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## To all our customers and friends: GREETINGS

The year which is just drawing to a close has been a most successful one with this bank, for which we have to thank our customers and friends who have made this possible.

We hope you have enjoyed a prosperous year, and that we have been of satisfactory service to you in bringing this about.

The Officers and Directors individually and collectively extend to you the Compliments of the Season, hoping that your Christmas may be a Merry one, and that the coming year may bring you increased prosperity and happiness.

## Citizens National Bank of Gastonia

### BIG GAME IN ARIZONA.

#### Mountain Lions and Bears Found in Parts of the State.

Phoenix Correspondence of the Los Angeles Times.

Despite the destructive activity of mankind, large game appears to be about as plentiful as ever in Arizona. Deer and antelope alone have decreased, and it is hoped, under protection of late laws, that they will henceforth be found in gradually increasing number. A decade ago deer were plentiful in the mountains around Phoenix and antelope ran in great bands in the Grand Cañon region.

Though \$20 a scalp is paid for their slaughter, mountain lions and bears are numerous in the Matzatal, Mongolian and Sierra Ancha Mountains, as well as in the mountains of south-eastern Arizona. The lions can be hunted only with the aid of well-trained dogs, for they flee from man and hide themselves readily, despite their size. They have been killed as near Phoenix as McDowell showing them selves, as a rule, in their quest for colt meat, for which they have a special fondness. A 9-foot lion was killed last week north of Phoenix by James Liville.

Bear of great size are common all along the rim of the Mongolian, from the upper Verde south east to the new Mexico line. An 800-pound black bear, the largest of the species ever locally known, was killed a few days ago in the Ricon mountains, near Tucson, by Under Sheriff Henry Myers. The bear had been wounded and was charging Myers when struck by a fatal bullet. Black bear are common near Payson, under the rim. They are mainly of small variety, harmless to man, and best hunted with dogs and horses, for they run at surprising speed. The brown and cinnamon bear are little different from the true grizzly and are fully as ferocious. Most sportsmen pass them if the weapon at hand be lighter than a .303 rifle, preferably carrying an expanding bullet. A few years ago a cinnamon weighing nearly a ton was killed in the Sierra Anchas by Phil Atkins, a celebrated hunter. Atkins admitted that the bear would have been too much for him had it not been for his pack of dogs. Atkins usually made about \$2,000 a year on lion and bear bounties.

### THE ODD LITTLE GECKO.

A Queer Animal That Lives in Africa and Southern Europe.

The gecko is an odd little creature. His name is seldom heard, and his form is seldom seen, for he lives in Africa and the southern countries of Europe.

This little gecko has so many strange ways and there is something so uncanny in his appearance that the people of the countries where he lives are rather afraid of him, believing his bite to be poisonous, although this is denied by naturalists.

It is a little creature, with a broad, flat head, like a snake, and a long body, with a narrow tail, with odd shaped bits of skin arranged like scales along the sides of it. He has short legs and queer, catlike claws, which enable him to easily climb the old walls and rocks upon which he lives, catching the insects of various sorts which make his dinner.

He is a nocturnal animal, walking abroad at night and sleeping in the daytime. He moves with sudden rushes and without any noise whatever. His odd name was given him from the queer noise he makes, which is something like the noise you would make to start a horse with. The male gecko is of a gray color, so near the shade of the old walls and rocks among which he makes his home that he can barely be seen.

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### PASTOR'S NEW YEAR LETTER.

From Over the Sea, Rev. J. Walter Simpson Writes a New Year Exhortation to His Church at Bessemer City.

Printed by request.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 1, 1906.

My Dear People:  
This is new year morning and my thoughts are such that I cannot refrain from writing a word to you. A new year! What adoring reflections swell this morning in our souls as Disciples of Christ! Oh let us not stifle them, but bumbly strive by the spirit's aid to fan them into a holy blaze. Let us pray God to increase their warmth and liveliness.

We look back, we see in ourselves a life-long train of ignorance, short comings, and sad transgressions, no day unstained by sin, no thought unblemished. But can we help but acknowledge that where sin has abounded, grace much more abounded? We have always had open access to Christ's atoning blood. At each moment we have been free to cry: "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than the snow."

