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G. W. WAGENSELL, EDITOR POST.

EVERYBODY'S.

The new publishers of EVERYBODY'S desire the holiday issue of the publication to be such the best they have yet produced. It is not the typical Christmas number made up of stilted fiction and pictures of the festival in many lands.

"Everybody's" one never finds a distinguished name tacked to a dull tale. Among its contributors are the ablest writers of the day, but it is in connection with their best work, not their pot boilers.

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION

The "Woman's Home Companion" for December is a pack of good things. Its timely feature articles are "Where There Are Three Christmas Trees," "How Uncle Sam Plays Santa Claus," "My Recollections of Abraham Lincoln," "Christmas Scenes in New York City," "Especially attention is paid to the Christmas presents and holiday entertainments. There are several pages devoted to suggestions for small home-made presents for men and women. The best Christmas books are also reviewed. The fiction is of the usual high standard. There are stories by Edon Phillips, Tudor Jenks, Josiah Allen's wife and Isabel Gordon Curtis. Mr. X has a new puzzle for the solution of which he offers \$100.00. Published by The Crowell Publishing Company Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

features hereafter. Here is an array of Religious reading matter. Dr. Talmage's Sermon, The Sunday School lesson and the C. E. Topics.

It affords the Post abundant pleasure this week to publish the portrait of the cultured and aggressive County Superintendent Geo. W. Walborn. He provided the Teachers and patrons of the Institute with a week of profit and pleasure. The Instructors and Lecturers ably filled their various duties so that one and all were loud in the praises of the intellectual feast provided.

The readers of the Post will observe by our local columns this week that we make note of a large number of people who came into our office last week and surrendered themselves as willing victims as subscribers of the Post. With those acknowledged last week, there were some 20 new subscribers placed on our mailing list.

Our subscribers will do their friends a favor by calling their attention to the Post and the abundance of news published each week. In addition to that we give Farm Life and a Map of Snyder County for only one Our dollar. Your friends out West and those who have emigrated elsewhere, will appreciate the kindness if you will call their attention to the wonderful bargain we are now making for a little bit of a dollar; any kind of a dollar will do.

By the way, what more appropriate gift could you make a distant friend, than to send us an order for the Post, Farm Life, each one year and a map of Snyder County, for the small sum of \$1.00. Christmas is about here and you can make him happy every week of next year. You enjoy the Post. Why would not they? Try it.

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The Republican campaign for nominations is gradually opening up. The prospective candidates are beginning to appear and are beginning to press their claims on the people for the status of their names. This will be a warm campaign. There are many important positions to be filled and as usual plenty of political timber is shown. It is a willingness to respond without a call from the people. But this is a free country and the more that enter the race, the greater is the choice afforded the people.

According to our promise of several weeks ago, we are publishing this week the Christian Endeavor Lesson. This will be one of our regular

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Washington, Dec. 1. - The president's message has been transmitted to the congress. Its principal features are as follows:

The country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year, both as regards our foreign and as regards our domestic policy. The preliminary work of the bureau of cooperations in the department of commerce and labor has shown the wisdom of its creation. Publicity in corporate affairs will tend to do away with ignorance and will afford facts upon which intelligent action can be taken. Systematic intelligent investigation is already developing facts the knowledge of which is essential to a right understanding of the needs and duties of the business world.

Capital and Labor. The consistent policy of the national government, so far as it has been able to hold it, check the unemployment, whether employer or employee, is to refuse to weaken individual initiative or to hamper enterprise in the conduct of the country. It is the duty of the government to create conditions in which great enterprises, corporations and labor combine, and factors of tremendous strength, industrial centers, and the like, which are the basis of our national strength, are not hampered by the government. It is the duty of the government to create conditions in which great enterprises, corporations and labor combine, and factors of tremendous strength, industrial centers, and the like, which are the basis of our national strength, are not hampered by the government.

Receipts and Expenditures. From all sources exclusive of the postal service the receipts of the government for the last year aggregated \$2,200,000,000. The expenditures for the same period were \$2,000,000,000. The surplus for the year was \$200,000,000. The deficit for the year was \$200,000,000. The surplus for the year was \$200,000,000. The deficit for the year was \$200,000,000.

The president's message is a record of the year's work. It is a record of the year's work. It is a record of the year's work. It is a record of the year's work.

canal. It is provided that in the event of failure to secure such treaty after the lapse of a reasonable time recourse should be had to building a canal through Nicaragua. It has not been necessary to consider this alternative as I am enabled to lay before the senate a treaty providing for the building of the canal across the isthmus of Panama. This was the route which commended itself to the deliberate judgment of the congress, and we can now acquire by treaty the right to construct the canal over the route. The question now therefore is not by which route the isthmus canal shall be built, for that question has been definitely and irrevocably decided. The question is simply whether or not we shall have an isthmus canal.

