



R. E. Former—How are you getting along since you quit your crooked ways?
R. E. Formed—I find myself in very straitened circumstances.—Fort Wayne Journal.

How Tom Johnson, blithe and gay, Spent a happy New Year's day.

THIS is a tale of New Year's day, a day when people should be gay, when carping care should be forgot and sighs and frowns and tears be not; a day when mirth and joy should reign, when worry should not be, nor pain; when every body should be fed and every one hold up his head. Good resolutions should abound; good things to eat, should be found, and from the hour when morning's light is shed upon the town till night is well advanced all persons should indulge in "times" that men call "good."

Now, Thomas Johnson was a man who every New Year's used to plan to see the sights and hear the clinks of glasses while he drank the drinks that almost any person may more freely take of on that day than any other in the year without the shadow of a fear that any one of him will judge. "He's got to taking too much budge!" A hundred dollars was the sum Tom Johnson spent to make things hum, and with it in his pockets he would always start out merrily at 10 o'clock sharp to the minute, and then till midnight he'd be "in it."

This day Tom started out alone. He felt quite friendless and unknown. The day was cold, and driving sleet went whistling up and down the street, and ere he'd sauntered half a block Tom Johnson had a dreadful shock. A man he'd known in other times stood on the curbstone begging dimes. His clothes were thin and men and old; his jaws were chattering with the cold, and when he met his old friend's gaze he tried to hide his pallid face.

But Johnson would not have it so. "What is the trouble, old friend Joe? Down on your luck? I didn't know what had become of you?" Then Tom took his friend's arm and led him from the pavement to a quiet spot where it was warm and dry. "Great Scott!" said Tom when they had sat down. "I thought that you had left the town. Here, waiter, bring a good hot lunch and brew a bowl of good strong punch. Now, Joe, just tell me what you now. I'm glad we met—I am, indeed."

Then bit by bit the facts came out. Hard times had downed Tom's friend. Without a cent he'd found himself that



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morning—without a job, too—so, forlorn, he'd started out to beg for bread. Tom Johnson sadly shook his head. "You should have come to me," he said. "But say goodby to days of sorrow. I'll find a place for you tomorrow. You shall begin the world anew; your sky shall once again be blue."

Then to his rooms Tom Johnson led and in warm clothes from foot to head he clad his old time friend, then said: "This is New Year's day, old man. This town is doubtless full of good men down. Let us two see if we can't find some others who have run behind. We'll take a cab and drive about and hunt them up and get them out, and if they don't enjoy this day it won't be my fault anyway."

To this Tom's friend gave quick assent, and up and down the town they went, and before evening they had found of friends of both a dozen round on whom Dame Fortune false had frowned. Did they accept Tom's bid to dine? Would ducks swim? Would you decline a chance to change from grave to gay New Year's or any other day? At the table every one ate and drank till he was done; smoked and joked and stories told; some were new and some were old. Then, to wind up the New Year's day, Johnson took them to the play, and when the curtain was rung down his friends agreed that in this town Tom's equal never could be found.

And when at last he sought his bed Tom missed his usual New Year's friend. What he thought was far more funny—he had not spent all his money, but to his friend he made remark: "To these my words I pray you bark: Never before, I desire to say, have I passed a happier New Year's day."—Davis Dexter in Philadelphia Press.

A Curiosity About Eclipses.
The average number of total and partial eclipses in any one year is four, the maximum seven and the minimum two. There is nothing really peculiar in this except the fact that where only two occur they are always both of the sun. There are more solar than lunar eclipses, but the sun, being so much larger than the earth or moon, the shadow terminates at a point and is visible only along a narrow track, while the lunar obscuration is frequently visible over half a continent.

SWINE MARKET HAS AMAZING INCREASE

The year's end shows a remarkable increase in the marketing of hogs at North Portland. The big increase in the supply last year was small in comparison with the showing of increase made this season. During the year unofficial figures show a total marketing of 120,529 hogs in the local stock yards, compared with 85,273 head in 1911. The increase for the year, therefore, is 35,256 head.

Remarkable as the showing of increase in the arrivals of hogs at North Portland during the year was the decrease in other lines of trade. The decrease in cattle was 11,935 head. Total run for the year was 76,204 head compared with 88,139 head in 1911. The loss in the marketing of calves was even more remarkable. Total run for the year in the local yards was 2796 head, or 4022 head less than during 1911.

