

HOW LATIN-AMERICANS CELEBRATE NEW YEARS.

NO other people take so many holidays as the Latin-Americans, but to them New Year's eve is the maddest, merriest day of all the gladdest year.

I happened to be in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, at the year's end not long ago. A couple of days after Christmas I asked an attaché of the American legation:

"Do these people celebrate the New Year much?" "Celebrate?" he said. "Well, I should say so! Imagine the Fourth of July election night, Thanksgiving day and an English 'Mafeking night' all rolled into one, and you will have some faint idea of a Venezuelan New Year's festa.

There are so many fiestas in this country that a man can never get his work done, added an American coffee planter who was talking with us.

It is impossible to sleep late on the morning of Dec. 31 in any South American city. I was awakened soon after dawn by the clanging of a hundred bells. In Caracas there is an ancient church on nearly every street corner.

AT THE OLD YEAR'S GRAVE.

BY FRANK L. STANTON. BY the grave of the Old Year stood a little child with an earnest frown. The light of the Morning was on his brow, the faith of the Future in his radiant eyes.

Two Facts About Leap Year.

As for the name "leap year," it seems to be a misnomer, since on leap year February, the changeable month, does not leap a day, but takes on one.

The year is now just exactly as it was after Gregory had corrected it. Even after his correction, however, there remains a slight mistake, but it is so very small that it will amount to only a day in 3,000 years.

Ten New Year Resolutions.

- 1. Resolved throughout the coming year to cherish those unto us dear. 2. Resolved to hold them each day fast as if afraid it were the last.

From Basket to Brush.

She (in art museum)—They say that famous marine artist was once a plain farmer's boy. I wonder where he developed his talent?

JAPANESE NEW YEAR'S A LONG CELEBRATION.

PREPARATIONS are started early for the celebration of New Year's day in Tokyo and throughout Japan, this being the king of all Japanese holidays.

Every merchant must settle all accounts and restock his shop; every debtor must meet his obligations and prepare to make a fresh beginning; every housewife must clean her house, bake nice cakes and renovate the wardrobes of the family; every friend must be provided with a gift; every doorway must have its decorations of pine, a match for the Whitesunside evergreens, while every man, woman and child of the realm must appear in the streets in holiday costume.

Since 1873 the Japanese have followed the European calendar and observed New Year's day on Jan. 1. This change from the Chinese method, when New Year's fell at the end of February at the beginning of spring and reawakening of nature, has put a step to many of the older customs and superstitions held sacred for centuries.

The Japanese know how to play. Labor ceases. There is a childlike, perfect abandon to mirth. Young and old mingle in revelry. Some of the shops close holiday for two weeks and then resume business in an ambiguous fashion on Jan. 16. On that day every working lad, although bound for a term of years to his master, may return home and spend the day as he will.

EDNA B. MILLER IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Judge Campbell Saturday granted Edna B. Miller a divorce from Ralph D. Miller. The plaintiff was awarded the custody of their child, Marion, the defendant being allowed to see her at all reasonable times.

Accused by Boarder, He's Freed.

Paul Nawweskas, who with his wife keeps a boarding house at Eighth and John Quincy Adams streets, was acquitted Saturday of a charge of assault preferred by John Tongue, a boarder. Nawweskas was accused of having struck Tongue on the head with a stick of wood.

DON'T MAKE ENEMIES.

A man cannot afford to have an enemy, even a humble enemy. The shabby fellow who storms your office today may be a power in the community next year.

Both Waiting.

Mrs. Kibber severely has been lying awake three hours, waiting for you to come home, Mr. Kibber (ruefully). And I've been standing away three hours waiting for you to go to the Exchange.

ONE-GROVE VOTES AGAINST ROAD TAX

requesting that Walter A. Dimick, State Senator from Clackamas county, work in the next Oregon Legislature to establish a state highway commission so that all road work will be done under a commission, and to divorce the road work from the County Court.

Judge Dimick was present upon invitation, but took no part in the meeting until after the discussion and vote upon the tax, and after that question had been settled he was called upon to speak upon the financial condition of Clackamas county, and his ideas upon a change in the present system of road work.

He opened his address by showing the amount of state tax each county pays each year had been increasing with such alarming rapidity that the taxpayers are becoming greatly dissatisfied with that constantly increasing tax, and he informed the audience that it was necessary for the people in general to take up that question and discuss it so that they may be better informed upon the reasons for the great increase each year.

