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THE DEAD OLD THING.

The year 1894 is done for—it is hustled off into the boneyard of the past.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-four has beat its brains out against the tide of time. Slowly, sadly, though surely, its breath was lost in the struggles, disappointments and efforts of 365 days.

But it is no new thing. January 1st 1895 will be just like some preceeding day in time. It's just a way we have of evening up, pulling up—it's getting up one hill to start down and then up another.

It's just a time to make resolutions to be broken. This reminds us that some miserable people, with a miserable life in the rear and the record of it known to all, think they can formulate a whole set of resolutions, fool people about them and at once become angels in the sight of man. The world is used to such white-washed angels. Such great changes are not made in a moment, in a day, in a year—they come slowly. The world wants to see the fruit before it is satisfied of its real color and quality.

But enough of this—we started out to say that 1894 is done for. And who cares.

Some people have lived 365 days in 1894; some 730 days in 1894; while others have not had as much as a good full dozen in the whole year. People don't live alike—it's well they don't, but God pity some in the way they have to live.

Again, 1894 will be put in history as a year of wars, tumults and disasters and such things.

Nearly every country has had trouble, lesser or greater. The Brazillian troubles are fresh to the student of history; France's president was assassinated, the Czar of [illegible] his [illegible] warlike [illegible]selves and all along the [illegible]s.

America had her coal strikes; then the Pullman trouble, after that the rioting and burning in and around Chicago, the home of big-footed women.

We have had an anarchist, Coxey, to move with his army of bums, thieves and anarchists upon Washington, and we have had the sad spectacle of men in our own section applauding the movement of this colossal eyesore.

Space will not admit of even a running glance of the year's doings.

In the Old North State we have seen sights. The tables were turned. We see honest, sincere citizens, who helped to redeem the State, uniting with the authors of our troubles to overthrow what they themselves aided in doing.

In Concord and Cabarrus the year has been a bountiful one—in crops and health and troubles. But all along there are blessings, which we cannot be too thankful for. This [illegible] old town, [illegible] and modest, has kept up her record of [illegible] and improvements.

While the old year will leave its unwelcome and unsightly earmarks, there is enough to promise us a new year and events worth living for.

This is no time for sulking in the camp of life—let us all be up and doing, and may the Good Lord bless us as has always been done.

The good we have enjoyed is his gift—the bad is the making of man.

LITTLE SNAPS.

The Standard admires the pluck and gift of Deputy sheriff Hill. Shooting Brown was necessary, and so has such acts been in the past, but let us hope it will never again have any part in the campaign.

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Eeighteen hundred and ninety five has started out pretty well, thank ye! It is winter, all along the line.

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Matrimonially, there is a lull in the storm; but could more suitable weather be had for matrimony?

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The goat eats up the posters, the [illegible] the [illegible]

Italy during this month reveals the fact that more than twenty villages are in ruins. Five hundred persons seriously wounded, forty thousand homless and eighty-six have been killed or have died from consequent shock or illness.

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President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, has done a very kindly thing in sending to the people of Marion his check for $100 He also notified the railroad commissioners that he has made a half-rate of freight on all building materials which are shipped for use in re-building the town. Maj. Wilson, of the commission, says that never in the South was a town so completely wiped out by fire.

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Vanderbilt's latest purchase near Asheville is 232 acre tract for $35,000.

Ashevelle is to have a hanging-bee on January 11.

A stamp clerk was arrested at Savannah, Ga., Saturday for stealing mail.

It was very unbecoming [illegible] our youth to see them desecrate the Sabbath in skating and snowballing.

Consider well your will-power before making the annual New Year's resolution, for resolutions of this kind are somewhat like the beautiful snow—they soon vanish.

Mrs. Cleveland will not give any time to society this winter, except at the customary formal receptions at the White House on New Year's day.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland will hold the time honored reception from 12 till 2 o'clock. All the ladies of the cabinet will assist in receiving the guests, and behind the line of hostesses there will be a number of ladies whom Mrs. Cleveland has specially invited to be present to entertain those guests whom she may ask to remain in the Blue Room. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Gresham will entertain the Diplomatic Corps at breakfast at the Arlington.

The first public reception held at the White Hous[illegible] [illegible]uary 1, 1801. These early receptions were called the "Republican Court."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., received the Republican caucus nomination for Speaker of the New York Assembly last night.

