

# Shooting in the New Year

RACING, whirling, nerve wrecking as has become the recognized spirit of our times, yet in the remote districts lingers a serenity so unshaken we can but marvel over the dual nature of this thing we call American. Customs of the far west have become so grafted upon the newer land one feels the richness of the past ever mellowing the crudeness of the present.

One of the most lovable of these old customs, redolent with the air of feudalism, is that of shooting in the new year. We first hear of it among the early German settlers of Pennsylvania where it has long since become obsolete, but about 1750 there was a general migration from Pennsylvania to the hill country of the Carolinas. In rumbly old wagons these pioneers journeyed, laden with feather beds and delaware, sprigs of fruit and sturdy babies.

At the life history is but a repetition of the race history, there came with the first strange new year a burst of merriment. Getting themselves together they celebrated as best they could the memory of older days, and not once through all the years that have followed have these greetings been omitted. The tenantry and poorer people of the neighborhood gather at some appointed place about 9 o'clock in the evening, and the march begins. From the "big house" to another they tramp, bravely intoning their doggerel, firing salute and feasting at the table of the gentry.

Though North Carolina could never boast as many stately mansions as all some of her sister states, yet for many comfort and lavish old time hospitality she has never been surpassed. Each of the dear old places in its own name, still hugging these Ponds, Pleasant Gardens, and Welcome, Ingleside. The sentiment of all was voiced on one stone tablet, which proudly bore the inscription:

Welcome all to Buncombe Hall.



THE NEW YEAR SHOOTERS.  
In the front yard, and a deep outside begins the so called New Year sermon with a forenoon worthy of Walt Whitman. The report being the thing desired, wads are put on the powder and the muzzle held close to the ear. After the shooting comes the...  
...are a man of grace, to the door and show your face. The door is then thrown wide, and company enter, awkward, grinning, shivering with cold. Some of them have come from a distance of ten miles, as the country is unsettled, and must necessarily be, but they consider it more defensible to stand, or if one is finally obliged to take a chair he sits on it uneasily.  
...rubbly, Santa Claus-like old men make laconic remarks on the price of the youngsters refer to the hunt of the previous night. One goes to the piano and strums a frantic attempt to furnish music. They are stolid until she says "Dixie." The effect is magical. The callers mark time with mud and remark slyly:  
...and oranges, cakes and coffee, brought out. At some places a bottle is passed around. Then there is a relieved sigh from the door. The society manner is strained.—New York Post.

**Burgundy's Christmas Carols.**  
In Burgundy carols are exceedingly popular. Indeed not more cherished is the German's Christmas tree, with its glittering ornaments and the Christ Child, or the Englishman's red holly berries, mystic mistletoe, blazing hearth fire and smoking plum pudding than are the ditties sung all through advent until Christmas eve by the good folk of that province.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. has for sale, at her home on Monmouth street in Independence, California Medicated soap. Price 10c per bar

**Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Polk County Land Company will be held at Independence, Or., in the Independence Nat. Bank building at 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, December 31st, A. D. 1904, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may properly come before said meeting. D. W. SKABS, Secty.  
Dated Nov. 11th, 1904.

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Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned till 12 M December 20th 1904 for one hundred (100) cords of grub oak wood not less than two inches in diameter (also for forty (40) cords of good body fir said wood to be delivered corded in basement of Normal building not later than September 1 1905. Rights reserved to reject any and all bids.  
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**Stockholders' Meeting.**  
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on Tuesday January 10, 1905 between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. at the Bank for the purpose of selecting a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.  
C. W. Irvine Cashier.  
Dated this 6th day of December 1904

**Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Independence and Monmouth Railway Company will be held at Independence, Oregon, in the Independence Nat. Bank building at 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, December 31st, A. D. 1904, for the purpose of electing officers and transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. D. W. SKABS, Secty.  
Dated Nov. 11, 1904.

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