

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the Track of the New Year

NEW YEAR'S was a long time in settling upon Jan. 1 as the proper time for its celebration. Even now, in Greece and Russia, where the Julian calendar is in force, New Year's does not arrive until twelve days after the year is well on its way in the rest of the civilized world.

The ancient Egyptians and Persians began the new year at the autumnal equinox, Sept. 22, and the Greeks of Solon's time at the winter solstice, Dec. 25, but in the time of Pericles the date was changed to the summer solstice, June 21. The Romans began the year when the winter solstice until Caesar changed it to Jan. 1. With the Jews the new year began in September in civil affairs, but in their ecclesiastical reckoning the beginning of the year dates from the vernal equinox, March 22. And, as this is astronomically the beginning of spring, the date is a logical one, and that of the 25th of March (25 being a more fully rounded number) was accepted generally by Christian nations in medieval times as New Year's.

In England Dec. 25 was New Year's until the time of William the Conqueror. His coronation happened to fall on Jan. 1, and accordingly the year was ordered to commence on that day. But the English gradually fell into union with the rest of Christendom and began the year on March 25. When in 1582 the Gregorian calendar was promulgated and definitely located New Year's on Jan. 1 most Catholic countries adopted it at once, but England did not acquiesce until 1752.

In ancient Rome New Year's day was given up to feasting and frolicking. Sacrificial fires burned continually on the altars of the twelve gods. All litigation and strife were suspended.



AND MARRIAGE DRINK A NEW YEAR'S WELCOME.

reconciliation took place. New Year's gifts were made and New Year's gifts bestowed. These also originated the New Year's resolution, for every Roman received on New Year's day to no neglect his conduct that every word said and should be a happy augury for all the days of the ensuing year.

The arrival of the orgies which marked the New Year's arrival not only among the Romans, but among the Teutonic races, the early Christians looked upon with favor upon the whole season. By the fifth century, however, Dec. 25 became the fixed festival of the Nativity, whereupon Jan. 1 assumed a special sacred character as the advent of Christmas day.

The giving of gifts on New Year's day has been ascribed largely in Anglo-Saxon countries by the giving of Christmas gifts, but the custom still is retained in France. This custom was one of the most ancient and universally observed of New Year's day.

The Swiss attributed the custom of the sacred tablets. The Roman senators accepted gifts, and so did the English rulers down to the time of Cromwell.

The world over on New Year's it is a custom to drink to the health of one's friends.

The custom of making New Year resolutions and "turning over a new leaf" is universal and, like political pliancy, is as much honored in the breach as in the observance. But the temptation which surrounds frail human beings in this wicked world are many and tiddlers.

What a menace to our comfort, what a proof to him that boasts. These habits that, discarded, haunt our presence still like ghosts.

—Kansas City Star.

The Old Year And the New

I WATCHED the old year fade, And with its dying light, Turned into darkest night, And then I said, "The gone The old year is no more, And memories now alone Linger along the shore."

I watched the old year die, And with its fading day, Then came the thought that by Its death a brighter way Opens up, and all things bright, We'll have increase at last From specters dark as night. They'll live, but in the past.



THE OLD YEAR'S FLIGHT.

I watched the old year's flight And then said, with a smile, "Ah, now the new year bright Will bidle with an awhile!" But ere my hopeful dreams Have realized one day, In death and passed, it seems It starts, but to decay.

Thus all along the way Gravestones must mark the miles, An epitaph each day, A tomb of tears and smiles, So we begin the new (The old ere we've begun) To find it's aging, too, With the first setting sun.

But 'twill not always be, There'll come a living day, And all things new, and we Shall live in endless May, No gravestones then will mark The tombs where dead hopes lie, No nights of sorrow dark, Creep o'er our changeless sky. —James Daniel Cleston.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE dawn is gray and chilly with the frost. The old year's pulse now flutters, now is still. And all our twelvemonth's deeds, for good or ill, Pass into shadow, silent, one by one. While from the night wherein we wander, lost, The new year rises with the rising sun.

