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ABOUT OURSELVES.

The Itemizer Family Celebrates New Year With Banquet at New Scott Hotel.

In order to fittingly observe the passing of the old year, with its many evidences of prosperity, and to inaugurate the new year that looks so bright from all view points, the large Itemizer family and a few others intimately connected with the press of the city, at the invitation of the proprietor, took seats at the New Scott Hotel Thursday afternoon in the homelike dining room that has won such fame as caterer to the inner man. Landlord Corson spread himself as much as possible on the regular price of a democratic banquet, and the guests at the conclusion had nothing but praise for the cuisine and the service. A couple of hours were consumed in discussing the meal, in speeches and music, none finding the time to have been misspent or provocative of anything but the best of feeling and acquaintanceship.

Attorney W. L. Toozee, Jr., acted as toastmaster and opened the ball with a poetical recitation that was a gem, both of itself and its masterly delivery. Toasts were then responded to, as proposed by him, by the host, Postmaster C. G. Coad, Prosecutor D. H. Upjohn and W. A. Ayres, after which the toastmaster, who is a natural-born orator, and fully knows how to say the right thing in the right place, delivered himself of the following tribute to the Itemizer, which we reproduce in full for the reason that we know he meant what he said, and we are not adverse to receiving of compliments when we

know the motive to be a purely disinterested one:

Before adjourning to the Grand Theatre to accept the kind hospitality of our friend Ayres, there are a few remarks that I desire to make. This gathering today is primarily a get-together, get-acquainted meeting of the Itemizer family, with a few of us outsiders thrown in to make good measure. We are all glad to be here, I am sure, and I deem it an honor, as well as it is a pleasure, to be asked to preside at this family reunion. There are a few things that I think might well be said at this time, and upon this occasion, a few things complimentary of the Itemizer and of its owner and proprietor.

To those of you who have lived in Dallas the greater portion of your lives the growth and development here in the past three years must seem truly remarkable. Not only to you does it seem remarkable, but to everyone who has kept his eye upon the progress shown on all sides. During the past three years Dallas has progressed as it never progressed before; new buildings, improved streets, civic pride, moral, social and physical development, all have had their place in our onward stride toward civic perfection. Petty differences have been forgotten, factional strife has been destroyed and the people of Dallas have been working together, all with their shoulders to the wheel, to place Dallas where she rightfully belongs; where her wonderful resources justify her in being one of the leading towns of its size in the State. Dallas has been placed on the map to stay.

In this era of development and progress the citizens of Dallas have had the earnest co-operation of the Polk County Itemizer. Ever ready to support any cause that was just, prepared at all times with a word of encouragement to progressive ideas, fighting hard and long for many needed improvements, the Polk County Itemizer has established itself as an integral part of the progress of this city. Not only has it been of benefit to this city in the way of advancement, but the whole county owes much to its columns for the many stands it has taken in the interests of the people of the county as a whole.

As with this city has progressed, so has the Itemizer progressed itself. Equipped with all modern machinery, the linotype and all its accessories, run entirely by electricity, the Itemizer office today presents one of the best examples of a most modern and up-to-

date country printing establishment that can be found anywhere in this State. Mr. Fiske, our host, and owner and editor of the Itemizer, is to be complimented upon his enterprise and progress. He is seeking to keep pace with the times; apace with modern demands. That he is succeeding goes without saying, for one has but to pay a visit to his plant and note the work being done there to realize the success the Itemizer is meeting with. That this may continue, and its growth be marked, is the wish of all of us. I know. Progress and enterprise should meet with hearty approval and encouragement of all citizens, and in the case of the Itemizer, I feel that it does.

It has been said that the style of the Itemizer should be changed. I say no. This is the style it has followed for years. Do not change it now, unless you make a daily or semi-weekly out of it. This paper is essentially a newspaper for the farmers. It is read by the farmers; it is appreciated by them. We people of the town get our daily newspapers; though we enjoy the local newspapers, with their local news and personalities, still we do not enjoy them the same that we would if we had access to the big daily news papers from the metropolis. The Itemizer is filled with news; with items of interest to the people of this county as a whole. Its circulation proves that it is most popular with the outside people. These people are not asking for a change of style, and until they do, leave the style as it is. I do not believe that progress demands the upheaval of everything. And so again, I say, that upon the altar of progress should be sacrificed all old landmarks, all customs. Let us keep with us as long as possible a few of the things that will keep us from entirely forgetting the past; though the present and future seem glorious, and until they do, forget that was just as glorious a past.

