.

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