

Generally Fair Tonight And Sunday.

CHEERFULNESS RULES FORECASTS BUSINESS YEAR; BRADSTREET'S REVIEW

Thirteen hundred and twelve was a year of remarkable achievement in agriculture, in trade and in industry. It saw set up many new records of crop yield, of commodity price movement, of foreign and domestic trade and of manufactures. It observed some notable changes along political lines, witnessing the overwhelming defeat of the party dominating the country absolutely for sixteen years, and with the exception of two presidential terms had controlled national affairs for over half a century. The birth of a new political organization while heralding the return to national power of an organization which had lain dormant practically since 1896. It saw registered some great changes in legislation and some new legal definitions of existing laws, which, however, seemed to be received with equanimity if not with actual indifference. Despite the interest, approaching excitement, apparently inseparable from American national elections, the country's business moved forward with some irregularities visible at times, it is true, but, on the whole, with a steadiness and an indifference to clamor, whether of political or quasi-economic origin, had not lost faith in the republic, and which was refreshing to those who comforting to those who believe that in beneficent crop returns and sober, solid hard work and industry, rather than in political nostrums, is to be found true conservation and real national progress. The country's participation in international politics was along peaceful lines, and while the interdependence of the nations subjected it to strains growing out of European war and financial disturbance, it was spared the alarms or the open hostilities which afflicted all the nations of the old world and some sections in the newer hemisphere. Briefly stated, it was a period of peaceful progress and plentiful production during which were laid some firm foundations for a season of prosperity in the current year. Perhaps the most notable development in the year's commercial history—a really new happening as it the business world awaited and approved—was the serenity with which veered the year's domestic political changes. The presidential election and threatened tariff changes were alike contemplated almost with indifference, and, indeed, the most active month of the year in wholesale lines was that immediately preceding the election. Of the real substantial drawbacks of the year might be mentioned cold weather early; a wet, cold, backward spring and delayed agricultural operations, which acted as depressive elements. The first five months of the year were periods of relative dullness in demand in many lines, and especially in retail distribution, but with the growth of assurance of large crops, trade and industry gathered confidence; demand, though tempered by conservatism, expanded greatly; and the last seven months comprised a season of activity; this despite drawbacks such as an unseasonably mild fall, which restricted retail operations; the high, in fact record, levels of commodity prices, which conceded narrowed margins of profits; deficiencies in transportation inseparable from the distribution of record crops and enormous industrial outputs and the

COL. AND MRS. W. B. RODMAN ENTERTAIN FOR THEIR DAUGHTER

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of yesterday contains the following interesting item which will be read with pleasure by the readers of the Daily News: Colonel and Mrs. W. B. Rodman entertained last evening at a large and brilliant dance at the Country Club in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Camilla Rodman, who is one of the most attractive buds of the season. The ballroom was most artistic in its decorations of holly, mistletoe and trailing mosses. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in the table appointments, polka-dotted with silver candlesticks shaded with red formed a center piece. Colonel and Mrs. Rodman and Miss Rodman were assisted in receiving by Miss Susie Galt, Miss Ethel Tait and Miss Carolyn Gwathey. Miss Rodman looked charming in a gown of white satin (chateau), trimmed with princess lace and pearls and carried American beauty roses. Mrs. Rodman wore purp's chateau trimmed with quince lace. Miss Gwathey was attired in white lace over white chateau. Miss Galt wore a dainty gown of green chateau trimmed in point lace. Miss Ethel Tait wore a beautiful creation—white brocade chateau—trimmed with lace and pearls. There were about three hundred guests present. A beautiful supper was served at 11:30 and dancing continued until the small hours of the morning.

GALE LIKE HURRICANE SWEEPS THIS SECTION

The gale of wind which swept over Washington yesterday was one of the heaviest recorded here in years. The wind which early in the morning was from the south shifted later in the day to northwest and reached a high velocity before nightfall. In consequence of the high wind the river was at a low stage and if a fire had broken out on the water front last night and the fire engine had to be brought into play, there would have been no spot on the dock front where adequate water could have been secured—fortunately there was no alarm. Limbs from trees fell to the ground all over the city, making it dangerous for pedestrians. The manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Exchange reports that all the long distance wires are down in consequence of the high wind. Repairs are being made as fast as possible. Reports are meagre from the river and sound. There are many floating rumors as to disasters none of which have been verified up to the hour of going to press. Three Big Storms. New York, Jan. 4.—Three storms of extraordinary violence, occurring almost simultaneously in widely separated sections of the country were reported by the telegraph companies here yesterday. The first of the storms raged south of Washington. For a time there was but one wire working between Washington and Atlanta. Shortly before noon there was not a wire working south of Atlanta; all had been prostrated by the storm. Next in violence was a wind storm in the Middle West, which leveled scores of wires between here and Chicago. At one time only the four-wire line was working between the two cities. The third storm was in the States of Washington and Oregon. Hundreds of wires had been prostrated by the heavy blow there, the telegraph companies said.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

