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COMMON FOLK MEET MR. TAFT

Exchange New Year Greetings With President and Wife at White House.

RECEPTION IS INFORMAL

Glee Club of President's Alma Mater, Marine Band, Brilliantly Garbed Foreign Diplomatic Corps Make Occasion One of Gala.

Washington, January 1.—Mr. Common People shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. President right in the White House today!

This is the "big reception day" when all comers, no matter how they may be dressed or what their station in life, may enter the White House and be received by the chief executive if they will stand in line long enough.

The Yale Glee club provided a special feature of the reception this year. They came with song and jest from the president's alma mater and they were given special consideration. A reception was arranged in their honor and the boys, in return, sang several specially composed glees, in which President Taft figured as the subject of the songs.

It was the third time that President Taft and Mrs. Taft were hosts at the New Year's reception and this year Mrs. Taft's health was better than on either of the former occasions.

It was a great gala occasion with the marine band in full regalia providing music and the crowds, forming for hours before the doors were flung open at 11 o'clock. The buglers of the Marine Band announced the approach of the president at 11 o'clock and the big social event started with the usual military precision.

The presidential party came down the winding stairs and greeted Vice President Sherman, who was the first to extend the wishes for the coming year—the year of the national election, marking the most important phase of the president's ambition. Then the members of the cabinet and their wives were greeted. The party walked to the Blue Room and formed a receiving line to meet the diplomatic corps.

First of all the diplomats came the dean of the corps, Baron Hengel-muller von Hongervary, the erect, distinguished looking ambassador from Austria-Hungary. In his full regalia, the Baron presented a fine appearance at the head of the line. Behind him came the personal representatives of the monarchs and rulers of the world.

All wore their most gorgeous uniforms and it was the gala occasion of the year for them. It is practically the only time that the corps in full appears in its finest array in the day light. The diplomatic reception and various other diplomatic events of the year occur in the evening. After the diplomats came the judiciary headed by the Chief Justice, Edward Douglas White. In this line the late Associate Justice Harlan was missing for the first time in 23 years. After the judiciary came the congressmen and their families, then the army and navy officers; government officials and commissioners; numerous patriotic societies; then the glee club and last but not most numerous, the common people.

JOE BERGER GOES TO VICTORIA CLUB

Baseball fans will be happy to hear of the good fortune which is attending Joe Berger, who made such a phenomenal record for the local team last season and who continued his long list of victories at Centra. He will play with the Victoria team of the Northwest league next season, according to the following story in the Sunday Oregon Journal:

Joe Berger, who formerly pitched for the San Francisco Coast league club, later for the Portland Northwestern team, and last season for the Centra team of the Washington State league, will pitch for the Victoria team next season, according to President Wattlelet of the British Columbia club.

Berger had a fine season with the Washington town and was the strike-out king of the league. Near the end of last season Wattlelet offered the Centra magna \$400 for Berger, but was turned down.

Other twirlers on the Bees' staff are McCreery, Lake, Smith, Narveson, Wilson, Kaufman, Smith, Olsen, Kautschner, Griffin and Concannon.

After New Year's we may expect to hear from 30 or 40 more candidates for senators and representatives in congress.

WIFEBEATER KILLS INTERFERING OFFICER

Lakeview, Ore., Jan. 1.—In a blind rage, when stopped from beating his wife Bert Taylor, last night shot and killed Policeman Brown, who interfered, and then blew out his own brains. Taylor recently resided at Baker City.

SEN. LA FOLLETTE INVADES MICHIGAN

Speechmaking Effects Progressive Solon's Throat.

Campaign Committee Claims Large Gains for Their Leader in Western States.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1.—Senator La-Follette, with a sore throat, started from here today for a three days' tour of Michigan. He spoke at Flint this morning. This afternoon he speaks at Saginaw and tonight at Bay City.

Gains in West.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Advisers received from the Progressive Republican campaign committee headquarters within a day or two show a remarkable increase in La Follette strength in Washington, Oregon and Wyoming.

