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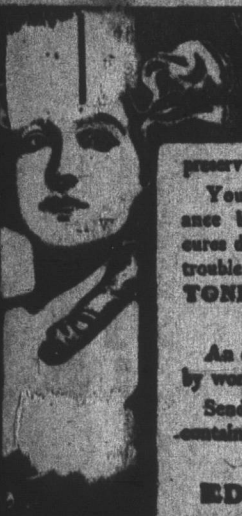
Horace Botthoff, custodian at the cemetery, requests us to ask visitors to the cemetery to leave the dogs at home, as he will not permit them to run over the grounds. You may save trouble by giving attention to this request.

In honor of Miss Stella Ream, of Amherst, O., and Miss Irene Schirmer, of Decatur, Miss Lucile Lock entertained at the Bliss Hotel yesterday afternoon. The guests were Miss Justine Cook, Hermine Wleeking, Helen Swain, Edith Traut, Martha Chermal, Ruth Spaulding and Desa Greek—Bluffton Banner.

Jay Griffith of this city, his cousins and Mrs. I. A. Montgomery and children and her brother, Ralph Miles Bryant, will leave on the afternoon train Monday for parts of Florida on a several weeks' stay. Mr. Griffith goes on a six weeks' hunting trip and will spend sometime in Cuba before his return home.—Portland Sun.

Mrs. Peter Felton, of Markie, has been taken to the Chicago hospital where Dr. V. J. Barous will perform an operation. She has been suffering from a peculiar ailment several weeks and the attending physicians have been more or less puzzled about the diagnosis. Medical attention seemed to give her little relief and she consented to go to the Chicago hospital where she might be under the care of expert surgeons. A specialist from Gelesburg was among those to examine her but he could not give relief.

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(Special to Daily Democrat.)

Washington, D. C., January 1.—Neighbor Roosevelt, surrounded by his family and a few invited friends, kept open house today, and there wasn't one of the thousands who paid their respects and wished the host a "Happy New Year," who didn't say it was the most successful "At Home" given by the Roosevelts since they moved into the White House with their belongings seven years ago last September. Many distinguished folks including what is recognized as the "Four Hundred" in these parts—the diplomatic corps—were among the specially invited guests, as were also all those fortunate enough to move in the select social and official circles of the manly host and charming hostess. The townspeople were there in overwhelming numbers. All vied to make the occasion a memorable one, from the distinguished representatives of crowned heads, in various-colored uniforms heavy with gold braid—and with courtly bow and a near touch of the finger tips in greeting—to the quietly clad "plain people," with cheery well-wishes and hand clasp like a vise.

Those who didn't go in carriages and automobiles held back until after the foreign notables had departed, and only a few of them saw Mistress Roosevelt and her intimates, who had been standing by her in the receiving line, or in the much sought after position of "behind the line." This was because of the custom which has grown up of the good woman of the White House serving light refreshments to the ladies of the cabinet, before they leave for their respective homes to receive New Year's calls themselves.

The genial host, enured to great physical strain, firmly stood his ground throughout the trying ordeal of over three hours, and generously pump-handled each and every guest without fear or favor, and regardless of race, color, previous condition of servitude, or sect. The fixings added much to the success of the event—music by the Maine band, floral decorations, and palms or tropical luxuriance. On the stroke of 11 o'clock, four buglers from the band stepped from their scarlet-coated fellows stationed in the main entrance hall and sounded the call "The President," as they reached the foot of the staircase leading to the family apartments on the second floor.

In a moment Neighbor Roosevelt and his wife started the descent of the staircase, to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," and made their way to the south side of the Blue Room, followed by the Vice-president and Mrs. Fairbanks and the members of the cabinet. The ladies took their position at the right and formed a part of the receiving line for more than an hour. The presentation of foreign ambassadors and ministers was real swell. They entered by the south entrance, exclusively reserved for them, and slowly made their way to the host and hostess with their wives and members of their suites. Each diplomat was attired in the court costume befitting his rank. The dean of the corps, the Italian ambassador, Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, led the line as he has for several years, but there were many changes in the representation of the other governments which followed.

Baron von Sternburg, the president's close friend, removed by death, was greatly missed. His place was taken by Count John Heinrich von Bernstorff, as the personal representative of the German emperor, and who was accompanied by the Countess, an American who has not seen the land of her nativity before for twenty-five years. Having arrived but recently, the Count came at the foot of the line of ambassadors, just before the Haitian Minister. Instead of ranking fourth, as did his predecessor, and following the richly gowned ambassadorial party of Prince Tang Shao Yi and his distinguished suite. The full dress of the Prince's party was of a gorgeousness that had never before been seen in this town, and it paled almost into insignificance the dress of Dr. Wu, the re-appointed Chinese minister, who appeared for the first time in several years. Baron Kogoro Takahira, who was formerly a mere minister, came today for the first time to a New Year's reception in his new role of ambassador.