When the congress directed that we should take the Panama route under treaty with Columbia the essence of the condition of course referred to the government which controlled that route, but to the route itself to the territory across which the route lay not to the name which for the moment the territory bore on the map. The purpose of the law was to authorize the president to make a treaty with the power in actual control of the isthmus of Panama. This purpose has been fulfilled.

Repudiation of Treaty by Columbia. Last spring a treaty concluded between the representatives of the republic of Columbia and of our government was ratified by the senate. This treaty was entered into at the urgent solicitation of the people of Columbia and after a body of experts appointed by our government especially to go into the matter of the route across the isthmus had pronounced unanimously in favor of the Panama route. It is drawing up this treaty every condition was made to the people and to the government of Columbia. We were more than just dealing with them. Our generosity was such as to make it a serious question whether we had not gone too far in their interest at the expense of our own. For in that treaty every condition was made to the people and to the government of Columbia. We were more than just dealing with them. Our generosity was such as to make it a serious question whether we had not gone too far in their interest at the expense of our own.

Revolution in Panama. The people of Panama had long been discontented with the republic of Columbia and they had been kept quiet only by the presence of our troops. A canal treaty which was to them a matter of vital concern. When it became evident that the treaty was hopelessly lost the people of Panama rose literally as one man. Not a shot was fired by a single man on the isthmus in the interest of the government of the United States in the accomplishment of the revolution. The Colombian troops stationed on the isthmus who had long been unpaid, made common cause with the people of Panama, and with astonishing unanimity the new republic was started. Throughout the United States in the premises was clear. In strict accordance with the principles and toward the United States gave notice that it would permit the making of an expeditionary force the arrival of which would mean chaos and destruction along the line of the railroad and of the canal. The government of Panama was recognized.

New Treaty with Panama. Every day that has passed since the government of the United States has recognized the new republic of Panama has shown that the new republic was essentially not only to our interests and to the interests of the world, but to the interests of Columbia itself. These interests have been called and Columbia, by her

perseverance in recognizing the advances that have been made, has forced us for the sake of our own honor and of the interest and well being, not merely of our own people, but of the people of the isthmus of Panama and the people of the civilized countries of the world, to take decisive steps to bring to an end a condition of things which had become intolerable. The new republic of Panama immediately offered to negotiate a treaty with us. This treaty I herewith submit. By it our interests are better safeguarded than in the treaty with Columbia, which was ratified by the senate at its last session which had become intolerable. The new republic of Panama immediately offered to negotiate a treaty with us. This treaty I herewith submit. By it our interests are better safeguarded than in the treaty with Columbia, which was ratified by the senate at its last session which had become intolerable.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, December 2. Postmaster Montague, of San Francisco, Cal., has resigned.

Treasurer Harris, of Pennsylvania, reports a balance of \$11,991,237.33 in the general fund.

In a collision of the boats in New York harbor three men were killed and one badly injured.

General Nelson A. Miles was the guest of honor at the banquet of the Crucible Club at Pittsburgh.

The largest shipment of apples that ever left New York was sent to Germany and consisted of 22,925 barrels and 1340 boxes.

A private car containing officials of the Reading railway crashed into a gang of workmen at Gilberton, Pa., killing two of them.

An earthquake shock lasting several seconds was distinctly felt at Effingham, Ill. No damage was done.

Pope Plus received in private audience Bellamy Storer, United States ambassador to Austria, and Mrs. Storer.

The house of lords finally decided that women are debarred by their sex from becoming qualified lawyers in England.

Because the Charlotte, N. C., Street Car company did not heat its cars, all employees went on strike, and traffic is suspended.

Two men were killed and four injured in a collision between a freight train and passenger train at West Nutley, N. J.

Officers of the United States Steel Company held a meeting in Pittsburgh, and a cut of 10 to 25 per cent for high salaried men is probable.

Hugh Schofield, a 12-year-old boy, died at Fishkill Landing, N. Y., from injuries received in a football game.

Fifteen persons were injured, some seriously, in a railway collision on the Norfolk and Western railway at Portsmouth, Va.

President Roosevelt has pardoned William J. Wright, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in Arizona for criminal assault.

Sumner Ewan, a prominent farmer near Huntington, W. Va., was shot and killed by Harrison Fowler, a brother-in-law, during a quarrel.