Washington and Wyoming have been claimed by the administration followers, with Oregon placed in the doubtful column.

It became known today that one of the administration supporters in the far west—a man whose business it is to travel about the country in the interest of a stand-pat tariff campaign, arrived in Washington a few days ago for the purpose of reporting on the conditions he had found in several states. This man's report is to the effect that the three states named will certainly cast their votes in the national convention against President Taft and will vote for Senator La Follette.

While Wyoming has been classed as a rock ribbed administration state certain to come to the support of the president, the fact is that in that state there is a revolt of more serious proportions than in any other state in the union. Prominent republicans are openly declaring themselves in favor of La Follette as against Taft.

Their reasons for so doing is to be found in the fact that Senator La Follette, more than any other man now mentioned for the republican presidential nomination, has demonstrated that he understands the needs of the western country. Wyoming, like other western states, awaits legislation at the hands of congress, which will permit the long delayed development of these states. The voters are convinced that there has been a disposition in Washington to ignore the demands from their section of the country. Senator La Follette's views on conservation are thoroughly understood in Wyoming, Colorado, California, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, and they are in sympathy with the views entertained by the voters in those states.

It is now regarded as certain that the speaking tour of Senator La Follette will cement the favorable impression he has already created in these western states. These states had ample opportunity to study President Taft during his tour of the country. Finding him lacking in the qualities which they demand in a candidate for the presidency they turned to Senator La Follette and nothing has occurred in the political world to change that judgment.

SHORTCHANGING GIRL OFFERED STAGE JOB

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Marjorie Harkness, aged 20 years, who featured in the penny arcade short-change investigation by the city commissioners, has found that it pays to get in the limelight. Yesterday Miss Harkness stated she had been offered two positions by mail, due to the fact that her case was brought to public attention through the inquiry, adding:

"The Lyric theater at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has offered me \$18 a week to go on the stage there in a singing act, and the Majestic theater at Oakesdale, Wash., has offered me \$25 a week to appear in character work. I shall probably accept one or the other. This is some improvement over the \$6 a week I received from the Arcade theater here."

Miss Harkness was accused of failing to give the proper amount of change for cash when patrons would buy tickets. She put up a novel defense and proved it that frequently patrons bought tickets and walked away from the window leaving their change upon the counter. In the rush of business it was frequently impossible to rectify the mistakes. Miss Harkness acknowledged that her receipts for this particular source of revenue frequently averaged \$1 a day.

GRAND JURY MEETS JAN. 3

Will Sift Good From Bad Cases on Docket of District Court.

MUCH WORK IS WAITING

More Than a Dozen Men in the Law's Toils Awaiting the Action of the Body—Several Are Bad Check Artists.

On next Wednesday the grand jury will be assembled at the court house to sift the good cases from the poor ones on the criminal docket for the January term of court. Judging from the number of cases which have accumulated since the last term of court, the seven men will have plenty of work to do before they are discharged from service.

A glance at Deputy District Attorney Newberry's books shows that there are more than a dozen men in the toils of the law awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Waiter Gilman is charged with the larceny of a gray mare from Gilbert Minthorn, the well known Indian. J. D. Manly is awaiting indictment on the charge of passing bad checks on L. Moses, A. Schmitter, Herman Peters of this city and M. D. Orange of Pilot Rock.

William Spankler is another bad check artist in limbo, being charged with placing a bad check with a

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FREE GRUB FOR YEAR FOR THREE BRIDES

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Free flour and cereals for the first 12 months of married life will be presented to the first three girl students of the domestic science department of the Cheney State Normal school at Cheney, Wash., who become brides. This is the promise made to the 20 members of the class by Samuel Glasgow, president of the Centennial Mill company of Spokane.

