

New Year's Morning

By HELEN HUNT JACKSON

ONLY a night from old to new!
Only a night and so much wrought!

The Old Year's heart all weary grew,
But said, "The New Year rest has brought."

The Old Year's heart its hopes laid down
As in a grave, but, trusting, said,

"The blossoms of the New Year's crown
Bloom from the ashes of the dead."

The Old Year's heart was full of greed;
With selfishness it longed and ached

And cried, "I have not half I need;
My thirst is bitter and unslaked,
But to the New Year's generous hand

All gifts in plenty shall return;
True loving it shall understand;
By all my failures it shall learn
I have been reckless; it shall be
Quiet and calm and pure of life.
I was a slave; it shall go free
And find sweet peace where I
leave strife."

Only a night from old to new!
Night and the healing balm of sleep!

Each morn is New Year's morn come true,
More of a festival to keep.
All nights are sacred nights to make
Confession and resolve and prayer.
All days are sacred days to wake
New gladness in the sunny air.

Only a night from old to new!
Only a sleep from night to morn!
The new is but the old come true;
Each sunrise sees a new year born.

NEW YEAR BELL IS SILENT.

Famous Relic of American Independence Formerly Rang in the Year.

Every New Year's eve citizens of Philadelphia gather round the shrine of Liberty, Independence hall, to hear the New Year rung in. Formerly this service was performed by the bell now known as the Liberty bell.

Before that memorable day in 1776 when the nation's fathers gave forth to the world their Declaration of Independence, whose signing was heralded by the ringing of the bell, New Year's rejoicing was started by the first peal of what is now known as the Liberty bell.

After the events of July 4, 1776, made the bell one of the most priceless relics of the nation, custodians of Independence hall restricted its use, fearing some mishap, and after 1830 the bell was no longer used for the New Year's salute. In 1832, on the celebration of George Washington's birth day, it was rung and not again for three years, when on July 8, 1835, while the funeral procession of Chief Justice Marshall was passing, the bell was tolled.

Suddenly the note grew discordant. An investigation was made. It was found that a crack had been started. The bell had completed its task. No more would it greet the New Year or pay tribute to the nation's great. But from the tower of Liberty's cradle another bell always welcomes the coming of a New Year.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Not Alone on New Year.

Of course it is customary to make New Year's day the day of new resolutions, but there is no particular reason why we should confine this work to this one day in the year. In fact, the very best resolution we can make on New Year's day is to resolve that during the coming year we will use every endeavor to make each day a day of self-improvement; that not a single day shall pass upon which we have not attempted to speak a good word or do a kind deed for somebody; that not a day shall pass upon which we will not try to weed out some of the tares and brambles of character that now offend others or some of the bad habits that offend even ourselves.

Pay Up Day in China.

At the Chinese New Year the houses and other buildings are decked with flowers, and the streets are thronged with people, who come out to buy provisions, new clothes and gifts. One good New Year custom in China is that of settling up all debts before the old year has died out. A Chinaman who allows the New Year to dawn before he has settled with his creditors feels himself disgraced.

The New Year Dawns.

The new year dawns, the sun shines strong and clear,
And all the world rejoices and is gay.
The city loving birds from spray to spray
Fit busily and twitter in my ear
Their little frozen note of wintry cheer.
From roddy children with the snow at play
Ring peals of laughter gladder than in May,
While friend greets friend with "Happy be thy year!"
—Louise Chandler Moulton.

DON'T DELAY

Some Stayton People Have Learned That Neglect is Dangerous.

The slightest symptom of kidney trouble is far too serious to be overlooked. It's the small, neglected troubles that so often lead to serious kidney ailments. That pain in the "small" of your back; that urinary irregularity; headaches and dizzy spells; that weak, worn-out feeling, may be nature's warning of kidney weakness. Why risk your life by neglecting these symptoms? Reach the cause of the trouble while there yet is time—begin treating your kidneys at once with a tried and proven kidney remedy. No need to experiment—Doan's Kidney Pills have been successfully used in thousands of cases of kidney trouble for over 50 years. Doan's Kidney Pills are used and recommended throughout the civilized world. Convincing testimony follows:

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TAFFY PULL

The members of the Christian Endeavor met with Mrs. Pratt Friday evening for a business and social meeting. After the business had been disposed of, the young folks enjoyed themselves playing games and pulling taffy.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"1916 Going or Some Things I Have Learned from Experience" and "1917 Coming or Another Year's Respite" will be the respective themes of pulpit discourses at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning and evening.

The old year will be closed and the new year ushered in by a watchnight service to begin at 9 o'clock with the preaching service, and a social hour with refreshments at 10 o'clock and Epworth League services at 11.