And before we leave, let me say one word regarding the postoffice situation. Though all candidates for this position are able and worthy men, and men whose appointment would be approved by the citizens of this community, still it seems at present as though the head of the Itemizer stands well in line to capture the much-coveted plum. I believe, in my own mind, without contradiction, that Mr. Fiske's appointment to this position would meet with popular approval. Though the other candidates have much to base their claims upon, not without many commendable reasons why he should be chosen as our postmaster for the next four years. Always a staunch democrat, and ever ready with the columns of his worthy newspaper to advance the cause of democracy, an editor opposed to political hypocrisy, and refusing always to carry water upon both shoulders, but willing and anxious always to fight and fight hard for the principles in which he believed, democracy owes much to him. Picked by a nation containing hundreds of names of residents of this city and county, and with his other qualifications, his claim is strong. The present administration also owes much to him, for was it not through the columns of his newspaper that Woodrow Wilson received his first mention as a possible presidential candidate upon the democratic ticket? Not only was the Itemizer first to mention this, but from the first mention made of Woodrow Wilson as a candidate, this paper conducted a consistent fight to keep the name of Wilson before the people. I would not make the rash statement

that had it not been for the Itemizer, the country would never have heard of Woodrow Wilson, except as the able governor of New Jersey, but I do say that the Itemizer played its part in the game, and played it well.

I happen to be a republican, and really the postoffice situation is a matter to which I have given but little attention. Still there are some things that even a republican can appreciate. The people of this city and of the county cannot help but admire the editor of the Itemizer for his fearlessness in politics. People cannot help but appreciate seeing a man fight for the principles he believes in. Though my brother may believe differently than I believe, and though I may feel that there is no reason for his believing as he does, still I admire a man who has the courage of his convictions; a man who will stand and fight for what he believes is right, regardless of sentiment and a possible loss of business, is a man upon whom the people can depend, one who can be trusted. Men may make mistakes; men may believe in wrong principles; but so long as they believe they are right, and work to that end, they are to be admired. And so again, I say, that for the many fights in which the Itemizer has engaged on behalf of democracy, and for the many nights the midnight oil has been burned in the preparation of democratic editorials, the party now in control of the national government should not treat lightly the claims of our friend and host for the position which he covets. In conclusion, I want to wish the Itemizer family, and particularly the host and his individual family, a happy and prosperous New Year, and I know that all of you had present join with me in this greeting.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ayres' remarks he took occasion to further enhance the pleasure of the occasion by inviting the whole crowd to a special performance of his moving picture show at the Grand, and another hour of enjoyment was spent as his guest. It put on several films for our delectation, and Mrs. W. L. Toozee favored the crowd with one of her best solos between the acts. A treat that was highly enjoyed by all.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Toozee and son, Walter III, and Mrs. Corson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Upjohn and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Coad, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Boyd and daughter, Jessie, who also favored the audience with a couple of songs. This little lady is a bright miss of some five years, and, by the way, got off a good one that morning. She was asked that morning if she was going to attend Mr. Fiske's banquet. The inquirer then wanted to know what a banquet was, and she replied: "Oh, it's a place where you get more to eat than at other times." Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bloom and two little daughters, Marjorie and Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. Fiske and daughters, Misses Buena, Roxana and Cora, and made up the balance of the

party. Five of the Itemizer family were unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin having sickness in their family, our devil being too bashful and afraid he would be called on for a speech, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Meyer having made a previous engagement.

Many New Band Members.
 At the band meeting Monday evening ten new musicians were made members and five more are coming in in the near future. This will bring the band up to its full complement of 35 pieces, a number having dropped out during the last few months by reason of removal and for other causes. The boys are practicing regularly for their next concert, which will occur on January 21st, and will present some new pieces that will be a special delight to all music lovers.