Last year's heavy marketing of sheep at North Portland probably broke all previous records; therefore, considering this the showing of supplies in the local yards during the present year, was not so bad as first glance at the figures would indicate. The decrease for the year is 46,412 head. Total run of mutton in the yards during the year was 254,640 head, while a year ago it was 301,052 head.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows:
HIDES—(Buying), Green hides 7c to 8c; salted 9c to 10c; dry hides 15c to 16c; sheep pelts 40c to 50c each.
EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs 40c; cran count.
FEED—(Selling), Shorts 42c; bran 25c; process barley \$30 to \$31 per ton.
FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.
HAY—(Buying), Clover at \$9 and \$10; oat hay best \$11 and \$12; mixed \$10 to \$12; alfalfa \$15 to \$16.50; Idaho timothy \$21 and \$22; whole corn \$40.
OATS—\$25 to \$28; wheat \$1.05 bu.; oil meal selling about \$65; Shay Brook dairy feed \$1.30 per hundred pounds.

Livestock, Meats.
BEEF—(Live weight) Steers 6 and 6 1/2c; cows 5 and 5 1/2c; bulls 4 1/2c.
MUTTON—Sheep 4c to 5c; lambs 5c to 5 1/2c.
CHICKENS—11c to 12c.
POULTRY—1 1/2 and 10c.
VEAL—Calves 12c to 13c dressed, according to grade.
WEINERS—15c lb; sausage, 15c lb.
POULTRY—(Buying)—Hens 11c; spring 12c and roosters 8c.
MOHAIR—33c to 35c.

Fruits
APPLES—50c and \$1.
DRIED FRUITS—(Buying), Prunes on basis 6 to 8 cents.

VEGETABLES
ONIONS—\$1.50 sack; tomatoes 50c; corn 8c and 10c a doz.; cracked 40.
POTATOES—New, about 50c to 50c per hundred.

Butter, Poultry, Eggs.
BUTTER—(frying), Ordinary country butter 25c and 30c; fancy creamery 75c to 80c roll.

Educated Lions.
Although it takes four years of education to prepare a lion for circus life it increases the animal's life fivefold.

The Small Girl's Coat

A distinctive feature of the coats for children is the use of belts. The latter consist of patent leather, suede or silk sashes. Most of them are put on several inches below the waist line, somewhat in Russian style. Some are in Norfolk style, and others are buttoned over the left shoulder and finished on with a belt. Other favored styles



MODEL IN BROADCLOTH AND FUR.

have the single revers and sailor collars or are in plain double breasted effect.

Corduroys and velvets are well liked and are in navy blue, brown and black for children from two to six years and in white for those from one, two and three years. Chinchillas, double faced cloths, zibeline, wool velours, heavy chevrons and boucles are shown in navy blue, brown and gray. The coat pictured is of old rose broadcloth trimmed with a dark brown fur collar. Narrow bands of the felt extend down the front. In golden brown velveteen this model would be extremely pretty and serviceable.

Chinese Crepe.
This fabric is extremely fashionable, and many pretty articles are made from it.

When it becomes soiled make a strong lather of boiling water and white soap. Allow this to cool and wash the crepe by pressing it with the hands. Rinse it in salty water to set the colors and dry in the open air. Wash the crepe as quickly as possible to prevent the colors from running.

A Light Attack.
"Have you any married sisters?" "None. One was engaged once, but it didn't take."—Houston Post.

A small classified ad will rent that vacant room.

ST. AGNES' BABY HOME—PARK PLACE.

The Sisters of Mercy in charge of St. Agnes' Baby Home, Parkplace, return their sincere thanks to all the generous hearted people of Portland, Oregon City and different other places who sent donations for Christmas.

The little orphans had a delightful day, the crowning event being a large Xmas tree, laden with all the gifts dear old Santa Claus could carry. The scene around the Xmas tree was very pretty, so many bright and happy faces, and Santa had plenty for all. Balls, bugles, dolls, etc., together with candy, nuts and oranges, made the young hearts bound with joy and gladness and it was not over until each head was resting on its tiny pillow.

Those who contributed to make the day memorable for the little ones are as follows:

- Mrs. T. Devlin, Astoria \$ 50.00
- Miss Harrington, Portland 20.00
- Judge Munsey, Portland 10.00
- Mr. John Golden, Marshfield 10.00
- Children of St. Mary's Parish
Portland 13.00
- Mr. W. J. Masterson, Portland 5.00
- Dr. Strickland, Oregon City 5.00
- Commercial Bank 5.00
- Burmeister & Anderson, Oregon City 5.00
- Mr. Cross, Oregon City 2.50
- Grant Dimick, Oregon City 2.50
- Mrs. P. O. Keane, Portland 2.50
- Willamette Pulp & Paper Co. Oregon City 10.00
- Mr. Flaherty, Oregon City 1.00
- Mrs. F. L. Straight, Newberg—bed clothing.
- Mr. R. C. Malley, Portland—Groceries.
- Mrs. Lyons, Willamette—clothing.
- Mrs. Mary Schnoch, Oregon City—clothing and cake.
- Mrs. Smith, Oregon City—Clothing.
- Mrs. Brightbill—dolls and candies.
- Larson & Co., Oregon City—Groceries.
- Huntley Gros. Co., Oregon City—school supplies and decorations.
- Bannon & Co., Oregon City—clothing.
- Juvenile Court, Portland—Candy.
- Klaostro & Co., Oregon City—Children.
- Mrs. Brightbill, Oregon City—fruit.

