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NEW YEAR'S MORNING Only a night from old to new! Only a night and so much wrought!

Happy New Year! There has not been a quieter New Year's Eve in Philadelphia since the old year went out on Sunday the last time.

Another record broken. Thirty fatal accidents in this State during the gunning season this year to twenty-nine last year.

Wouldn't it be possible to have that simple operation performed on some of our vociferous politicians that the French have discovered makes American mules brayless?

According to Professor Leuba, of Bryn Mawr, "lesser men" are those not starred in "American Men of Science."

If Prof. A. A. Noyes, of Massachusetts, lived as near Pangloss as we do he might conclude that 30,000,000 tons of nitrate is not the most urgent need of the United States in the event of war.

All governments and rulers and ruling classes, when you look at them closely, are incredible.—H. G. Wells.

The Public Service Commission may find that the law does not permit it to relieve the residents of Tunkhannock from the smoke nuisance caused by locomotives of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

have been disgraced, for men of the same profession in Europe have been doing greater things for more than two years. In France fifty or a hundred airships have risen in the air at once for squadron maneuvers, responding to signals as battleships at sea.

A CHANCE TO BUY LIVES

The need is startling. Men just back from Belgium say that of course there is no sensational famine, but children are emaciated, they faint from hunger.

PERHAPS it will be easier for a businesslike people to give if they have in mind the state of the financial ledgers and just what systematic outlay will be needed for these children.

Of the charity the United States gave thirty-seven per cent, about \$8,700,000. Pennsylvanians sent \$370,000 (while New South Wales was sending \$2,936,000).

Pennsylvanians should give nearly one-tenth of this, or \$100,000 a month. They pay income tax amounting to about \$500,000 a month. It would be asking too much to expect those who pay it to add twenty per cent to their present tax to make up the State's Belgian quota over an indefinite period.

It looks as if Governor Brumbaugh had found out "liminator" that the colored cook lost when he tried to "eliminate the eggs."

TAXING LIGHT

ONE year from today the net price received by the United Gas Improvement Company for the gas supplied to consumers will be reduced to seventy-five cents a thousand cubic feet.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

THE year that starts today seems destined to be one of the great milestones of human history—whether for all that is terrible or for all that is good we cannot see.

The flight of twelve airships from Mineola, N. Y., to League Island, Saturday, was the first aviation experiment on a large scale that has been conducted in this country.

Tom Daly's Column

O WORLD! BE CHEERFUL. O world! be cheerful. Wherein lies the art? It is to stay the bitter thought and word.

Thus runs the tale: The Master on His round Of wonder-working, faring forth one morn, Came to a city's market place and found The townsmen viewing with disgust And scorn Some object on the ground.

And drawing near, the Son of God discerned A bathosome thing, a pitiable wretch— A dog with tortured eyeballs staring wide; He saw the shameful halter round its neck, Its torn and bloody side.

"Fough! how it desecrates the air!" cried one. "Foul crow's meat!" said another, and a third: "Mark ye the rope; its thickening days are done."

"So great," remarks Zenny, "is the advance on the coat of all raw material that it is now no inconsiderable commitment to be called an ivory-ivory."

And lemons, so a scientific contemporary remarks, are more than merely useful. Lemons will make drinks, save complexion, remove warts, cure rheumatism and fill pills.

Still, in your New Year's resolutions, it will be just as well to include one against becoming lemons. The commercial value of a lemon is ac-high; the social value of the same is on a par somewhat, with that of the tarantula and other nondomestic creatures and things.

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SOME JOB



What Do You Know?

- 1. The Navy Department has plans for building ships for the Philadelphia yard. What are they? 2. Who is Auditor General of Pennsylvania? 3. What office does Wu Ting-fang hold now?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. The Workmen's Compensation Board is under the State Department of Labor and Industry. 2. Horsholzer. 3. The name of the first successful tunnel at Cordova, Spain, hence the name of the tunnel in London, is the 'Tunnel of the Virgin'.

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SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE THE big baseball game was between the Giants and the Dwarfs. The Giants were first at the bat. At the end of the eighth inning neither team had scored.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Tennyson on Airships—Right of Women to Vote—Passenger Ships as Munition Carriers

TENNYSON'S PROPHECY To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Long Tennyson really see in a vision the present struggle in Europe when, about fifty years ago, in "Lockley Hall," he wrote:

For I dipped into the future, far as human eye could see, Saw the vision of the world and all the wonder that would be.

There were no thoughts of Zeppelins or aeroplanes in Tennyson's time, yet this prophetic description of the present war is surprising. But what is more important is his prophecy of the ends to be accomplished by the struggle.

IN WHOSE INTEREST? To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Many of your readers must have noticed the editorial columns a paragraph or two back in the Evening Ledger.

WOMEN IN THE CONSTITUTION To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: S—The Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States."

AN APPEAL THAT WAS HEARD To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In the name of the paralyzed children, and on behalf of the committee, I want to express our deep appreciation of your kindness in publishing the appeal for the infantile paralysis cases in your paper.

LITTLE THINGS The song of a bird is a little thing, yet it brings us a wealth of joy. A ray of light is a little thing, yet it lightens the darkest spot.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE MATINEE TODAY AT 2 SHARP TONIGHT AT 8 SHARP

B.F. Keith's Theatre WISHES A HAPPY NEW YEAR! 8 SHOWS TODAY—1:30, 4:30, 8:30 & 9 P. M.

The Northeast Corner Rubaiyat of a Commuter XXVIII And when, like all Commuters, I must pass With creaking Mower, mowing up the grass, I feel as though a Highball would taste good.

CHESTNUT ST. OPERA HOUSE TWICE DAILY—2:05 and 8:05

D. W. GRIFFITH'S COLOSSAL \$2,000,000 SPECTACLE "INTOLERANCE" LOVE'S STRUGGLE THROUGHOUT THE AGES

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI, Conductor Friday Afternoon, Jan. 5, at 3:00 Saturday Evening, Jan. 6, at 8:15

The Stanley MARKET AR 16TH CONTINUOUS—11:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M.

STRAND Germantown Ave. at Vengano St. Daily, 10c, 15c, Evensings, 7 and 9, 15c, 20c, 25c

GLOBE Theatre MARKET AND VAUGHN STS. Musical Festival "ON THE ROOF" MUSICAL COMEDY

CROSS KEYS Daily 2:30, Evensings 7 and 9 Show of the Season Seymour Brown & Co.

Victoria MARKET BELOW 7TH FRANK KEANAN in "THE SIN YE DO" TRUHS, PHIL. SAT. METRO PRESENTS

DELPHI Reopening MAT. TODAY 8:15 Regular Mat. Thursday, 8:15 Very Good Eddie All Music Favorites