The Washington public schools open Monday next for the spring season, after giving two weeks holiday. The expectations are that there will be an increased attendance over that of the fall session. Active preparations are now being made for the opening. Most all of the teachers who spent Christmas at home have returned for the opening. GREAT MEETING PLANNED AT 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Beginning on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock a Presbyterian Conference on Evangelism and Christian Stewardship will be held here. An excellent program has been arranged. Several of the strongest leaders of that church will be present. The addresses and discussions will be both practical and inspirational in nature. First: Special Evangelistic Effort and Prayer in every church for a great gathering of souls. Second: A simultaneous every member canvass for all benevolent causes in every church in the assembly. Third: At least \$1,000,000 pledged for 1913-14 for all the assembly causes. Fourth: \$500,000 for extension and special equipment at home and abroad. The Christian people of the city are invited to avail themselves of the benefits of this convention. Its broad character and its profoundly spiritual purpose may be seen by a glance at the above fine program. More details will follow through the columns of this paper.

BLOCK PLAN TO PLACE GOETHALS AT THE HEAD OF THE CANAL ZONE

Washington, Jan. 4.—Opposition of Democratic senators to President Taft's plan of putting Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, at the head of the civil government of the zone took such proportions Thursday that some of Mr. Taft's advisers urged him to forego the plan and leave the creation of the zone government to his successor, President-elect Wilson. Some who talked with the President early in the day were convinced that he would canvass the situation further before abandoning his plan. Others in close touch with the President were positive that out of consideration for Colonel Goethals, whom he does not wish to involve in a political dispute, he would give up the idea and that Colonel Goethals immediately, after appearing before the congressional committee formulating appropriations for fortifications of the canal, would return to his work. One feature of the plan, however, if Colonel Goethals is not put at the head of the zone government, is to place all employes of the canal work under civil service by the President's executive order. A few employes on the isthmus already are in civil service, but the great number of the canal workers have been appointed by the Isthmian Canal commission. The attitude of the Democratic senators is that the present canal commission should not be displaced and disorganized until the canal is completed. "The bill authorizing the President to organize a civil government for the canal zone never could have become a law but for the assurance that there would be no premature action," said Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia. "We accepted this assurance as meaning that the commission would be allowed to continue its labors until construction should be finished and the water running." The Democrats further take the position that the services of all the members of the commission are needed still, and they contend that to provide for Colonel Goethals and summarily dismiss all other commissioners would be an unfair discrimination. Generally they express admiration for Colonel Goethals, and Senator Smith went so far as to say that he would favor conferring all possible military honors upon him. "But to lift him alone out of the commission for any purpose and leave the other commissioners out of consideration, and especially to deprive the country of the service of the commission at what may still be a critical time, we believe to be neither wise nor fair," Mr. Smith contended. He further said that many of the Republican senators express this view, and he added his conviction that if Colonel Goethals' nomination should be sent in it could not be confirmed at this time.

PERSONALS

Miss Elizabeth Bright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bright, who has been spending the holidays with her parents on West Second street, left this morning via the Norfolk Southern for Mount Airy, N. C., for the purpose of resuming her position in the public schools of that progressive town. Mr. J. D. Aldridge, of South Creek, N. C., was here yesterday en route to Oriental. Mr. Aldridge arrived here via gas boat and states that he had the toughest passage on Pamlico river in his memory. Mr. James R. Gaskill, of Tarboro, N. C., was here yesterday visiting relatives and shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Jarvis Sugg, of Hertford, N. C., is a guest at Hotel Louise. Mr. J. H. Bateman, of Plymouth, N. C., is in the city on business. Miss Bartha Nichols, of Roxboro, N. C., was a guest at Hotel Louise last night. Mr. G. L. Cooper, of Raleigh, is here today on business.