O. Gude, representing Norway; Doctor Louis Lazo, of Honduras; Count Melike, of Denmark; C. C. Arosemena of Panama; Senor Joubert, of the Dominican Republic and L. A. Coromilas, of Greece, all new ministerial members of the corps, were given an especially cordial greeting by the president and their colleagues.

Following the glittering diplomatic procession came the chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court, other members of the judiciary, former members of the cabinet and U. S. ambassadors and ministers. The senators and representatives came next, although the holiday season had left but few in the city. Another pleasing splash came immediately Antonio

after-officers of the army and navy and other military organizations all wearing the regulation special full dress. At 12:15 the procession of well-wishers took on a more sombre color. It was made up of the civilian officers and organizations appearing in the following order: Regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; civil service commission; interstate commerce commission; isthmian canal commission; commissioners of the District of Columbia; assistant secretaries of departments; solicitor general; assistant attorneys general; assistant postmasters general; treasurer of the United States; librarian of congress; public printer; heads of bureaus; president of the Columbia Institution for Deaf and Dumb; Society of the Cincinnati; Aztec Club of 1847; associated veterans, war of 1846-47; Military Order of the Legion; Grand Army; Medal of Honor Legion; Veteran Legion; Union Veterans' Union; Society Army of Santiago; Spanish War Veterans; Army and Navy Union; Minute Men; Sons of the American Revolution, and the Oldest Inhabitants Association.

Then came the simple life. The long serpentine line of "plain people" that had been pulsating with impatience out of doors for two hours, from the head resting on the front portico in sight and hearing of the gaiety, to the rear many squares away, moved forward at 1 p. m., when the big door was thrown open. The gay uniforms and fine gowns were absent but the flowers and plants and music were there and more important than all—Neighbor Roosevelt.

The great band which had been discoursing classical airs burst forth in a blare of "See The Conquering Hero Comes," as the column fairly leaped inside. Slowly at first but faster moved the throng, and more joyous became the band, skipping from one lively air to another. At one time it was "Listen to My Tale of Woe" and at another "There Will Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

"Step lively there, step lively there, and see the elephant pack his trunk," came the melody, but not the words, as the band broke into the familiar "Mayor of Tokio." Even Neighbor Roosevelt could not repress a smile, for all the good people of every rank and from almost every clime had been wishing him a successful hunt on the African trip which is to follow his retirement from public life.

More rapidly moved the column. Now a quick step from the band. Then a double quick from the callers. The neatly uniformed help, placed at different parts of the room to keep the course clear, took a hand and by an insinuating gesture here or a tap there, livened up the faltering ones. Other gentlemanly attendants observed that there were no packages carried in the ranks and say to it that the rule against a caller greeting the host with one hand behind his back or concealed in his overcoat pocket, was not violated.

It was a cosmopolitan gathering, from first to last, and not less so after the disappearance of the royal trappings, the frock coats and the hand-some gowns, for in the "people's column" were old age and youth, "Willie boys" and simpering maids, maiden ladies and washer women, the gentle laborer as well as the fellow who looked as if he had not known profitable toil for years; the white and the black, the freshly scoured as well as some who had neglected their toilet.

They hurried along, the embodiment of Shakespeare's Seven Ages, with all intermediate grades that he could have conceived of and others not dreamed of in his philosophy. Through it stood Neighbor Roosevelt, with no cider or apples to dispense, but having a cheery salutation for all, a pat on the shoulder for an acquaintance here and there in the line and with nobody missing a hearty grasp of that white gloved hand, showing evidences of soil, but no indication of a tremor of weakness in the energy behind it. Thus came to a close the last New Year's reception of a seven years' administration.

A PARTY GOING TO TEXAS

They Will Look at the Country and the Land.

A party of ten Adams county farmers and business men have left for Texas, the object of the trip being to look at the country and incidentally at the land. It is probable that several sales will result as several in the party is not adverse to taking a shot at an investment, providing that it looks all right. Those who are going are Henry Elting, Barney Myers, Edward and Thomas Colchin, William Lichtle, Casper Miller, Louis Koeneman, Julius Hauke and William Hartings of this county, and J. Moorman, of Cincinnati. They will be gone ten days or two weeks. They will spend some time in Uvalde county, which is located seventy-five miles beyond San Antonio.

