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#### WORLD-GLIMPSE.

What a delightful New Year 1912 is! He's been around here only a week, but he is pleasant as a new

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Mr. Williams will sing: "I WILL MISS YOU."  
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

boarder. He has filled with unalloyed gladness the heart of every youngster who can beg, buy or borrow a sled, and is yet pouring the snow down plentifully from the great ice mills he is working in the big upstairs of the sky. More than that it all means that Good Dame Nature is preparing to be good to Grande Ronde valley as well as to the rest of the great country and will give them abundant water for the crops of the summer and fall. The high hills are hugging the snow drifts close to their broad bosom and tucking them fast in the canyons where the boring eye of the sun will not find them till late in the season.

If 1912 continues thus all the year he will prove himself a lovely fellow. He will make good. The first thing he did was to declare China a republic and elect a Christian man, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president. He will see it through, we are sure. The unconquered remnant of the Manchus are "hugging the delusive phantom of hope" and blindly expecting to retain the already "lost cause" but the various nations of the earth are in sympathy with the new idea.

The combination of Bear and Lion at least succeeded in ousting the American, Shuster, from the financial department of Persia's affairs. Russia has made an advance as far as Tabriz and committed despicable outrages (which, of course, England must stand by) in the execution of several patriotic citizens who stood for their homes and their rights. In 1253 the Mongols of Russia did the same thing in the same city. Russia is the protested barbarian among the nations of the globe. Because she is big, she is boldly belligerent and blustering. Her Cossacks are savages and her nobility vanished heathens.

The general would-be-candidates for the presidency of the United States are slipping about among the people like a soft boy in school and asking with bashful boldness: "Did you hear any of the girls say anything about me today?" Their tentacles are nation wide following the timid touch of their political antennae.

Like a cold blanket, but not nearly so full of comforting promise as the falling snows, is the wave of frigidity sent out by "them fellers" what fix the taxes" down at Salem. If insanity is catching, it may be there

were some microbes that were not locked up at the asylum when the others were put to bed. An increase of 118 per cent in one year in a person's taxes is surely "going some."

In Turkey the taxes are gathered in a manner entirely different from the way it is done here. An officer is told a certain amount of money is needed. He goes to the people who he knows have it and takes what he will. He turns in the amount asked for, and keeps the rest for his trouble. He is a tax-farmer. Some persons are sometimes bold enough to say that is the way things are done in America in places, but of course that could not be thought of for a minute.

Last Tuesday night the outgoing city administration buckled the municipal harness onto the freshly branded bronches and hitched them to the city cart. They seem to be bridle-wise already and the people are pleased with the way they trot off. The late mayor made himself many friends and as city physician, Dr. Richardson will be more and more loved by the needy who will have his calls. Mr. Walden is honored with the position of head of the night force, the hardest stunt to perform in things peace-keeping. At night the roughs try to find play grounds they fear to attack in the daylight; but thanks to the well lighted condition of our streets, rogues have little opportunity to accomplish much. Electricity is a good policeman.

#### BROTHERHOOD.

All the progress the world has ever made was brought about through rational action. Primitive men fought with clubs and stone hatchets, tribes clashed and rolled in blood, nations met in battles and sacrificed the flower of each other's manhood—these were but incidents. The real battles of progress have been fought with the combatant's standing shoulder to shoulder.

Brotherhood wins, not enmity. Mankind has ceased its serious 'asks from time to time to engage in war, but let no one believe that progress has been born of bloodshed.

Civilization is not aided by barbarism. The supremacy of law is not vindicated by its wholesale violation. This is a of brotherhood among men and nations is making more rapid progress now than ever before in the history of the world. It is com-

ing to be more generally realized that as man can accomplish but little through his own unaided efforts, so nations must unite for the pursuit of world ideals if the universal brotherhood of man is ever to be realized.

In business as in statecraft, the same rule holds true. No industry, no financial corporation can stand by itself alone. They work together. If one violates the laws of orderly business it sins against the whole business world. The day of "cut-throat" competition is gone. No matter whether business organizes under legal forms or not, they must work in harmony or sacrifice much of the reward of effort.

Neither city nor state can prosper in the fullest degree if it refuse friendly relations with other cities and states. The nation is a brotherhood—a sisterhood, as some call it—of friendly, co-operating states all working to a common end. Each state is obliged to surrender something of its own independence to the interests of the common good. The honor and glory of the nation as a whole are the concern of all. It is now recognized as disastrous sectionalism for any state to assert its own power over that of the central government. The civil war settled that doctrine.

How far will this idea of brotherhood go in the future? Evidently he fraternity of the nations is out a step beyond the fraternity of states which make up a single nation. And when one stops to consider the rarity of war in these later days and the probability that the coming years will see still fewer appeals to arms by the nations of the earth, he realizes that the brotherhood of the nations has made much progress already.

Mans welfare is the supreme consideration. Whatever tends to promote that is the desirable thing. It is a far cry from the cafemen's clash

at arms to The Hague. Just that measures the advancement man has made toward a condition of best civilization. We have traveled far, and have yet far to go.

Brotherhood co-operation, the pulling together for a common goal—these spell victory.

Five Smiths will have seats in the United States senate within a few months, in view of the certainty that Marcus A. Smith, democrat and for-

mer delegate from Arizona, will be one of the new members. At the present time there are four Smiths in the senate—John Walker Smith of Maryland, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Home S. Smith of Georgia and Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina.

Hereafter the sale and distribution of all tickets for world's series baseball will be in charge of the National commission.

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