GILEAD

W. A. Holdia, of Aurora, passed through Tuesday. A. C. Cutler and A. P. Brock went to Pinetown Monday. J. N. Yeates and family, of Washington, visited here last week. Mrs. J. H. Ecklin, of Washington, visited friends and relatives here last week. Mrs. Nancy Galloway is now improving. Miles Candy caught a large eagle in a steel trap the other day. He measured six feet from tip to tip of wings. Jacob Schabel and son, George, of Philadelphia, called on J. A. Buck Saturday. E. B. Ecklin, of Washington, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday. Pinetown, if a hen and a half lays an egg and a half, 6 hens will lay 28 eggs in 7 days. Three halves hen lay 3 halves egg in 3 halves days. To lay an egg a day a halva hen would lay 3 halves egg in 3 halves day. But 1 half hen lays 1 half egg in 3 halves day. Therefore 2 halves hen lay 2 halves egg in 3 halves day. Therefore in 1 half day a hen lays 1 third egg, and in 2 halves day, or 1 day, a hen lays 2 thirds egg. Whence, in one day 4 hens lay 2 thirds of 4 times 7 of '98 eggs. Ten cents for this downtown. Mrs. Geo. P. Jones, of Chowinwinty spent Christmas at her mother's, Mrs. W. C. Yeates.

THE LADY AND THE CATTLEMAN

Miss Verna Page, the charming and dainty violinist of The Ernest Gamble Concert Party, had an interesting and amusing experience last season in an Arizona town, where the audience was composed largely of miners and cow-punchers, many of whom had ridden miles to hear the concert. After the noisy, but appreciative and enthusiastic audience had heard the program, a grizzled, booted and spurred cattleman waited to express his pleasure to Miss Page for her violin playing, which had evidently appealed to him. He said: "It sure was fine fiddlin', Miss, but after ridin' forty miles across the mesa, I was downright disappointed in one thing." Upon Miss Page's enquiring what his disappointment was, he replied: "I wasn't satisfied complete because I ain't heard my favorite tune, 'The Arkansas Traveler,' whereupon Miss Page rattled off its jingling strains much to his gratification and as a reward for his long journey, in Washington, January 14.

Addisco Club Hold First Meeting of the New Year

The Addisco Club held the first meeting of the New Year with Miss Josephine Whitney on Thursday afternoon. The attendance was unusually full, only three members being absent. The Club was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. T. Taylor, at 4 o'clock, roll-call being responded to by items of current events—or some bit of humor. Among the items was a few lines of verse—a New Year's greeting from one of the club's best beloved charter members: "Just a welcome to the New Year. Just a greeting to the Club. Just a wish for each of its members, A year full of brightness and cheer." Mrs. Margaret Payne read a fine paper on "Irish Orators and Patriots," an interesting subject and made more so by the inimitable style of the writer. After this literary treat came another in the shape of a most delightful salad course. Then before the cheerful fire light each guest read a New Year's toast, presented by the hostess. As the club adjourned, voting this a splendid beginning for 1913, every guest left with Miss Whitney one of their own good wishes. "Although I cannot share your life, or see you safely through it, I have the power to wish you well and gaily do I do it."

THE STATISTICAL STORY OF 1912. Agricultural Yields. 1912—Potatoes, bushels, 420,647,000; hay, tons, 78,691,000; tobacco, pounds, 923,855,000. Past records—Potatoes, bushels, 389,195,000; hay, tons, 70,798,000; tobacco, pounds, 1,103,415,000. Cotton, commercial crop, bales, 14,500,000; past records, 16,138,000. Agricultural Values. Value 1912—Potatoes, \$112,550,000; hay, \$856,695,000; tobacco, \$104,063,000; cotton, including seed, \$960,000,000. Past records—Potatoes, \$233,778,000; hay, \$842,252,000; tobacco, \$103,143,000; cotton, including seed, \$1,020,000,000.

GOV. SULZER ASSERTS RIGHT OF LEADERSHIP

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Gov. William Sulzer declared last night that his election as chief executive made him the Democratic leader of New York State. "If any Democrat in the State challenges that leadership," he said, "let him come out in the open and the people will decide." The governor's statement was made in response to inquiries as to whether Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, has endorsed John N. Carlin's, of Watertown, and John W. Delaney, of Brooklyn, two of three members of a commission selected by Governor Sulzer to investigate state departments and bureaus. "I am the Democratic leader of the State; the people decreed that at the polls and I stand on that verdict," said the governor emphatically. "I cannot succeed in doing what I want to do as governor unless I am the Democratic leader. If any Democrat in the State challenges that leadership let him come out in the open and the people will decide." The governor made it clear that he would receive any one who desired to see him at any time, including Col. Roosevelt as head of the Progressive movement; William Barnes, Jr., as chairman of the Republican state committee; Charles F. Murphy, as leader of the New York county Democratic organization; J. P. Morgan, as Thomas P. Ryan. "But," he added, "they must come to me in the open, the same as an other person." The governor said he realized that Mr. Murphy, as the leader of an important political organization in New York deserved recognition as such and that he would receive requests from him, reserving the right, however, to deny them.

