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1914.

The old year with its successes and its failures, its joys and its sorrows, its hopes realized and hopes blasted are behind us. We stand on the threshold of 1914, the door is open and as yet the year is untried. There will be disappointments as in past years. There will be anxious cares and deep concerns, as there have been and as there will be to every serious minded person, in the days that are before us. The strong man with a good cause is ready to assume its responsibilities and bear his burdens as day by day the cares confront him. The great thing for men is to be men—free, independent and unafraid.

The day for new resolutions is here. If good resolves have been made, and if the past year shows wreckage and failure along the line that had been marked out a year ago, make a new start to be a man, and every honest effort made to be a man is a victory, and a step in the direction of accomplishing your end in view. Whether the year 1914 has little or much for you, The Commercial wishes you a happy and a prosperous year of three hundred and sixty-five days.

Opening of School.

With the opening of the public schools on Monday, pupils, whose minds and bodies have been refreshed by the two weeks vacation, should make a new beginning and with added vigor, endeavor to surmount the difficulties which lie before them. The trials and discouragements of the past should be forgotten and the new term, without a blemish or blot, let them begin their struggle for fame and success. Also the teachers, who have likewise enjoyed the Christmas holiday, let them return to their classes with a desire to impart their knowledge to the eager and attentive pupils, determined that the remaining five months of school shall speak for themselves.

Two Important Laws of the Administration.

The national administration has been in power for ten months, and in this time has brought about two notable achievements, one is the revision of the tariff and the other is the revision of the currency bill. The effect of the tariff bill has not been sufficiently tested to determine whether or not it is helpful or hurtful to the country and to the individual. The other is the currency bill which became a law last week.

Hardly any one would set up the claim that these laws will meet all the requirements or that they will be perfect in their working out, but the fact is they are both laws which were demanded by the people, and any weaknesses or defects which they possess, can be remedied in course of time. As to the tariff the new measure is different in principle from the old law, which is the high protection idea, while the new law stands for a reduced tariff, and the banking bill is a departure from the present system. It has been generally admitted that a few men, if they saw fit under the old law, could bring about a panic. If the new law is able to prevent that, then a forward step has been taken, but regardless of the merits or demerits of the great laws enacted by the administration, the fact remains that the laws were enacted and no serious disturbances have taken place in this country, the business world has not been stampeded, no panic has occurred, the people have not been scared nor seriously disturbed.

New Industry Certain.

The work of selling stock for the new shirt factory was regarded as a pretty big proposition. By pushing the work at a terrific pace that part was brought to a successful conclusion. Another matter that appeared apparently serious was that of securing sufficient help to operate the machines, but judging from the number of applications for positions, that too seems no longer in the way of making a success of the enterprise. That which seemed on the surface most simple was the matter of securing a suitable place for the location of the plant. A number of places had been looked at. The expense entailed in shaping buildings for that particular purpose has been a big drawback, and then the matter of rent seemed to those having the project in charge, in many cases, almost out of reason. This was the most discouraging feature of the work. To get business to Meyersdale the better way is to lend every possible aid and give all the help that can be given, instead of trying to get the last copper out of an infant industry, that under fair conditions is bound to be of much help to Meyersdale.

When it seemed that the chances of establishing a shirt factory here were fast fading away, a solution was reached, viz: That the old municipal building will be placed in shape and that the shirt factory will be at an early day one of Meyersdale's new industries.

May those of our citizens who have given financial aid receive proper returns, and those who in any way assisted in bringing this industry here have their compensation and the consciousness of having helped Meyersdale.

The sidewalks make splendid coasting for the boys and girls.

KEEP the good work moving Land more business for Meyersdale.

Do YOUR Christmas saving early. Next Christmas is not twelve months off.

ALL things have their uses. The abandoned municipal building will make a good home for the shirt factory.

The Commercial Has All the News

COL. ARTHUR HOFFMANN



COL. ARTHUR HOFFMANN, of St. Gall, the New President of Switzerland, was formerly vice-president and chief of the military department of the republic.