A new year? Nay! 'tis but the same old year. The same remorseless round of sun and rain, Of seasons in their order, joy and pain. The old emotions playing upon strings That wax a little older, drawing near. The final end of all remembered things.

Earth ages, and the very mountains nod With years, and we who crawl upon their breast Pass at the sliding sands' benign behest. Hate fades, greed falls, lust crumbles into clay, And there are left but love and faith and God, To whom a thousand years are as a day. —Reginald Wright Kauffman.

A New Year Proposal.

"What resolutions have I vowed to keep this coming year? Come, let me hear, maiden fair, and straightway you shall hear. I've pledged myself to choose one girl from out the throng so gay And love her with an honest love forever and for aye.

"I'll work for her with brain and brawn, with all my might and main, Until I've won her everything that honesty can gain. I'll fill her life with all that's good till life itself is done, And while we train our minds and hearts we'll not neglect the fun.

"Now, tell me, won't you, maiden fair, what you have vowed to do? For I've laid bare my inmost soul to no one but to you." "I've made no pledges," she replied in so demure a tone. "But if you don't object I'll try to help you keep your own." —Wallace D'Alabar Vincent.

Dicky's New Year

How He Came to Attend the Grown Folks' Party.

DICKY sprawled ungracefully on the floor, and at times he bestowed a sly and naughty kick upon the unresisting legs of a chair that stood near him. His first impulse was to feel sorry for doing this, his second to look around and see if any one had noticed this little outburst of temper.

It may be that the Christmas festivities of a few days before had been too much for him; but, whatever it was, Dicky was certainly cross and inclined to weep easily.

However, neither his mother nor his Aunt Gertrude noticed how he kicked the chair nor the way he scowled upon the world in general from under his tawny curls. They were absorbed in their preparations for entertaining the guests of that evening, and for once Dicky was forgotten.

"If I was going to have a party and invite all the people in the world I'd invite my own little boy, Dicky, too. I wouldn't leave him out," quoth Dicky out of the silence.

"What's that?" asked his mother carelessly, absorbed in her own thoughts. "No, no, Dicky; this is a party for mother's and father's friends. You wouldn't enjoy it."

"Oh, but I do want to come," persisted Dicky. "I've heard you all talking about it, and I want to see the new year come in the window."

"What is the child talking about?" asked his aunt.

"The new year. It's coming in the window, and I heard mother tell how you were all going to open it to welcome it in," replied Dicky, somewhat impatient at his aunt for not understanding so obvious a meaning.

"Nothing will come in at the window, dear," said his mother gently. "It's just a pretty custom. There will not be anything for you to see, and you will be much happier upstairs in your nice warm bed."

Dicky went a little at the time, and when the hour came for bed under the stern eye of his father he rebelliously consented to be tucked in by his nurses, although not without further remonstrances. Finding them of no avail, he sobbed his woes into his pillow, while his father and mother went below to receive their guests.

By making a brave resistance to the growliness that was stealing upon him Dicky managed to keep awake until the party had assembled in the parlor below. Then he crept out of bed and hung over the banisters, eagerly trying to catch sight of the brilliant people in the gathering. A man passed along the hall Dicky thought it might be his father and scurried back to bed again as fast as his little bare feet would carry him. And then without more ado he soon fell asleep, "the world forgetting, by the world forgot."

Downstairs the hours passed merrily, and the old year drew to a happy close. First there were only fifteen minutes of it left; then there were only ten. Finally the old year had but five short periods, counting sixty seconds each, to live. The men and women gathered together showed nothing of the solemnity that underlies the merit of all such gatherings. Four minutes, three minutes, two minutes—ah! They turned from the windows in surprise to see Dicky standing in the doorway.

