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We could but begin on the New Year's Day
A clean new life, and could drop the old—
Old sins, old shames, old thrusts of pain,
And the myriad things God only knows—
And into the sweet year, clear of stain,
Could step with the freedom of full repose,
What blessing untold would to us be given!
Scarce in our hearts would be room for Heaven! (Margaret E. Sangster.

Washington Letter.

The outlook for the ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii by the senate is believed in Washington to have materially improved during the last week, notwithstanding the increased efforts of the lobbyists to add to the sentiment against annexation. The public reason for this is given as the belief of a number of senators who have heretofore been indifferent towards annexation that the acquirement of a big slice of China by Germany and the probably acquirment of Chinese territory by England, France and Russia has changed the situation and made it almost an absolute necessity that this country should own Hawaii, in order to protect its interests in the Pacific. A reason given privately is that some of the senators who had themselves placed in the doubtful list merely did so to increase their chances for obtaining desired patronage, and that having succeeded they have informed the president of their willingness to vote for annexation. There is still another reason, too. Prominent democrats in various parts of the country have been arguing with the democratic senators for the purpose of convincing them that in view of the previous attitude of the party towards the acquisition of territory by the government, not to mention the present popularity of annexation, it would be a grave mistake to have the democratic party charged with the responsibility of defeating annexation, and, it is said, that some of them have been convinced.

Hon. John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state, and special United States seal commissioner about expressed the prevailing official opinion of the award of $464,000, made by the Behring sea claims commission in favor of the owners of British vessels siezed by the United States for alleged illegal sealing in Behring sea, when he said: "There was no occasion for surprise in it. President Cleveland having officially declared that $425,000 was a just and equitable sum to be paid in settlement of these claims, and having appointed as the American Commissioner to adjudicate the claims a personal and political friend, it could hardly be expected that the latter would strenously contend for an award of the lesser amount." As soon as congress reassembles it will be asked by the president to appropriate money to pay these claims.

Pension Commissioner Evans doesn't intend that his recommendation for the printing of the pension roll should be forgotten. He will have a bill providing therefor introduced in both house and senate and will use all the influence he can command to have it made a law. There is no reasonable argument against printing the roll in order that everybody may know just who, in their neighborhood are drawing pensions, and how much they are drawing. The pensioner who objects to this publication is liable to be accused of being ashamed to have it known that he draws a pension.

While China would unquestionably be more than glad to have the United States become her ally and call a halt upon the apparent determination of the great European powers to divide China among themselves, it can be stated upon the highest official authority that China has not asked the United States to be such; and it can be further stated that the request, if made, would be utterly useless, as President McKinley has knitting to attend to much nearer home than China that furnishes him all the trouble he cares to undergo.

Close friends of the president say that while he does not endorse all the financial recommendations of Secretary Gage, he will stand by him regardless of the consequence should the silver republicans attempt to make a fight upon Secretary Gage in the senate. On the other hand, friends of the silver republican senators say that they stood by their party in the last election virtually in defiance of the known wishes of a large majority of their constituents, to whom they stated that President McKinley was a good and earnest friend of bimetallism and that the declaration in favor of international bimetallism in the republican platform was meant to be carried out, and that in the face of those statements for them to remain silent while Secretary Gage continually talks the gold standard and the gold standard alone, will be equivalent to committing political suicide and that self-preservation will force them to protest. So the matter stands at present. The more conservative men in the party are trying to prevent anything like a break between the administration and the silver republicans, and the chances favor their success.

Catarrh in the head, that troublesome and disgusting disease, may be entirely cured by a thorough course of Hood's sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

Why it Was Cheap.

Mere cheapness is often a dangerous quality, and has hidden reasons which make it highly undesirable, as in the following instance:

Willie and Johnny set up a lemonade stand the other day and a gentleman was their first patron.

Willie's sign read: "Four cents a glass."

Johnny's modest announcement was: "Two cents a glass."

Being a man with an eye to the fact that "a penny saved is a penny earned," the customer bought a glass of Johnny's lemonade, paid the two cents due, and casually inquired: "Why is yours cheaper than your brother's?"

"Cos mine is the lemonade the puppy fell into."

The Gold Craze of 49.

At the time of the first gold discovery in California the prospector was unknown. Captain Sutter built his house at the head of navigation, on the Sacramento, because he believed that a tide of immigration would flow westward over the Rockies as soon as the news of California's addition to the Union was known, and that this would be a good spot for a trading-post and outfitting station.

In 1847 he made an agreement with James W. Marshall, a machinist from New Jersey, to build a sawmill, some miles up the river from his own house. It was while the mill was building, on January 24, 1848, according to the diary of one of the workmen employed there, that Marshall found some grains of gold in the sand while walking in the tail-race of the mill. He showed the specimens to his half-dozen workmen, but none of them realized the importance of the discovery at that time. On the following day Marshall gathered up as many of the bits of gravel as he could carry in the crown of his hat, and took them down to his employer, Captain Sutter. The latter conveyed them to San Francisco, where they were analyzed and pronounced to contain gold.