USUAG SERVICE 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be a service tomorrow morning and evening at the First Presbyterian church. The morning service will be the offering of the Lord's Supper, and administered by the pastor, Mr. J. H. Ecklin. The evening service will be the offering for the support of the church, and administered by the pastor, Mr. J. H. Ecklin. The service will be held at 8 o'clock, C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent.

J. W. ODEN'S DAUGHTER BREAKS HER ARM

Mrs. Ben Potter, of Cash Corner, is the guest of her brother, Mr. M. F. Watson. GIVERS OF \$1,000,000 OR OVER DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1912. J. Pierpont Morgan ... \$51,000,000. Andrew Carnegie ... 10,000,000. Bell Telephone Co. ... 10,000,000. Mrs. Robt. Carson ... 5,000,000. Capt. J. C. Martin ... 4,500,000. P. A. B. Widener ... 4,000,000. Jno. D. Rockefeller ... 3,000,000. Richard T. Crane ... 2,125,000. Mr. & Mrs. Thos F. Ryan ... 2,000,000. Geo. F. Baker ... 2,000,000. Henry E. Dimock ... 1,857,000. Mrs. Caroline Neustadter ... 1,500,000. Jno. D. Rockefeller, Jr. ... 1,100,000. Mrs. Russell Sage ... 1,000,000. Mrs. E. H. Harriman ... 1,000,000. Calvary Morris ... 1,000,000. Francis L. Leland ... 1,000,000. Edward Jackson ... 1,000,000. Sears, Roebuck & Co. ... 1,000,000. Mary Parker Cummings ... 1,000,000. Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Morton ... 1,000,000. Edward Bangor Footo ... 1,000,000. D. M. Farron ... 1,000,000. Mrs. Marshall O. Terry ... 1,000,000. Wm. Hall Pentoff ... 1,000,000. Mrs. Cordelia Storms ... 1,000,000. Sebastian de Lawrence ... 1,000,000. Henry Iden ... 1,000,000. Mrs. F.ora E. Isham ... 1,000,000. Gen. T. Coleman du Pont ... 1,000,000. Dr. Moris Loeb ... 1,000,000.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICES FOR SUNDAY

Preaching Sunday morning 11 o'clock and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton. Morning subject, "Heaven Opened." Evening subject, "What is Christ to Me?" The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the morning service. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., Mr. S. P. Willis superintendent. A cordial welcome to all, to each of these services. Members of the church and Sunday school are urged to be present. Just before going to press the Daily News learns of the death of Mrs. T. W. Phillips, who passed away this afternoon. She has been ill for some weeks at her residence on West Second street. The News is unable to give particulars as to the funeral arrangements but doubtless the funeral and interment will take place some time Sunday. A more detailed account of her life will be published in this paper on Monday. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the grief stricken family in their severe loss. LIGHT SHIP BLOWN OFF. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—During the height of a 70 mile gale late yesterday lightship No. 72 stationed near Hatteras was blown off her station for several miles. The ship sent out wireless calls for assistance, but managed to save herself and is now at anchor three miles east of her former station. Wireless reports from the lightship are to the effect that broys have been planted to warn passing vessels of the ships present position. WANTED—75 SALESLADIES, 25 SALESMEN, 10 WRANNERS, 50 CASH BOYS AND GIRLS. Those with experience preferred, but not absolutely necessary. Apply at once in person or by mail to Harry M. Ford, care James E. Clark Co., Washington, N. C. 12-31-12

INTERESTING SERVICES AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

A very interesting service is promised at the First Methodist church tomorrow morning and evening. The subject of the morning exhortation will be "Fruit Bearing," which is to be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sunday school meets promptly at three o'clock. The subject of the evening topic will be: "Job—His Purity, Prosperity and Parental Care." All strangers in the city are cordially invited to be present. There will be good music. Seats free and contributions invited.

TO LEAVE FOR FLORIDA

City Clerk W. C. Ayers expects to leave next week for Florida, where he will spend several weeks. During his absence Mr. Samuel Carrow will be in charge of the City Clerk's office.

DON'T MISS THE REMNANT

Counter during our sale. J. K. Hoyt. 1-4-13

WILL SEVE

Clothing at 1-4-13, beginning Jan. 8th. J. K. Hoyt. 1-4-13