Mr. Dimick then took up the question of road building and frankly stated that during his administration as County Judge a large part of the road money had been improperly expended and attributed that condition of affairs to the present road system, and then said, if a man is going to build a house he is not going to employ a blacksmith for that purpose; if he is going to build a bridge he is not going to employ a jeweler for that purpose and if he needs a doctor he is not going to employ a merchant.

MENU FOR A GOOD NEW YEAR'S DINNER.

- Bisque of Lobster. Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Spinach, Cranberry Sauce, Oysters, Scalloped Southern Fashion, Frosted Egg nog, Asparagus Vinaigrette, Mince Pie, Mixed Nuts, Peppermints, Coffee.

CHAUFFEUR AND BRIDE HELD FOR ROBBERIES

Mrs. Mary Baldwin Johnson, wife of R. L. Johnson, a Portland chauffeur, was given a hearing in Justice of the Peace Samson's court Saturday on a charge of stealing silverware and dress goods from Mrs. L. Naylor, of Eagle Creek. The couple were married recently. She was accompanied by her husband, who also was accused. They denied the charge and said others committed the theft.

A Portland paper has the following to say of the couple: "Thought to be wanted in several Coast cities for a series of daring thefts of automobile equipment, R. L. Johnson, chauffeur, was arrested by Detectives Coleman and Snow last night and Mrs. Johnson was arrested this morning. They are said to be guilty of the persistent theft of many rugs, lamps and other paraphernalia taken from automobiles while standing before the Arlington Club, the club before the Arlington Club. The Johnsons also are charged with the robbery of the home of Mrs. Naylor on the East Side, where a quantity of silverware and dry goods was taken.

It was through the medium of the dry goods that the detectives were able to track down their prisoners. Mrs. Johnson is said to have given a quantity of dry goods to her mother, Mrs. Lazarus, for a Christmas present. Mrs. Lazarus was a friend of Mrs. Naylor, and when the latter came to the Lazarus home during the holidays Mrs. Lazarus proudly exhibited the goods as a present from her daughter. Mrs. Naylor recognized the goods and put Constable Brown on the trail.

While a misdemeanor charge was placed against the pair at police headquarters, the charges here will be indefinitely continued in order that the pair may be taken to Oregon City to answer felony charges. "The Johnson home at Eagle Creek was searched by the constable at Oregon City and a quantity of plunder is said to have been recovered and taken to Oregon City as evidence against the Johnsons when they appear for trial.

Talleyrand.

Talleyrand's conservatism was summed up by a witty conspirator, Paul de Courrier, who declared that if Talleyrand had been present at the creation he would have exclaimed: "Good gracious! Chaos will be destroyed!"

A MESSAGE TO YOU

You know that every advertisement in this paper is a message to you. Each merchant that advertises has something he wishes to bring to your notice.

BECAUSE the man that advertises the most is the man that will have his goods under the critical eye of the most people.

Thus, advertisers must be most vigilant in the selection of their goods, and keep them to such a standard as to give the buyer absolute satisfaction.