Then issued such a scene as mankind had never before witnessed. With almost electric rapidity the report went around the world. Gold in California! Rivers lined with gold! Mountains of gold! Gold to be had for the picking it up! From all parts of the Union, from Europe, from every quarter of the globe, an army of frenzied argonauts was soon racing across the plains, around the Horn, crowding every available route that led to this wonderful Western land of gold.—From "Great Gold Discoveries," by E. W. Mayo, in Demorest's Family Magazine for January.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows; "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c per bottle at W. F. Kremer's. 6

Richard Mansfield As a Humorist.

That Mansfield's keen sense of humor does not desert him even under the most trying circumstances is proved by an amusing episode which occurred in the rehearsals of "Napoleon." One of the 'supers,' whose stage experience was as small as his salary, was being drilled to rush in at an exciting moment with the tragic tidings: "The enemy is upon us."

Again and again Mansfield told the man how to deliver the lines with the proper force and expression. Finally in desperation he rushed down the stage himself, delivering the message with such fervor and abandon that there was no doubt in the minds of the company that the enemy was actually in the wings.

"Can't you catch the idea?" he said turning to the "super."

"I can, sir," was the quick reply, "but if I could do it like that I should not be working for $3.00 a week.

"Three dollars a week?" pondered Mansfield. "Well, if that's all you get, say it any way you like."—From "Richard Mansfield From a New Point of View," by Mary Annable Fanton, in Demorest's Family Magizine for January.

J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases.—W. F. Kremer.

America will be Neutral.

The wish is father to the English thought that the United States may make itself felt in the settlement of Chinese affairs. As things stand, Great Britain is without a white ally upon whom she could depend in any effort to dislodge Russia and Germany from their footholds on Chinese soil or to force a more general division of the prizes. And without such an ally, nothing could be done. Russia, representing France as well as herself, and Germany standing for the Dreibund, are too strong for England to meet single-handed or with the aid of Japan. But England, Japan and the United States could probably force a compromise and bring order out of the far Eastern chaos, with a share of the spoils, if there were any, for the partnership.

That seems to be the British idea, but it is one that will meet scant favor with Americans. Unlike England and Japan this country has no political interests in China and no desire to acquire them. That the partition of the Monzrel empire might, by the force of European tariffs deprive us of some items of trade is probably true; but we cannot quarrel with the principal we have set up in our own industrial defense. The United States makes or alters tariffs to suit herself without regard to their effect on foreign trade, and is even now disputing Japan's claim for the preservation of treaty privileges in Hawaii after the latter becomes a part of the Union. Hence, it cannot with safety or good grace transgress such polices where they are advanced by foregin governments, and enforced at our expense. In a word, we must concede to German sovereignty in China the same freedom as to tariff legislation that we enjoy and would extend to a colony.

But there is an even more important reason for being neutral. If America interferes in the politics of the Old World or asks a share in its territorial distributions, how can it stand Europe off when the latter seeks quid pro quo in this hemisphere? Under the burden of our inconsistency the Monroe doctrine would break down. The "Chronicle" does not need to argue that it is more important to safeguard that doctrine, and with it the liberties of the New World, than it would be to possess all the trade of China with a coaling station in every province. We cannot afford to make ourselves vulnerable in that respect for the sake of commerce. And what is more, while wisely led, we never will try the experiment. Come what may to China and be the blandishments what they may from England, the attitude of this country as an interested but neutral spectator of the events in the far East is not to be changed.

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The Rural-Delivery Experiment.

In the late report of Hon. Perry S. Heath, first assistant postmaster-general, the public is given, practically for the first time, a plain presentment of the experiment of free rural postal delivery. It has from the first been conceded that the idea is a good one, and in support of it the success of the system in England has been cited. There all mail is delivered, whether in town, city or country, and the postal system yields a surplus revenue of from $12,000,000 to $15,000,000 yearly. If England can do it, why can it not be done in the United States? is asked. And the sufficient answer is: England has its 30,000,000 of population combined within 50,000 square miles, while our 70,000,000 are distributed over 2,000,000 square miles of settled country.

This difference in conditions has not, however, prevented our postal authorities, supported by congress, from experimenting with free rural delivery. Three appropriations, aggregating $90,000, have been voted for this purpose, and experiments have been made in 29 different states and over 44 routes. So far, about $24,000 of the funds appropriated for that purpose have been expended. A total of 836,308 pieces of mail matter have been collected or delivered, at a cost of 1.68 cents each. In other words, the government simply paid out more money for the pleasure of performing this service than it received in postage, and this without taking into consideration the cost of the previous handling and transportation of this rural mail matter. In some places the cost to the government was as much as 4 cents for the collection or delivery of a piece of matter, whereas the postage on it may have been only 1 cent, or at the most but 2 cents. The free rural delivery in one town in Maryland, for example, cost 2.88 cents per piece collected or delivered, and in not a single instance in any of the states did the service pay for itself.