When confessing our iniquity how often have we been cheered by a heavenly father's pardoning smile! When we take this retrospect of the past, shall we not strain every power to multiply thanksgivings? Shall we not, taking courage from our Gospel hopes and God's unchanging love, enter in deep humility but with undaunted confidence on the new year? God has been indeed merciful to us all during the past year. He has blessed the labor of our hands, and has kept back the death angel from entering our homes, and in fact has given us many occasions to bless and adore His holy name. How, during this new year, do we expect to show him our appreciations?

My first exhortation, therefore, is, that as heirs of faith we should advance, blessing God for past mercies and trusting Him for all which may be before us. Let us enter this new year with deep solemnity. It may conclude our earthly course. The number 1906 may be the date on our tomb. The thought claims serious impressions. But as one with Christ no apprehension shall disturb us. For the Christian to die is to be with Christ, which is far better. In closing our eyes on earth we quit forever a world in which temptations, troubles, difficulties harass and in which Satan fights against us with unsparring hate. Let us then cross the threshold of the new year peacefully, bearing our lives in our hands, and ready at any moment to surrender them, remembering that he comes in such a moment as we think not. Let us be listening all the while for our Lord's chariot wheels. May we realize that if death should come there is nothing for us to do but calmly die. If He should knock, let us be ready to open to Him immediately and say yes, Lord, I am ready.

The beginning of the new year should be marked by new resolves. Oh, let it be our anxious hope that we serve our Lord in newness of life. Let our dedication of ourselves to Him be fully and unreservedly renewed. May we present ourselves, our hearts, our minds, our souls, our every opportunity a consecrated offering unto Him. Let it be our effort each day throughout the year to grow in the knowledge of our blessed saviour. A volume is on our tables and in our book-shelves written throughout with glorious

revelations of his work, and his love. The Bible should be our unremitting study.

Oh, my dear, dear people take down this neglected treasure and read with cries uplifted to the Holy Spirit, "Open thine eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Let no trivial engagements interrupt our searching for Jesus in those sacred pages. Do you say you haven't the time? Remember, He has given you many happy years, and gives you each day of your life. Can you not give back fifteen or twenty minutes even to Him daily? Don't take your time off of God, take it off of self or your earthly masters. My dear Christian parents, erect the family altar this year if you haven't done it before. If you have no love for it, try it as an experiment this year even, and I guarantee the love for it will come, and the year 1906 will be the most prosperous and successful in your spiritual and temporal affairs. Dear sons and daughters, if the parents won't do it, won't you do it for them? I can picture no more beautiful or grander scene than to see the child take up the dear old neglected Bible and call father and mother in around the fireside and all the family and lead them to God in family prayer. Try it, God will give you the strength dear child of God to do it you will only trust Him, and each day will be a little heaven in your home. Oh, the joy that will be mine when I return to my people and find the altar erected in every home. Let this be your greeting to me when I return to you after this long separation. Nothing could make me happier. Is it too much to expect? I pray not.

It is important that we should not unlift our desires to glorify our Lord by allowing them to evaporate in vague generalities. It is far better that we should select some distinct object to which our effort through out the year should mainly be directed. A little rill enclosed in boundaries will turn a gigantic wheel and give motion to large machinery, but streams from a spring if allowed to spread at random may only form a swamp. A cable is the union of small threads. Our means or opportunities may not be large but if well united or consolidated may effect important good. Let us address our means and opportunities to one object this year. And let that object be a house to the glory of God.

Do our spirits often fly heavenward on the wings of intercessory prayer? I fear we fall much in the exercises of this exalted privilege. To neglect it is a grievous fault. Personal need again is so great, the claims of self are so potent; our trials, and our pains are so many that the power of prayer is exhausted before we have traversed our individual necessities. But let us resolve this year to break down these limiting barriers and give expansion to our spiritual desires. In prayer we may visit every missionary station and bring every laborer before God's notice. We may enter every sorrowing home and supplicate the balm of consolation for every wounded spirit. We may mourn over sin so rampant these days, and we may wrestle with God that gospel light may shine from every pulpit, such intercessions will not impoverish us. Job's prayer for his friends was to him great gain (Job 42:10).