E. B. Lockhart, pastor.

Employer—Can you write shorthand? Applicant—Oh, yes, only it takes me longer. London News.

A man may be able to argue with a woman, but it never does any good.—Atlanta Journal.

Miss De Muir—Were you ever hypnotized, Mr. Hector? Hector—Yes; I'm married. Illustrated Bits.

America's first tome was the Bay Psalm Book. It was printed at Cambridge, Mass., in 1640.

Myling head, in the Faroe Islands, is a sheer precipice piling up 2,200 feet in height.

A falcon trained to carry messages has been known to cover 750 miles in sixteen hours.

It is in the lungs that our blood becomes red. Before it gets there it is of a dark purple color.

Wooden Shoes.

In the ninth and tenth centuries the greatest princes of Europe wore wooden shoes.

A Hopeless Case.

Winks—Jinks never sees the point of a joke. Blinks—No; he is usually the butt of it.—New York Herald.

There are twenty-eight pounds of blood in the body of an average adult, and ten pounds are moved at every pulsation of the heart.

Paper was made from rags in Arabia more than ten centuries ago, the art being brought to Europe in the thirteenth century.

South American Horses.

In many South American countries the horses go unshod or with shoes on the forefeet only.

In the Samoan Islands is a breed of cattle the bulls of which seldom weigh more than 200 pounds and the cows 150 pounds.

Posted.

"Now, Bobbie, didn't your conscience tell you you had done wrong?" "Nim, I knew it already."—Exchange.

Two-thirds of the world's correspondence is in the English language.

An electrically lighted cross revolves on top of a San Francisco steepie.

"A man dat starts in to foot a lot o' folks," said Uncle Eben, "generally fools blasef' considerable by way of practice."—Washington Star.

Many tropical plants possess light giving qualities, their blossoms and stems being incandescent and their juices also being phosphorescent.

Horses have been known to live forty years.

There are 56,000 seeds in a bushel of wheat.

Customer—What do you mean by that sign, "Shaving Postponed, 25 Cents?" Barber—That's because it takes more time to shave a man with a long face.

He—And old you suffer much when you had a cold? She—Suffer? I thought I should never live to tell the tale.

He—Ah, that must have been suffering indeed!—Philadelphia Record.

COLE SCHOOL

The best entertainment which has been given in the Cole District in recent years, was rendered Friday evening, Dec. 22. Careful preparation was made by the school to make this occasion entertaining and profitable.

Although the evening was quite stormy, the house was well filled and everyone seemed to be well pleased. We hope they were amply paid for their efforts to be present on such a night.

Those who took part in the program and gave valuable assistance, were Ora and Oral Bates and Darrel Montgomery. Also the two little tots, Rennie Edick and Caroline Minten, did their parts well—Rennie singing a song and Caroline giving a recitation. We give you a copy of the program:

Song—Welcome Recitation, "The Lazy Boy"..... Velma Chrisman,

Recitation, "Christmas Wishes" Maudie Darby,

"What We Want for Xmas,"...by six Children.

Song—Rinnie Edick Recitation..... Caroline Minten

Song, "Songs That We Love" Recitation, "The Texas Ranger," Ross Chrisman.

Drama, "Waiting for the Train" Recitation, Katie Lee, Willie Gray, and Velma Watson.

Recitation, "Clara Minten Song, "Jesus the Beautiful Child" by Girls of the 5, 6, 7 and 8 grades.

Recitation, "The Conversation of Silas" Florence Perkins,

Recitation, "The Soldier's Burial" Winnie Darby.

Recitation, "While the Dance Went On" Hazel Watson.

Recital..... Bessie Cary

Drama, "Bargain Day at the Gallery." Song, "Camptown Races".... By Boys

Recital..... Dorris Meiser

Reading, "How Grandma Keeler helped Grandpa get ready for Sunday School".....Maysel Montgomery.

Song, "Stand for America." Drama, "Country Cousins." "Quartette."

The Cole school is closed until Jan. 2, 1917.

NOTICE

Members and friends of the Baptist church please take notice.