Nearly a Conflagration.
 Tuesday while warming up some varnish on the stove, Miss Lilly Boman had a narrow escape from a serious fire and personal injury. The varnish flamed all over the room and only by quick work in throwing an out did she escape, burning herself quite badly in the attempt, but saved the house.

Firemen's Annual Banquet.
 With every member of the department present and several members of the city council as invited guests, the annual banquet of the Dallas Fire Association was held Tuesday night at the Gail Hotel. The evening was given over to the boys and it will go on record as one of the most enjoyable gatherings in the history of the local association. Mayor VanOrsdel, as well as Councilmen Barber, Fenton and Gohrke, responded to the toasts and several pleasing addresses were made. The members of the association were congratulated upon the good work accomplished by them during the past year and the meeting, in fact was one of harmony. Conrad Stafrin, as ex-chief, was called upon for an address, as were members of the council who were present. Chief August Rissler and President G. N. Gates, also made short addresses.

Dallas Boy Married.
 One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place New Years day at high noon, when Miss Gladys Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bentley, became the bride of Mervin Oyster Boyer.

More Fine Stock.
 Tuesday Miss Hazel Bursell received by express from Portland a handsome White Wyandotte cockerel, for which she paid \$25. After experimenting Miss Bursell thinks the Wyandottes excel as winter layers, and is now working to bring up her flock to the best grade there is in this country, sparing no expense to do so. The same spirit exhibited by all fanciers of the county will rapidly give Polk front rank in that business.

Lecture at High School.
 The first of a course of lectures given by prominent speakers from the University of Oregon will be given at the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, January 15th, when Prof. Swaeney will speak on "Our Native Trees and Shrubs." These lectures will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, together with the college and schools of Dallas, and with the endorsement of the Commercial Club. The admission will be free.

High Water in Polk County.
 Heavy rains for three days caused higher water in some parts of Polk county than has been seen for many years, according to old residents. Between Dallas and Monmouth, along the line of the Southern Pacific, many fields and farm yards were under water Monday while the county road in many places was converted into the slough. "uavns quipqas v jo pq Willamette river at Independence was exceedingly high and it was reported that a log boom had gone out on the Luckiamute and had piled up against the railroad bridge between Independence and Airle.

Good Money in Hogs.
 Ira Phillips says that Independence fellow who is getting so much newspaper notoriety regarding a revenue from one sow is not in it with him. Some time last year Mr. Phillips bought a Duroc sow, which, as time went on, produced 11 pigs in a litter. For four months he allowed the little fellows to run and then penned them up and fed them corn for 30 days, turning six of them off lately for \$11 each. He killed two for his own use and will keep the others for brooding purposes. The mother would now dress 300 pounds, but will have to bring in more money first in the same way, she being entirely too valuable along that line.

GOOD CHEER AIDS DIGESTION OF FOOD

Dyspeptics Can Make the Rest of the Family Happy by Using a Laxative-Tonic.



MAJ. S. MARTIN

The temper of the family and the good cheer around the table depend so much on the good digestion of each individual present that the experiences of some former dyspeptics who overcame their trouble should be of interest to those now suffering in this way. The best advice one can give—but it is advice that is seldom heeded—is to eat slowly and masticate each mouthful carefully. However, if slow eating and careful mastication fail, the next aid is one close to nature, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This remedy is an excellent digestant, and in addition to helping in the digestion of the foods, acts gently on the liver and bowels, ridding them of the accumulation of waste that should long ago have been passed off. It is safe, reliable, pleasant-tasting and results are guaranteed.

Maj. S. Martin, of Joplin, Mo., now 77, thinks Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has helped him to a longer and happier life. He has not felt so good in years as he has since taking this excellent medicine, and in spite of his 77 years he says he feels like a boy. It is the ideal remedy for digestion, no matter how severe; constipation, no matter how chronic, biliousness, headaches, gas on the stomach, drowsiness after eating and similar annoyances.

You can obtain Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at any drug store for fifty cents. Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it postpaid by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 419 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. A postal card with your name and address on it will do.

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The Southern Pacific bridge gang has been transferred to Dallas, where they will make headquarters for some time, doing construction work on the bridges of the S. F. C. & W.

More farmers should have attended Lute Chapin's instructive talk on potato raising at the Star theatre Saturday.

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