Mr. Glasgow entertained the co-eds here last week. He took them to visit the Spokane bakers, the Washington Cracker company's plant and a cold storage house and then offered to keep the domestic science department of the school supplied with white flour, Graham flour, whole wheat flour and cereals as long as he is at the head of the company. As a parting souvenir each of the girls was presented with a bon bon dish and a silver spoon.

Mr. Glasgow some time ago made a similar pact with the girls of the Washington state college at Pullman, and already has been called upon to send flour to college girl brides.

SALOON KEEPERS AND W. C. T. U. WORKERS COMBINE TO AID DRUNKARDS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—Christmas Day, 1910, a woman, poorly clad and with face swollen with weeping, came to the home of Mrs. Stella Masters, in the fashionable East End district of Pittsburgh.

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AVIATOR ATWOOD FALLS 300 FEET

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1.—Falling three hundred feet into the ocean near the Point of Pines, near here today, Harry Atwood, well known aviator, had his most narrow escape from death. He was rescued more dead than alive by a boat.

LABORITES' TRIAL IN DISTANT FUTURE

Will Not Be Reached on Calendar Probably Before Next July.

Union Leaders Promise Accused Men Aid and Charge Government With Conspiracy.

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NEW MANAGER FOR OREGON THEATRE

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Manager Matlock will present his first attraction to the public next Thursday evening, the bill being "The Barrier," a dramatization of Rex Beach's popular Alaskan novel. His future bookings, he declares, will be high class, and he assures the people that he will endeavor to entertain them to his theater with attractions that will please and that he will attend to the theater in a manner that will assure them every comfort and convenience after they enter.

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PENDLETON'S PROGRESS LAST YEAR WAS SATISFACTORY

Improvements Completed and Begun Run Toward Million Dollar Mark

1912 PROMISES EVEN BETTER THINGS FOR CITY

Water System, Street Paving, New School, Sewerage Extension Etc., Are Part of Fruits of Prosperous Twelve Months Just Departed.

If peace, progress and prosperity of a year past make for a happy new year, then is Pendleton entitled to celebrate in joyous manner today. At least a retrospective glance over the city's career during the past twelve-month coupled with statistics compiled during that space of time will furnish that which makes for civic satisfaction and contentment.

While the pessimist will take a sardonic pleasure in pointing out that the city has grown but little in population during the year of 1911 and that the records do not show the building activity to have been remarkable, the fair minded citizen will take a pardonable pride in summing up the results which a year has accomplished for the city.

Crop Is Bumper.

The crops throughout the territory tributary to this city were universally good during the past season and the prosperity which has attended the farming population in consequence has been reflected by every business of the city. The past year has seen the city made the recipient of one of the best parks on the Pacific coast, the land and improvements of which are valued at \$22,000, and has witnessed the institution which was the donor of this splendid asset, placed on a substantial and permanent basis to the immeasurable benefit of Pendleton.

Much Work Is Begun.

The year 1911 has witnessed also the commencement of construction work upon the branch asylum which will cost \$450,000, and has seen the building of a Main street bridge at a cost of more than \$35,000 and which would be a credit to any city with ten times the population of Pendleton. During its twelve months it has also recorded a number of other important civic improvements, the construction of an eighteen thousand dollar extension to the sewer system, the purchase of springs and the commencement of preliminary operations toward securing a \$200,000 mountain water supply, the voting and selling of bonds for the construction of a new \$100,000 high school, and a \$15,000 addition to one of the public school buildings and the resumption of paving operations after a rest of five years. The beginning of work on a splendid new \$40,000 Catholic church has been made in this year just past and many other material improvements involving smaller expenditures have been written into the history made from January 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

1912 Will Be Prosperous.

The year beginning today promises to eclipse even its immediate predecessor in its burden of prosperity to the capital of eastern Oregon. Early season indications point to another bumper wheat crop, which, if it is had, will be the third in succession and will put the farmers on a most substantial basis.