The result of the senatorial contest in the Deleware Legislature is still uncertain, with chances favoring Senator Higgins.

The Americans of Boston held a meeting yesterday and sent a cablegram to Mr. Gladstone thanking him for his speech last Saturday.

The W Witt retail boot and shoe merchant of Lynchburg, Va., made an assignment yesterday. Liabilities are about $6,200; assets $5,000.

John Rayn, a well-known telegraph operator, died at the Mercy Hospital, Pittisburg, Pa., yesterday morning. He was taken to the hospital December 20 with a broken leg, previous to which time he had been drinking heavily.

Ex-Alderman Chas. F Johnson, who [illegible] shot in Attorney Malley's office at Galesburg, Ill., last Wednesday, by his wife, died Monday. To the last he protested that he did her no violence but she shot him because of his allegation regarding her relations with a wealthy Chicagoan.

Chas. Yeager, a printer, aged 35, was found dead in a viaduct in Forest Park, St. Louis, Monday night, A letter on his body explained that he had killed himself because typesetting machines had driven him to want. He leaves a wife and three children. He was insured for $2,000.

A lot of phenacetine, seized by Custom Inspector Welsh on the British steamer Laurestina, at Philadelphia, Saturday, has been forfeited and appraised. A fine equal to the value of goods must be paid by the owners. It was discovered hidden away in three large glass jars.

Fire at Port Tampa City, Fla., at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, destroyed 25 freight cars loaded with phosphate, two express cars, two passenger coaches, one mail car and the entire car-sheds of the South Florida Railroad, operated by the Plant system. The origin of the fire is unknown.

One of the prettiest games of foot-[illegible] that was ever played in Charles-[illegible] took place yesterday afternoon [illegible]een Charleston and Savannah. [illegible] the first half neither side scored, but in the second, Charleston made four and Savannah nothing. So it [illegible]

1895 IT IS.

Who can see the difference?

Another year in its youthful life is given to us. As the days move on, it will, like a rolling snowball, grow larger and larger. Responsibilities will increase; cares will continue; the plot deepen and the record will become voluminous.

If the signs, written across the horizon of the coming days, be true, we may expect a year of decided improvement upon that one just closed. Tariff legislation is done for and the beneficial results of the new law, serve to make quiet business circles and to deal out better advantages to the consumers.

There are rations (pearly) enough about us for the year without a great draw upon outside markets. The health of the county is good and there are promises of a continuation.

Let us hope that what bitterness yet remains may be wasted away by the exercise of charity and brotherly love. Let us all hope that that distrust and hatred way be obliterated for the sake of our common good, if not for individual pleasure.

There are perhaps no reasons for not believing that, in a business way 1895 will be a great improvement over 1894. The financial agencies and all authorities in foretelling future business, give out hopes for such a season.

May 1895 live her days and God grant us all powers to live each day as will be becoming a brayer generous people.

BREEZY BITS.

Quibbs—"What constitutes a good boy, in your opinion?"

Ribbs—"Healthy ancastors, as much as anything."—Boston Courier.

"Talk is cheap," observed the man who believes in proverbs.

"Humph!" replied the man who doesn't. "That remark shows that you never hired a lawyer or rented a telephone."—Washington Star.

Contributor.—"Pretty poem isn't it?"

Magazine Editor—"Yes very, but we can't publish it."

Contributor—"Why not?"

Magazine Editor—"Why, anybody can tell at the first reading what it means."—Somerville Journal.

"This may be justice," said the defendant, "but it strikes me as being a prety fishy verdict."

"That shows that it is justice," retorted the plaintiff. "One of the most conspicious features of justice is her scales."—Harper's Bazar.

Senator Lexow doesn't believe the story about Comstock. The Senator's house is in the country where the green goods customers grow.—New York Journal.

Magistrate—"You say the prisoner struck you but once?"

Complaint—"Yes, sir."

Magistrate (to prisoner)—"Why didn't strike him a second time?"

Prisoner—"I didn't have to, yer Honor."—Harlen Life.

First Tramp. "Are you in favor of the income tax?"

Second Tramp. "You bet I am. I go further'n that. I'm in favor of givin' every man an income to be taxed."—Detroit Free Press.

Nudity is always shocking, especially in the case of a live wire.—New York Tribune.

A lot of popcorn balls hung all over a Christmas tree will create more interest in a Sunday school than twenty miracles possibly could.—Texas Siftings.