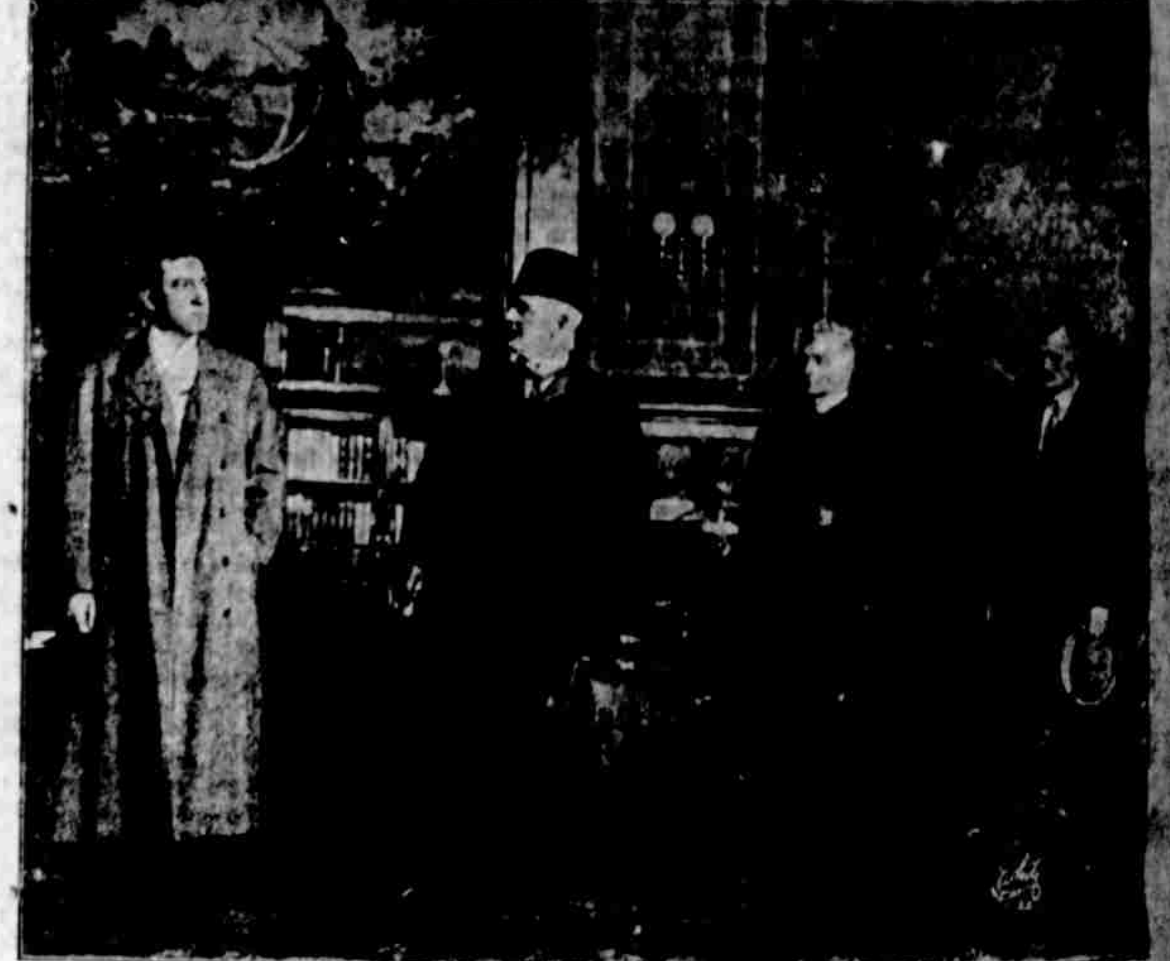
Every merchant in the city knows this to be a fact, and if he is successful he must follow this rule.

The moral is very plain that you are safe in dealing with those that advertise in the

Oregon City Enterprise

At the Portland Theaters

Last Car Leaves For Oregon City at Midnight



SCENE FROM "THE GAMBLERS" AT HELIO THEATRE, PORTLAND. Charles Klein's greatest play success, "The Gamblers," will be the New Year's attraction of the Helio Theatre, Portland. The engagement will begin Sunday night, December 31 (New Year's Eve) and continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, January 1, 2, 3. Matinee New Year's day. Special price matinee Wednesday.

COW EXPERT GIVES ADVICE ON MILKING

TO the proper method of milking a fresh cow have led E. R. Stockwell of the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural College to make the following statement regarding the care of the cow after calving. "Milking is generally considered such a simple operation that any common laborer is supposed to be able to milk," says Mr. Stockwell. "There is, however, an immense difference in milkers. One milker may be able to get twenty per cent more milk than another.

Wood, has been pronounced by the different critics to be the best actress that has ever played the part. Others in the company are Harry Bates, William H. Leyden, Harry Holliday, Frank Conway and Charles R. Gilbert. The LaShelle Virginia Company are reliable and a good production is guaranteed. Regular matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

to excite or worry the cow by loud talking or abuse of any kind. A cow should be milked quietly and quickly. As she is largely a creature of habit, special care should be taken to get all the milkings. The first milk drawn may contain as little as one per cent of fat, while the last runs from six to ten per cent.

"The art, or science, whatever you may call it, of milking can only be attained by those who are willing to make a study of each individual cow of her disposition, dairy habits and physical condition. It is the care of the cow prior to milking that counts. She should not be overfed, but just enough to keep her in good health. No succulent feed should be given. "After calving the cow should be allowed to take the first milking when it has had all the milk out of the milking with the pain of good milking with the pain of hand, with or without hard, or her, with cupped and compressed teats, relieve almost any congestion. The breaking up of the milk may be greatly hastened by milking of a hungry calf, because kneading it gives the udder a good massaging effect. "The most important thing to keep in mind are: First, frequent feedings previous to calving; second, milk the cow daily after the calf has been milked; third, if the udder is sore, do not milk, but give a good massage, massage the udder, and see that the calf is kept in good health.