The Round-Up, which was so firmly established by the three-day performance last year and which, it is estimated, brought a quarter of a million dollars into the city in that time, will spend several more thousand dollars in permanent improvements this year in preparation for a much larger crowd than witnessed the 1911 exhibitions. The Umatilla-Morrow fair, too, is making extensive preparations for a greater show this year, its plans including the construction of a permanent pavilion.

Work for Laborers.

The branch asylum will be completed before the exit of 1912 and in the immense amount of work to be done before the institution will be ready to receive patients, labor will be afforded hundreds of working men and a large part of the contract money will be spent with the business men of Pendleton. Additional work will also be given many men in the paving of Alta, Cottonwood and Webb streets for which upwards of \$40,000 will be expended. This work will commence as soon as the winter weather breaks up and must be completed by June 1.

The end of this year will undoubtedly see the magnificent new high school building, the bonds for which have been sold, well under the course of construction while the addition to the north side school will probably be completed. The Catholic church will resume work on its splendid new

church sometime in the near future and the year will certainly see advances made in the progress towards securing for Pendleton a \$200,000 mountain water supply.

Promises Are Good.

Among the improvements involving lesser expenditures will be the construction of a modern, sanitary slaughter house and abattoir at a cost of approximately \$15,000. A number of other building projects are contemplated here in the city which, with the probability of railroad improvement work in the county and the possibility of work commencing on the west extension to the Umatilla project, starts the year off with promises which should lend additional happiness to a happy new year.

OLD YEAR SHOT OUT BY PENDLETONIANS

A rattle of pistol shots greeted Young 1912 when he arrived in Pendleton last night and incidentally awakened light sleepers who had gone abed to dream the old year out and the new year in. It was not a big celebration and it did not last long. There was little if any revelry in Pendleton and aside from the general suspension of business today there is little to show that it is a holiday.

Stores and practically all business establishments are closed for the entire day. The postoffice as usual was kept open from 9:30 until 10:30 and the line that waited at the postman's window was a lengthy one.

This evening entertainment will be furnished by a dance at the Eagles-Woodman hall under the auspices of the W. O. W. degree team while the picture and vaudeville shows will provide amusement for those who seek diversion.

STABBED BY A TWIG.

Michigan Trapper, While Riding on Skees, Suffers Peculiar Accident in Underbrush.

Marquette, Mich.—One of the most remarkable cases that ever has come to the attention of the surgeons at St. Mary's hospital, here is that of Leo Graber, an Ohio man, who has been engaged in trapping. Riding on skees, Graber was coasting down a hill. He lost his balance when near the foot of the slope and fell into a growth of underbrush. One of the sprouts of the underbrush, no larger than a knitting needle, ran into his groin fifteen inches, penetrating the walls of the abdomen. Now that the sprout has been removed by the surgeons, it is as pliable as rubber, and that it could have penetrated the skin is a fact almost incredible. The theory is that the sprout was frozen, which made it as stiff as a knitting needle. Graber's condition is satisfactory.

WOMAN FOUND GUILTY BY SUFFRAGIST JURY

Quarrel Over Rent Results in Fight and Assault is Fined \$10.

Bremerton, Wash.—Six women on a jury tried a woman for assault upon another woman and found her guilty. Mrs. Mary Johnson was fined \$10 and costs by the justice for pounding Mrs. Alice Rook upon the head with a rock. The women are neighbors and one is the other's tenant. Their dispute was over a matter of rent. The case arose in Charleston and was transferred here on a change of venue.

The jury included Mrs. George L. Searvey, a club member; Mrs. George Ekrohe, wife of a merchant; Mrs. W. D. Calder, secretary of the Library Board; Mrs. John Hoover, a club member, who recently served on an election board; Mrs. Rose Evans and Mrs. R. G. Cook, wife of the principal of the high school.

FIGHTING RENewed AT HANKOW BY REBELS

London, Jan. 1.—A force of 4,000 rebels apparently believing the armistice ended at midnight, attacked Hankow, which is held by Imperialists today, Pekin dispatches say.