He—"Pray tell me the sort of girl I ought to propose to."

She—"Well, one who is rich—and—a philanthropist."—Truth.

When a man becomes firmly convinced that he is a genius, it is then that the fringe slowly begins to form on the bottom of his trouters.—Harlem Life.

"It's the little things that tell." as the man said when his 3-year-old boy saw him kiss the cook and carried the news to mamma."—Browning's Herald.

Miss Gotham—"How did you enjoy the reception last night?"

Mr. Hoosier—"Enjoy it? I could not find any place to sit down, and I felt just like a hired boy at a husking bee."—New York Journal.

Bacon—"What are you doing with a picture of a foot-ball player pinned to your coat?"

Egbert—"Oh, yes! My wife pinned that there so as to remind me to have my hair cut."—Yonker Statesman.

"Then you are quite satisfied with this picture of your husband?"

Wife—"Well, yes—that is, if it's impossible to make it look any less like him than it does."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Chicago aldermen are now quoted in the market at $900 apiece. In the opinion of certain well-informed New Yorkers this must be regarded as dirt cheap.—New York Tribune.

Mrs. Brand-New—"I would like to get a first-class book on etiquette."

Mr. Brand-New—"Any particular point you want to clear up?"

Mrs. Brand-New—"Yes—how to treat one's inferiors. You know dear, it is only recently we have had inferiors."—Puck.

During the past thirty-five years more than 1,000 varieties of postage cards have been issued.

There are 3,461 presidential post-offices in these United States. Cabarrus county owns two of them.

A barrel of apples was sold in Baltimore for $17 50. They were called Lady apples. This office draws the line on Lady apples as an article of diet.

The sneak thief who last week entered Presiding Elder Rome's house in Wilmington and appropriated to himself two overcoats must have had a premonition of this cold snap and an eye to comfort.

The Farmers Alliance of Pennsylvania have started out by arranging for a series of county picnics throughout the State during the coming summer. So they did here, and is culminated in a politico Populist Republican fusion; but Pennsylvania is already irrevocably Republican.

A Washington crank is sending out communications to Governors that the capitols of States will be destroyed inside of two years because of their wickedness. This should be a pointer to our Legislature that a very short term is in order.

The friends of Thomas B Reed, the Maine statesman, are urging him not to accept the speakership of the next House for fear he would be held accountable "for the deeds done in the House." They fear that the presidential boom of this Reed will be shaken with the winds of adversity.

Republican papers are raising a great howl because Mr. Cleveland has seen fit to put the swarm of gangers, storekeepers, inspectors and agents under the civil service law. They claim that it is a dodge to keep Democrats in office even if the next president be a Republican.

WHITE-CAPPERS SCARED.

They Have Overstepped the Bounds in the Past and Are Willing to Quit Now.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Murray county citizens held a mass meeting today at Spring Place to discontinue white-capping. Two hundred and fifty men were present. Probably one-half of them belonged to the oath-bound orginaztion which numbers 1,000 members in Murray and adjoining counties.

A special to the Constitution from a staff correspondent who was at the meeting states that the sentiment was strongly in favor of discontinuing outrages and illict distilling The mountaineers seemed to be of one accord. They did not deny that the band has killed and whipped informers, but they said the perpetrators are only a small element in the county.

The government has resolved to break up this organization which thwarts the revenue officials. In a few days, ten members are to be tried here for murder. The Murray county people profess to be ready to suppress the lawlessness themselves and save the Government the expense and trouble.

McMillan Re-Nominated.

Lancing, Mic., Jan. 2.—The Republicans in legislative caucus here this evening placed in nomination Senator James McMillan for the long term as United States Senator from Michigan. The nomination means election, as there is only one Democrat in the Legislature. The short term nomination will be made tomorrow evening.

GUARD AT THE JAIL.

Chairman Dove Says the Jail is Unsafe Without a Night Watchman.

Father Dove is up to snuff.

Since there came near being such a big jail delivery several weeks ago, the commissioners and authorities have deemed the jail unsafe with so many occupants, and a night guard has been installed to perform this duty. Mr. Jesse Moore, formerly employed at the bleachery, has accepted the position, and if Mr. Moore can't keep the prisoners in jail, he can give the alarm and get all the help he needs.

Father Dove and Sheriff Sims say that no one will be allowed to hang around on the outside of the jail, as has been done heretofore, upon the belief that mischief has come about through these outsiders.