Learning the Rules.
Little Elsie—Let's play keeping house. I'll be the lady of the house. Little Margie—And what will I be? Little Elsie—Oh, you'll be another lady come to call on me, and I'll pretend to be glad to see you.—Chicago News.

THE FIRST GRAY HAIR SIGN OF AGE

EASY WAY TO PRESERVE NATURAL COLOR OF THE HAIR AND MAKE IT GROW

A harmless remedy, made from common garden sage, quickly restores gray hair, to prevent it from losing its color and lustre, is just as important as to care for teeth to keep them from discoloring. Why spend money for cosmetics and creams to improve the complexion, and yet neglect your hair, when gray hair is even more conspicuous and suggestive of age than wrinkles or a poor complexion? Of the two it is easier to preserve the natural color and beauty of the hair than it is to have a good complexion.

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Don't neglect your hair, for it goes further than anything else to make or mar your good looks. You can buy this remedy at any drug store for fifty cents a bottle, and your druggist will give you your money back if you are not satisfied after using. Purchase a bottle today. You will never regret it when you realize the difference it will make in your appearance.

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WHOM SHALL I MARRY? HOW OFTEN SHALL I MARRY? SHALL I EVER BE DIVORCED? DOES ANOTHER SHARE THE LOVE THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO ME? IF SO, WHO? IS MY DISEASE INCURABLE? WHEN SHALL I LEAVE HERE? AM I LIABLE TO ACCIDENT? SHOULD I INVEST MY MONEY? IN WHAT SHALL I INVEST? HAVE I ANY ENEMIES? CAN I TRUST MY FRIENDS? IN WHAT TOWN OR STATE WOULD I BE MOST SUCCESSFUL? HOW CAN I SELL PROPERTY? HOW CAN I HAVE GOOD LUCK? HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN BUSINESS? HOW CAN I MAKE MY HOME HAPPY? WHERE AND WHEN CAN I GET A GOOD POSITION? HOW CAN I MARRY THE ONE I CHOOSE? HOW CAN I MAKE ANYONE LOVE ME? HOW CAN I CONTROL ANYONE?

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Happy New Year

In this, our first message of the New Year, we wish to express our appreciation to the public, for their patronage during the past year, and of what we value even more, their confidence and cordial good will. We realize that the public's interests and our interests are mutual and that whatever helps one helps the other.

In extending our thanks to the public for their patronage during the past year we pledge ourselves that during the coming year we will use our most earnest efforts to merit the continuation of the pleasant relations which have existed in the past.

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Ethel F. Ham to Ella Ham, land in section 15, township 2 south, range 3 east; \$1.
Bessie L. Ross and W. A. Ross to R. Leisman and wife lot 12, 11, block 17, Willamette Falls; \$400.
George L. Parrish to Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, undivided one-sixteenth interest block 26, South Oswego; \$10.
W. A. Huntley and wife to Portland Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, lots 5 and 6, also south half of lots 7 and 8, block 22, Bolton records; \$10.
Sarah J. Parrish to Portland Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, undivided one-sixteenth interest block 26, South Oswego; \$10.
The Oregon Realty Company to John M. Scott and H. G. Colton, tracts 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13, Foster Acres; \$10.
S. E. Prentiss and wife to the Northwestern Trust Company 29.49 acres in sections 21 and 23, township 1 south, range 2 east; \$15,482.25.
William F. Jantz and wife to Everett B. Babb and wife lots 17, 18, 19, block 2 Dover Park; \$10.
H. G. Colton and wife to Bertha Randall, lots 46 and 58, of Finavon; \$10.

All Kinds of Money.

Black dropped into White's office and invited him to dinner, stating that he had "all kinds of money." White accepted the invitation, and they dined well—so well that when the check was presented to Black he gasped and in a hoarse whisper requested a loan of White. "This check amounts to \$4.50," he explained, "and I've got only \$1.91." "You said you had all kinds of money," White replied disgustedly. "So I have," Black replied, withdrawing his possessions from his pocket. "I've got a dollar bill, a fifty cent piece, a quarter, a dime, a nickel and a penny. Now, how many more kinds could you expect a fellow to have?"—Kansas City Star.