And brethren let us strive this year to be exemplary. In all meekness and humility we should stand as sign posts pointing to Christ. Many eyes are always watching us. Let us

not be stumbling blocks in the way of our neighbor but let them by taking knowledge of us realize that religion as we profess it is an intense reality. It is not true humility to place a mask upon Christian features.

Now just a word to our Sabbath school teachers. Will you listen my friends to a few words from one who is intensely interested in your work of faith and love? You cannot tell what a sweet comfort it is to me in my absence to know that you are in the midst of the lambs speaking to them for God. "Be not weary in well doing" dear friends for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Do not be impatient, wait on the Lord and the blessing will come. Use, I ask once more, a few spare half hours in seeking after the lambs on the week day. This proves to the parents that you are in earnest. It is not enough to meet the children week by week to bear their lessons, and go through the business of the school. The souls of children are committed to our care and the glory of God through their salvation should be our constant aim.

Bring your class before your mind, think of your pupils one by one and ask how many you could hope to meet in heaven if they were now called into eternity. Could you bear to see any one of them turning away under the fearful "Depart ye cursed?" Let us awake to our responsibilities and ask ourselves, Have we faithfully performed our duty to our children or to God? Have we felt the precious worth of their souls? Have we felt their dangers, thought over it and wept over it when alone with God? In the still hour of prayer have their names been mentioned before Him? In the spirit of Holy Jacob have we ever cried, "We can not let the go till thou hast blessed them?" Have we knelt before our Saviour and brought each member of our class to Him one by one and said to Him: dear Lord didst Thou not say of old, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and wilt thou turn these away?

Out of all our Sabbath school teachers at Bessemer, Concord and Glass, one has come to me in person and has written to me and said "Do pray for me that I may be able to teach my children and pray for the children." An dear friends there is a teacher who is in earnest about her great and important work and anxious, so anxious about the souls of her pupils that she wishes to be prayed for that she might be enabled to lead them into the true light. I talked to that class once during the teacher's absence and asked them to pray for their teacher. I trust they did, I think I can say I know they did.

With a praying teacher and a praying class good will always result. I shall never forget the moment when I visited that teacher's sick bed and told her that three of her class had accepted Christ as their Saviour during our meeting that had just closed. Oh the joy that could be seen in that teacher's face. Don't you believe that on that sick bed that teacher prayed for those three boys?

Dear teacher what do you know of your class individually? gentleness, even in reproof—to win their confidence and love. Have you ever taken them alone, prayed with them, and tenderly inquired, are you a child of God? Have you ever invited them to your home; and before letting them go pray with them and for them, thereby letting them see that you are interested in them? Do you visit them when they are sick and in every way lead them to regard you as their friend. Just before leaving America I received a photograph and a letter from my Sabbath school teacher, showing me that she was still interested in me. Do you think I could ever forget that Friday evening in her home when she would have her class of boys to meet her and pray with them. And next to mother she has been the controlling influence of my life and character. And my love for her was kin to that of a mother. And my being in the ministry to-day is the result of their influence and prayers.

Oh with what glowing hearts we shall meet in heaven those whom God has used as humble instruments in saving and influencing for good. To bring one child to the bosom of Christ would be reward for all our pains and labors.

There are other things I should like to write, but this has already grown lengthy. As I leave Edinburgh on the 1st of February for my long journey

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to Egypt and Palestine this will possibly be my last letter to you. Hope to see you all soon after the 16th of April as I land in New York on that date. May God continue to bless and keep you, my dear people. Ever your affectionate friend and pastor, absent in body but not in spirit.  
J. WALTER SIMPSON.

### An Honest Rich Man.

St. Louis Times.

Marshall Field's fortune was estimated at nearly two hundred million dollars, a sum so large that many perhaps will not be able to comprehend it, and while he was the greatest merchant of his day all of his money did not come in over his counters. Much of his wealth was due to judicious investments. He did not own a trust, there is no evidence that he resorted to sharp practice or corruption, but he had character, which was his most valuable asset in life. The business world had an abundant confidence in his honesty and his word. He did not speculate; he merely endeavored to become a rich man by fair and square dealing with his people.

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