With eighteen or twenty chain gang convicts and half as many birds waiting for court, it is reasonable to believe that a guard is a necessity, for with such a force and a little effort, our old jail would not be hard to break.

STORE ENTERED.

Only Fifteen Cents Missing—The Second Time.

Some time in December last, some one, for the want of something better to do, entered the store room of Mr. Henry L Propst by breaking one of the small glasses in one of the front windows. It was not known how much was stolen the first time.

Wednesday night the store was entered in the same way, the glass being broken out at the same place.

Whoever the thief might have been must be of a very thin make-up. Mr, Propst did not miss any goods, but 15 cents in money was taken from the drawer, it having been placed there the last thing before closing last night.

Happy New Year's Greetings.

Never has Concord's record of time and events shown such New Year's greetings, as was given Tuesday evening from 8 till 12 o'clock, in the new and elegantly furnished home of Mr. J C Wadsworth.

Hundreds of greetings were exchanged, the receiving rooms, hall and dining room were thronged with gallant knights, who appeared in evening suits with their bright faces expressing good wishes before the tongue could utter them. Our charming hostess in her unassuming, but most attractive manner expressed her hearty returns to her guests, a most beautiful repast, an exceptional one at all times, not only for a New Years' recure. The menu was complete, we wished for nothing more. We retired with appetites, hearts and eyes satisfied, the eyes feasting on the beauty of the fair ones, surrounded by handsome tapestry and beautiful paintings such that the "Greek gods" would have enjoyed.

Could our host and hostess have found a more pleasing way to entertain their well wishes?

Mrs. J C Wadsworth received with her charming lady friends, viz: Mrs. M Luther Brown, Mrs. James Cannon, Mrs A E Lentz, Mrs. N F Yorke and Mrs. Laura Moss, Misses Marshall, Jannette and Sallie Erwin, Grace Gibson, Claude Fisher, Esther Erwin, Lizzie Young, Isabel Montgomery and Janie Richmond.

We hope Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth will repeat the most enjoyable affair of the season.

A PARTICIPANT.

Forest Hill Sunday School.

One of the largest Sunday schools in the State and one of the best conducted ones is the Forest Hill Methodist Sunday school.

At the recent Christmas festival occasion, this Sunday school did not neglect to have some pleasant surprises for every member of the school. The music was very appropriate and was lead by Mr. Barrow, who has won a reputation among us, besides an excellent business man, as a splendid musician.

Each pupil received one-half pound of candy, an orange and some nuts all put up in nice boxes.

When this was done Capt, J M Odell presented each pupil with a copy of the New Testament.

There are 410 pupils in this Sunday school and the Standard bets that never before were more testaments distributed at once.

Democrats Gain in the Georgia County Elections.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—Every county in Georgia held an election today for county officers. Owing to bad weather throughout nearly the whole State, the vote was light. Snow and sleet fell in the upper part of the State, and rain fell through the middle tier of counties. Specials to the Constitution show that the Democrats held their own everywhere, and redeemed several counties which the Populists carried in the election for Governor. As a rule the Democrats made marked gains.

Public Sale

I, the undersigned, offer for sale at public auction, at my place, in No. 5 township, on the 15th day of January, 1895, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property: One reaper, one thresher, two 4-horse wagons, one 2-hoese wagon, several hogs, cows, two horses, one mule, and all kinds of farming implements.

PINK M. MISENHEIMER.

This, Jan. 1, 189[illegible]

Professional Card.

I have located in Concord for the practice of medicine and surgery, and respectfully ask the public for a share of their patronage—I may be found at my office at any hour of the day or at my residence at night when not out professionally, and will gladly respond to all calls promptly.

Office under that of Montgomery & Crowell. Respectfully,

tf J. E. SMOOT, M. D.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Jerry Anthony, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make immediate payment, or suit will be brought; and all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 2nd day of January, 1896 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

Jan. 2, 1895. ELAM KING, Administrator.

Court Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that the January, 1895, term of the Superior Court for Cabarrus county will not be open before Thursday, the 24th day of January 1895, and all jurors, witnesses and suitors will not attend before that day, January 24, 1895. And further, all suitors and witnesses in civil actions will not attend before Monday, Jan. 28, 1895 of the second week, as the civil docket will not be called before that time.

By order,
JAS. C. GIBSON,
Clerk Superior Court.