Wire Ticks

GULFPORT, Miss.—President Wilson celebrated his 57th birthday by motoring over to Gulfport for church service Sunday and entering the First Presbyterian Church with Mrs. Wilson, almost unobserved.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston expects to learn the cause of the present high prices of meat by means of an investigation committee which will start to work at once.

DENVER.—Denver is about to become the centre of the world's radium industry. A site has been chosen for a radium plant, to be conducted by the United States Government, financed by the National Radium Institute and capitalists, and operated under the direction of leading scientists.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Lumbermen and sleight owners in northern New York are well pleased with a heavy, dry snow, which fell in depths varying from five to eighteen inches. This was a part of a general snow storm throughout the greater part of the State.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Mrs. Margaret Dalley, 68 years old, and her granddaughter, Miss Margaret Murphy, 15 years old, were suffocated in a fire in the home of Martin M. Murphy. The bodies were discovered by the firemen, who had forced an entrance through the dense smoke.

WASHINGTON.—Speaker Clark left for New York and New England on a week's lecture tour, during recess of the House. It is the first time the Speaker has left Washington to lecture during the last two sessions.

BOY SCOUT KILLS CHUM

Minister's Son Amuses Himself With a Shotgun, and the Result is Fatal.

Peekskill N. Y., Dec. 26.—An outdoor Christmas party of twelve boys of the First Methodist Church Sunday school, had a tragic climax in Depew's woods.

Monroe Knistern, thirteen years old, son of the Rev. E. N. Knistern, pastor of the church, accidentally shot and killed his fifteen-year-old chum, Edward Webb.

The boys, under the guidance of David Valentine, one of the Sunday school teachers, had baked potatoes and roasted meat in true hunter fashion at a big wood fire. They had all gathered around a picnic table to feast. Young Wilbur Wright, who got a handsome 22-calibre rifle for Christmas, had brought it with him to display it to his friends.

Young Knistern picked up the rifle as it lay on the table. Edward Webb was sitting opposite him. Knistern sighted the weapon over Webb's head and pulled the trigger. At the instant he did so, not knowing that the rifle was loaded, Webb suddenly stood up to reach for another hot potato. The bullet, fired within a foot of him, entered his brain and he collapsed across the table among his dazed and terrified companions.

GERMAN ROADS FOR CHINA

About \$20,000,000—Only German Materials to Be Used.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—An agreement for constructing two railroads in China by German engineers, who are to utilize purely German materials, the capital for which is to be provided by German financiers, was signed by the Chinese Foreign Minister and the German Minister to China at Peking. The cost of the two undertakings is estimated at from \$17,500,000 to \$20,000,000.

NEW LAW AFFECTS CLERGYMEN.

Clergymen are also included in the new ruling of the railroads in refusing to re-issue free transportation within the state to others than employees. Application blanks for half-rate tickets to clergymen were received at the local offices of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad today. They permit the reduction of rates between all points on the system outside of Pennsylvania, but full fare will be collected between stations inside the state.

The permits, however, allow the insurance of such tickets from points within the state. Thus a clergyman might have to pay full fare going to some station in Maryland but on his return trip would ride for half the amount he paid coming out.

The distribution of passes to employees and families of employees was made today. In pursuance of advance notices, free transportation is withheld from the families between points within the state of Pennsylvania. Across the face of the passes is printed in red ink the words "Not Good for Intra-state Travel Within the State of Pennsylvania."

The interpretation of this by the railroadmen is that their families may ride without cost outside of the state but they must pay full fare once within the border.

There is the usual quiet protest from those affected, but railroad officials point to the law, which plainly prohibits the issuance of such transportation and provides a penalty for violation. If this law has been violated in the past, they say, that is no reason why it should be in the future, especially since the organization of the Public Service Commission, whose business it is to see that all such statutes are enforced.

NEW BURGESS ON MONDAY.

On Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock the city administration changes hands in the council chamber. After that time it will be, his honor, Valentine Gress. May he have a prosperous and successful administration.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
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Dentistry As Applied to Trees.