He was not dressed for the party, and his little nightgown afforded scant protection against the drafts of the lower room. He was not expected at the party, either, and the expression on his father's face suggested that he was not even welcome there. These considerations might have disturbed an adult guest, but they mattered little to Dicky.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Josephine, in a certain cause therein pending wherein L. A. Robertson as plaintiff, recovered judgment against W. E. Horn, E. F. Johnson, and W. S. Wood as defendants for the sum of Three hundred and no-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from April 22nd, 1912, and Fifty Dollars attorney's fees and the further sum of Ten and 100/100 Dollars, costs and disbursements, which said judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the Josephine County Clerk on the 14th day of October, 1913, and was later on the 25th day of November, 1913, duly assigned to W. S. Wood and which execution was directed and delivered to me as sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, commanding me to sell the real and personal property of said defendant and to satisfy said judgment, costs, and attorney's fees, I have levied upon the following described real property, to-wit: The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 in Township 35 south of Range 2, West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon.

Public Notice is hereby given, that I will on **MONDAY, JANUARY, 5th, 1914,** at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, sell at public auction, all of the right, title, interest and estate of the above named defendant in said premises, subject to redemption as by law provided, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the said judgment and judgment for costs, disbursements and attorney's fees.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1913.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.
Lura Bilderback, Plaintiff,
vs.
To W. H. Bilderback, Defendant.
To W. H. Bilderback, the above named defendant: In the Name of the State of Oregon—You are hereby notified and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, now on file therein, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which is the 23rd day of December, 1913, and if you fail to appear and answer within the time required, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in her complaint, to-wit: for a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, for the care and custody of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Jacksonville Post once a week for six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being December 20th, 1913, by order of Hon. F. M. Collins, Judge of the above entitled Court, said order having been made on the 11th day of December, 1913.

GUS NEWBURY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.
In the Matter of the Estate of David Maham, commonly known and called David M. M., a deceased person.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, heretofore duly made and entered has been appointed and now is the duly qualified and acting administrator of the estate of above named decedent.

All creditors and persons having claims against said decedent or his estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers, to the undersigned at his home at 24th Street, in Jackson County, State of Oregon, or to H. K. Hanna, attorney for said estate, at his office in Jacksonville, in said county and state, within six months from the date hereof.

The date hereof and of the first publication hereof is December 23rd, A. D. 1913.
JOSEPH MAYHAM,
Administrator.
H. K. HANNA, Attorney for estate.
Residing at Jacksonville, Oregon, attorney for estate.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, in a certain cause therein pending wherein George F. Hall, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against William A. Atkin for the sum of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars with interest thereon from said last day of April, 1913, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars attorney's fees and the further sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars costs and disbursements, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, on the 24th day of November, 1913, which execution was directed and delivered to me as Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, commanding me to sell the real property levied upon in a certificate of attachment filed with the County Clerk on the 14th day of June, 1913, and which is described as follows, to-wit: Southeast quarter (1/4) of the Southeast quarter (1/4) of Section One (1), Township Thirty-three (33) South of Range Two (2) East of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

Public notice is hereby given that I will on **MONDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1914** at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Oregon, sell all the right, title, interest and claim, of the above named defendant in said premises, subject to redemption as by law provided, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the judgment, interest, costs, attorney's fees and accruing costs.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 12th day of December, 1913.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

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14 Portland Passenger.....	8:27 A. M.
24 Grants Pass Motor.....	10:22 A. M.
32 Grants Pass Motor.....	4:27 P. M.
16 Oregon Express.....	5:20 P. M.
12 Shasta Limited (Mail only).....	8:44 A. M.
Extra fare train.	
SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.	
23 Ashland Motor.....	8:35 A. M.
13 California Express.....	10:52 A. M.
31 Ashland Motor.....	2:04 P. M.
15 San Francisco Express.....	4:00 P. M.
11 Shasta Limited (Mail only).....	5:52 A. M.
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