With these facts as a basis of opinion, the continuation of these experiments at the present time seems most unwise. Conditions render the attempt practically impossible as a business proposition. The Sperry bill, which passed both houses of congress, provided means whereby rural delivery could pay its way, but it did not reach the president in time for his signature. It enacted that on the petition of not less than 20 people of any one delivery the postmaster might appoint one or more carriers who, on the written request of the addresses, should deliver their mail, receiving from the beneficiaries such weekly, monthly or quarterly compensation as might be mutually agreed upon; or, "when no such agreement is made, they may demand and receive not exceeding 1 cent for each letter or other package which they deliver from or convey to the postoffice." In this way the service would be directly paid for.

It is reasonably clear, from the showing of the progress made in rural delivery experiments, that, until some such scheme as this is adopted, the people of the great rural districts will have to go or send to the postoffice for their mail, as their fathers did, finding such compensation as they may for having thus to wait upon themselves, in the reflection that through the march of progress and the activities of an obliging postal system they have relatively a short distance to go.—Oregonian.

Ready For Rascals.

The system by which banks are protected from burglary, fraud etc., is becoming more and more perfect every year. Our "American Banker's Association" on this country has dozens of ingenious devices, and scores of private detectives always at work. But one of the newest inventions comes from abroad, as may be seen by this item from an exchange:

One of the most ingenious methods known for photographing persons and keeping them in ignorance of the fact is that employed in the Bank of France. The bank has a hidden studio in a gallery back of the cashier's desk, so that at a signal from one of the bank employees, any suspected customer will instantly have his picture taken without his own knowledge. The camera has also become very useful in the detection of fraud, a word or figure that to the eye seemed completely erased being clearly produced in enlarged photograph of the document that had been tampered with.

Jackson County Notes.

G. F. Billings and wife of Ashland, took a trip to San Francisco during the holidays.

Senator Holt has announced himself as an out and out middle-of-the-road populist.

David Linn of Jacksonville, is the executor of the estate of the late Father Williams.

Hon. B. B. Beekman of Portland, visited his parents in Jacksonville during the holidays.

The city of Medford has three tickets in the field for mayor: People's Citizen's and Independent.

J. Couner, of the Hotel Oregon, Ashland, will take charge of the Willamette Hotel at Salem, February 1st.

Hon. W. H. Parker of Medford, is spoken of as a suitable candidate for circuit judge at the coming June election.

Judge Crowell has until February 1 in which to file his brief with the supreme court in his Jacksonville school district case.

Messrs. A. S. Foster, G. W. Isaacs and Frank Stevenson are the appraisers of the estate of the late Rev. M. A. Williams.

Prof. W. T. Van Scoy, of the Normal, went to Portland last week to be in attendance at the State Teachers' Association.

The average daily attendance of the Ashland public school for the month of December was 482. Total number of tardies, 93.

Miss Bernice Cameron spent the holidays with relatives in this county. She returned to her work in the Grants Pass school Sunday night.

The treasurer of this county gives notice that he has funds on hand for the redemption of all warrants outstanding issued prior to January 11, 1892.

Miss Affir Huges, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy.—W. F. Kremer.

Mr. R. N. Whitenead has extended the time of the loan of the $19,000 he has against the Medford school district. The district is to pay him 7 per cent interest in the future.

About 40 of the good singers of this county went to Grants Pass to attend the Choral Union Convention last week. As far as heard from they all report having had a very enjoyable as well as a profitabe time.

We learn that Henry Wendt has the contract to carry the daily mail between Jacksonville and Applegate after July 1, 1898. Mr. Wendt has been carrying this mail for a long time and the people are well pleased with his work.

E. A. Carter who is gathering up dogs for the Klondike reports that quite a number got away from him in transit from Klamath county. He has 50 that he brought over with him and he will return soon for another supply. Mr. Carter will train the dogs so that when they are taken to the Klondike they will be ready for immediate use.

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Edward Kinney, a student at the Ashland Normal, was arrested in Ashland Thursday night for burglarizing the residence of John Gallagher, of Medford. The young man was taken before Judge Jones in Medford and his trial set for Saturday last, with bonds for $150. He admitted his guilt and returned $22 and a watch. Young Kinney failed to appear for trial Saturday, and his bonds were declared forfeited.—Ashland Advertiser.

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An imperial decree has been gazetted directing that the respective contributions of Austria and Hungary for revenue be the same for 1898 as were fixed for the tariff of 1897.

General Weyler has submitted his promised protest against McKinley's message to the queen regent. The protest was forwarded through the minister af war. Weyler also communicated its text to the newspapers. The government is surprised and indignant, and instructed its censor to prevent its being telegraphed abroad. Weyler is immure from punishment, being a senator; otherwise he would have been courtmartialed. Nothing sensational is contained in the protest. Weyler complains of McKinley's insulting references to the Spanish troops.

The Short Course for Farmers.

Persons who attend the Farmers' Short Course at the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, beginning January 11th, may have the benefit of a reduction in railroad fares over the lines of the S. P. R. R. in Oregon. All those who attend must ask for a receipt from the station agent for full fare going. This will be countersigned by the president of the college and on presentation at either Albany or Corvallis will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one third fare, provided at least 25 persons use these lines in going to Corvallis or Albany.

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