State Zoologist Surface found a letter in the mail sent to the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of agriculture, asking how to prevent decay in a tree from making further progress. The writer said: "We have a cherry tree whose trunk has rotted considerably. What can be done to save the tree? It is a good plan to cut out the dead part and fill up the hole with cement."

Professor Surface replied: "The proper treatment for the cavity of your cherry tree is to clean this out, removing the decayed wood; then wash or spray the interior with an antiseptic, such as a two per cent solution of formalin, or a very dilute solution of mercury bi-chloride, which is corrosive sublimate; then paint it with ordinary paint of any kind, and finally fill the cavity with any kind of cement, or use one part of Portland cement, with about four or five parts of sand."

"This is practically nothing else than the principle of modern dentistry applied to the preservation of the tree. The dentist cleans out the cavity of a decaying tooth, applies an antiseptic to prevent further decay, and fills the tooth with some substance that by preservation will prevent the possibility of further decay. We are coming to see that treatment of all living things for its ailments is based upon the same fundamental biological principle."

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Household Notes.

A tongue for boiling is best fresh from the pickle.

A dessert to be successful must be attractive to the eye.

Never have potatoes, rice and hominy at the same meal.

Frozen rice pudding is a delicious and nourishing winter dessert.

Pearl tapioca makes a delicate and excellent thickening for soups.

Beans and peas are too much alike to be used at the same meal.

The light dessert should always follow a heavy dinner, and vice versa.

Don't use sooty pans and settles in cooking—they take longer to heat.

Apple sauce should always be eaten to counterbalance sausage and pork.

The light desserts are the plain and stewed fruits, gelatines and junkets.

Paste the owner's initials over each towel used on a large family towel rack.

The newest omelet pan is in two parts, so that the omelet may be flipped over and over.

"All odors end here" is the inflexible rule of charcoal. If the charcoal is made red-hot and then cooled before using, its virtues are increased.

A change the children will appreciate is the baking of mince-meat in tart shape. Simply line patty pans with the pastry and then fill them, covering the top.

Tomato sauce is peculiarly good with baked beans. Cold baked beans covered with tomato sauce and baked in the oven till the whole is brown, is also a savory luncheon dish.

Knives are cleaned more easily and thoroughly with soda added to the scouring brick.

Make kitchen aprons with a flat seam, stitched on both sides, so there is no right or wrong, and time will be saved both in washing and in looking for the right side of the apron.

Oval-shaped gilt frames of the old-fashioned type are now being brought down from their hiding places and used to frame embroidery. In this manner they make handy trays.

A fruit jelly—apples, bananas and pineapple chopped and put into a foundation of gelatine, strawberry juice and hot water—makes a delicious salad, served on lettuce leaves.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

During the Year 1914

AT

GLESSNER'S DEPARTMENT STORE!

You have given me a gratifying share of your trade during the past four months for which I am truly grateful. I have tried to merit your confidence and patronage by giving you the highest quality of merchandise obtainable for the money and by conducting my business on the "square deal" principle, accompanied with the utmost courtesy in all transactions.

This Policy Shall Continue,

not only throughout 1914, but throughout my business career. I have stocked my store with a complete line of the newest and most desirable goods, and it is my aim to cater to the needs and wants of the general buying public. I guarantee my price on each and every item to be as low as is consistent with safe and sane business methods. My experience as buyer of merchandise for more than a decade, enables me to obtain the best goods for the least money, and for this reason, in many instances, you will find my prices much lower than others for the same goods.

I Want Your Trade

and solicit it on merit. It is intended that every transaction shall be so satisfactory to each customer that it may become a real pleasure for him to extend me his patronage. Should there be any cause for complaint, I wish to be told wherein I am at fault, so that steps can be taken to overcome it. You shall always be made to feel welcome here whether you wish to buy or not. Come in. Look around. Compare values and prices. Visitors are always welcome. Let us enter upon the year 1914 with renewed mutual confidence.

ALBERT S. GLESSNER,

Successor to Appel & Glessner.

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