Asa Blount, whose wife and babe of tender years are thrown promiscuously upon the mercies of Decatur people, and who is wanted at Portland upon the charge of criminal assault upon Miss Fay Laman; a lass of fourteen years, residing near Pennington, will soon be brought to justice, according to a dispatch from Portland. Blount who will be remembered by his participation in a melee at the home of James Harmon, at Riverton, was two years ago declared insane and for two months was a lunatic confined in the Jay county Jail. The criminal negligence he has displayed relative to his family is indicative of the fact that he was released too soon and his incarceration for an indefinite length of time that he may either regain mental faculties or self respect at least, seems to be a very fitting climax to the evil life he has led during the past four weeks. The Portland Sun has the following to say in the regard to the man:

The affidavit with which Blount is charged is on file in the court of Justice of the Peace A. G. Lewis, although it is generally believed that the grand jury at its last session, also returned an indictment against him for the same crime. A verification of the action taken by the grand jury, of course, cannot be obtained until the arrest is made. It is charged that on November 7th, Blount committed his dastardly act upon Miss Laman, who is but fourteen years of age. She was visiting in this city at the time, being a guest of her sister, who married Isaac Blount, a brother of the accused man. The girl kept her association with Blount a profound secret until her return home about one week later, when she informed her parents. She was then accompanied to this city by her mother and appeared before Prosecuting Attorney James R. Fleming and an affidavit was prepared against Blount and filed in the justice's court. Policeman John D. Neeley attempted to arrest Blount but the latter succeeded in escaping his clutches, and has since not been seen in this locality.

Petersburg, Ind., January 1.—Pike county went "dry" by a majority of 892 votes. Complete returns from the twenty-six precincts of the county are in. The result was a surprise to the temperance forces, as it had been predicted yesterday that the county would vote "dry" by about 200 majority. The saloon men carried the city of Petersburg by fourteen votes, but lost Winslow, Otwell, Delpen, Union and Augusta. The majority in each township was as follows: Jefferson, 165; Washington, 77; Marion, 101; Patoka, 190; Monroe, 133; Logan, 31; Lockhart, 32; Clay, 103, and Madison, 15. The fight was of a non-partisan character, and leading Republicans and Democrats of the county worked together. The four newspapers of the county were back of the "dry" element. The only saloon in Pike county will quit business July 1, 1909. The citizens of Petersburg are jubilant over the victory. The "drys" carried every township in the county and lost but six precincts, three of these being in the city of Petersburg. The people of Pike county were almost as a unit opposed to a repeal of the county local option law. Only 60 per cent of the vote was polled, but of this per cent the saloon men polled a full vote.

ISLAND EXISTS ONE MONTH

Addition to New Hebrides Appears and Vanishes by Magic.

Honolulu, Dec. 31.—From the New Hebrides it is reported that a new island suddenly appeared above the surface of the ocean in a night off the coast of the Island of Santo. After a time the natives became venturesome and visited the new island and subsequently began the planting of coconuts, congratulating themselves on the acquisition of new territory. But about a month afterward it disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared, and there is now an extensive submerged reef where the island was. It is believed to have appeared and disappeared through submarine volcanic action. The exact date of the emergence and subsidence are not given, but it is supposed to have disappeared in the latter part of October. The news of the phenomena was brought by the island steamer Malaita.

Fred Koldewey, John Coffee and Louis Koldewey made a visit to the county infirmary Monday and besides enjoying a good visit they were shown through every department. They found everything in tip-top shape and have many words of praise for Manager Graber and wife. They believe that every taxpayer in the county should visit the farm for they say they are confident that if they do so they will feel like they do, that the farm is well taken care of. The stock is in excellent condition, and everything looks thrifty and well cared for. The unfortunate people who are housed there are also comfortable and as happy as can be.

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WILLIAM McQUEEN.

Died January 3rd, age 79 years, six months. He leaves a wife, five daughters and two sons, Willis, of Decatur, and Scott, of Poplar Bluffs. Funeral services will be held at the U. B. church Tuesday at 10 o'clock at Van Wert. The remains will be taken to Wodlawn cemetery, Van Wert.

At the home of Rev. Hesser occurred the wedding of Mrs. Catherine Davy of this city to Mr. Dan J. Vermilyea, of Milwaukee, Wis., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, 1908. The happy couple will reside on Indiana street for a while.

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