While crossing the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks in a carriage at Ithaca, N. Y., Mrs. St. Clair Sincelbaugh and Miss Fannie Palmer were struck by a train and killed.

The bank and postoffice at Mount Olive, N. C., was robbed. The amount taken is not known.

The National Association of Master Plumbers organized at Wilmington, Del., and elected officers.

George Wood, a prominent banker of Colfax, la., while dependent, committed suicide by shooting.

Ex-Congressman William M. Spring...

er, of Illinois, a former Democratic leader, died at Washington, D. C., of pneumonia. A wagon load of Chinamen, who were being smuggled into this country, was overturned near Buffalo, N. Y., and fell into the Erie canal. Four of them were drowned. Monday, December 7. A mob of white men lynched Lewis Jackson, colored, near Tampa, Fla., for an attempted assault upon a 3-year-old white girl. Herbert W. Johnson, of Camden, has been appointed sheriff of Camden county, N. J., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff Mines. The cruiser Des Moines, in her official speed trial over the Cape Ann course, exceeded her contract speed, making 16.623 knots an hour. In a rear-end collision between a passenger train and a freight near Worcester, Mass., three trainmen were killed and nearly 100 passengers injured, some seriously. Tuesday, December 8. President Roosevelt has appointed Jonas F. Leubenstein to be postmaster at Minersville, Pa. Russia and Denmark are the latest European countries to recognize the Republic of Panama. Mrs. Hattie Sutcliffe and son were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Lot Rock, Mich. Eight more indictments in the water plant scandal have been found against prominent citizens of Grand Rapids, Mich. The report of the department of justice shows that 14,308 voluntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed in the United States for the year ending September 30.

Live Stock Markets. Union Stock Yards, Pittsburgh, Dec. 8. - Cattle steady; choice 5.20; prime, 4.85@5; fat, 4.50. Hogs active; prime heavy, 4.10@4.20; medium, 4.70@4.75; heavy, 4.40@4.45; light, Yorkers, 4.70@4.85@4.70; roughs, 4.30@4.35; slow; best wethers, 4.40@4.45; and common, 4.12@4.22; choice, 5.40@5.60; veal calves, 4.70@4.80.

New Organization Chartered. Dissatisfaction Over Assaunt. Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 5. - A work for a new organization which work along the same lines as the position to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was granted secretary of state. The new organization will be known as the Lodge of New England Workers.

The incorporators have been recently identified with the A. O. U. W. Dissatisfaction over heavy taxes to have been assessed upon the land of late, on account of the number of deaths in the west, to have prompted the new movement.

Prisoners Were Loaded With. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8. - Two giving their names as Abraham Miller and Morris Opar, of New city, were arrested here. The prisoners had attempted to escape from the police station and compelled to gorge diamonds and other jewelry the value of \$10,000. Besides the elry the men had two reserved two pawn tickets from New York brokers. A detailed description of jewelry has been sent to the police station and compelled to gorge diamonds and other jewelry the value of \$10,000.

Wentz Has Not Been Found. Philadelphia, Dec. 7. - J. J. Sr., the father of the young man so mysteriously disappeared some months ago, denied a report that his son had been found. A dispatch from Bristol, Tenn., stated that it was reported there that Wentz had been covered in a demented condition a laborer and secretly taken to Philadelphia. It was further said that Wentz had been withdrawn from the statements Mr. Wentz made.

GENERAL MARKETS. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8. - Flour steady; winter superfine, 3.90@4.20; Penna. roller, clear, 3.50@3.70; city mill, fancy, 4.75@4.90. Rye flour quiet, at \$2.25@2.40 per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 Penna. red, new, 87@87 1/2c. Corn firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 53c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 42c; lower grades, 41c. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50, large bales; pork firm; family, 20.50. Beef steady; best hams, 20@21. Live poultry heavy, 12c; old roosters, 8c. Dressed poultry, choice fowls, 15c; old roosters, 10c. Butter steady; creamery, 21c. Eggs steady; New York, 18c. Potatoes 8c. dozen; Potatoes steady; 75@78c. per bushel.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8. - Wheat dull; spot contract, 84 1/2@85 1/2c; No. 3 red winter, 87 1/2@87 1/2c; No. 2 red winter, 88 1/2@88 1/2c; southern, by sample, 78 1/2@79 1/2c; 40s, on grade, 78 1/2@79 1/2c. Corn steady; spot, 18 1/2@19 1/2c. Oats steady; spot, 14 1/2@15 1/2c.