There will be the annual business meeting at the church Sunday Dec. 31st noon after Sunday School and at noon after a basket dinner. Don't forget to bring your basket. 12-28

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ON FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Marion and to me directed on the 23rd day of December, 1916, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 13th day of December, 1916, in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein F. M. Mitchell and E. J. Sauter, Mattie J. Sauter, D. A. White, H. O. White and F. M. White, partners doing business as D. A. White & Sons; F. W. Spencer F. H. Reasoner, A. J. Houck, Salem Tile and Mercantile Company, a Corporation, and Falls City Lumber Co., a corporation and S. F. Anderson as Trustee in Bankruptcy of E. J. Sauter, were defendants in favor of plaintiffs and against said defendants by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiffs of \$260.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of January 1915 until paid and the further sum of \$50.00 attorneys fees together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$24.50 and costs and expenses of said execution. I will on Saturday, the 27th day of January, 1917, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a. m. of said day at the west door of the County Court House in Marion County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the date of mortgage in, of and to said premises hereinbefore mentioned and described in said execution as follows, to-wit: Lots Nos. Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-three (23) of Maple Glen Addition to Salem, Marion County, Oregon, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, also lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), save and except the plat and parcel of land sold to the Southern Pacific Railway and now used as a right of way along the north side of above described lots, as the same appear upon the recorded plat of the "City View," said land being situated in the County of Marion, State of Oregon, and being Twenty-six Acres, more or less.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 25th day of December, 1916.

Wm. Esch, Sheriff of Marion County, Oregon

By W. I. Needham, Deputy

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR RENT—a nice 6-room cottage near the new high school. Enquire at the Mail Office.

SALE BILLS—at the Mail Office. We have the largest circulation of any paper printed or sent into the Santiam Valley. Advertise with us and get results.

Clover or Vetch Hay Wanted—at Brewer's Dairy, Stayton. 12-28

Money to Loan—I Have Made Arrangements for loaning eastern money, will make very low rate of interest on highly improved farms. Homer H. Smith, room 5, McCornack Bldg., Salem, Oregon, Phone 96. 12-28

For Sale or Trade—for good dairy cows, a fine team of mules. Brewer's Dairy Stayton. 12-28

FOR SALE—7 head milk cows, 1 heifer. Cows \$40 per head, heifer \$30 if all are taken. 1 two year old filly \$100. Mrs. Rosa Miller, 12-28 Phone 2-8 Shelburn, Ore.

Good Fresh Cows Wanted at Brewer's Dairy, Stayton. 12-28

FOR RENT—6 room house, large barn, and 7 acres of land inside city limits. Also 5 room house, barn and 6½ acres just outside city limits. Will rent first property for \$110 per year, second property for \$75 per year. Grant Murphy, Stayton, Ore. 12-28

Shot Gun For Sale—Double barreled, breech loading, 12 gauge. Will sell cheap. See or phone Chas Schaefer, 12-28x Seio, Ore.

Sea Foods.

The swordfish, now esteemed as a luxury and called "the aristocrat of salt water fish," was not long ago despised as a member of the shark family. The tuna fish wins no favor where it is known as the horse mackerel, and there was actually a time when halibut and haddock were so despised that fishermen threw them back into the sea.

The Wrong Place.

During the rush hour a middle aged woman entered a subway car accompanied by her eighteen-year-old daughter. Both mother and daughter were forced to stand for awhile opposite a row of men busily intent on chewing gum.

"Virginia," said the matron with cutting emphasis and loud enough for the men to hear, "judging from appearances we have made a mistake. This is presumably the dining car of a chewing train."

No wonder that a flustered citizen began reading his evening paper upside down.—New York Times.

He Anticipated Her.

"Do you love me?" murmured the beautiful girl.

"I do; also I'm strong for suffrage, like your poodle and think I can get along with your ma."

But she didn't accept him, after all. A girl doesn't like to have all her questions anticipated.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Fixing the Meat Chopper.

Before fastening the chopper to the table place a piece of sandpaper large enough to go under both clamps, rough side up, on the table; screw the chopper up tight and you will not be bothered with clamps working loose.

Good Reason.

"Well, Johnny, do you wish you were a grownup man?"

"You bet I do."

"But why?"

"So people wouldn't ask me such fool questions."—Exchange.

Pen Mar's Name.

Pen Mar is so called because it is on the Mason-Dixon line, with Pennsylvania on one side and Maryland on the other, the first three letters of each state name being used to form the word.—Philadelphia North American.

Personal.

"Senator Squireit says he stands for the greatest good to the greatest number."

"Well, he does. Only he thinks the greatest number is always No. 1."—Life.

Something New.

Jabbers—I tell you, old man, it's a terrible thing when your wife quarrels with her mother and the old lady lives with you. Which side do you take? Haver—Neither. I preserve an alarmed neutrality.—London Tit-Bits.

Poet—I wish I had some real occupation that I knew was going to take up a large part of my time for the rest of my life.

Friend—Why don't you start a lawsuit?—Philadelphia Ledger.

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PUBLIC SALE

I will sell my seven room house and two lots at auction at 257 S. 16th St. Salem, Oregon, at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 30th. All kinds of fruit on place. Household goods also will be sold. C. D. Babcock

NOTICE

School will begin again on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The opening was postponed in order to give the out-of-town teachers opportunity to spend Jan. 1st at home.