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## THE REAL PURPOSE OF LIFE.

The last hours of a dying year are slowly stealing upon us and the once-young 1908 feebly draws its fluttering breath. The good resolutions that many of us made with its birth and died while the year was yet an infant, will probably be recalled by the determination to keep another set of resolutions.

The passing of the years bring us face to face with life's great problems.

St. James asks: "What is thy life?" and his own answer to the question is: "For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The brevity of life has been the subject of deep thought and of anxious solicitude in all ages of the world. The poet tells us: "Our birth is nothing but our death begun." It is likened to a dream, a shadow, a vapor, a swift flying cloud, or the autumn leaf. Such is life; this life we are living away; this life that will so soon be over; this life on whose transient breath hangs everlasting destiny.

But we fail to appreciate life's meaning if we spend our time in sighing over its brevity. Life is not merely a vapor that presently vanishes, it is a journey to a fixed destination. We are not only going but we are going somewhere; not into the depths of a mystic solitude to be extinguished and forgotten. Our destiny is not annihilation and nothingness. To go forward aimlessly is the most inexcusable folly. To have around him all the evidences of the All Powerful—and never to see them—to look upon a thousand church spires that point to an eternal life, and miss all their meanings, to be in land of bibles that reveals the Almighty's purposes for man's eternal destiny and be ignorant of his own end is indeed a negligence which it is difficult to comprehend. It is not death but life that is before us, not earthly life alone, but life a thread running interminably through the warp of eternity. Life is given us to be used with a view to its eternal destiny. To use it so as to give the soul room for its unfolding capacities, to use it to promote the highest good, to use it so as to make the most of it, that is to have before a high and true ideal and the greatest hope for any event that can possibly follow. If we but work out our destiny according to the divine purpose it cannot fail to be eternal glory.

## IT IS ALL FIXED UP NOW.

The Chesterton Tribune said in its last week's issue that Tom Knotts wanted a supreme court at Gary. Of course every one knows that Senator Bowser meant superior court. The TIMES published the Bowser story and goodnaturedly added: "Don't believe that Brother Tom wants a SUPREME court for Gary though, does he?" Of course every one knows very well that Tom wants a SUPERIOR court in Gary. But the editor of a little Gary sheet just thought the quip about the supreme court was awful so it was, and, bless his little heart, he sent his reporter to interview Mr. Knotts as fast as his legs could carry him. The faithful reporter, breathless and pop-eyed, burst upon Mr. Knotts and told him the harrowing tale. The worthy mayor branded Senator Bowser's story as "an unjust insinuation," looking serious with one eye and winking with the other. Then the faithful reporter hurried back to the sanctum and what Mr. Knotts said was painfully written and put under a double column head and the throbbing and palpitating news given to the world. It is certainly depressing to have your Christmas dinner disagree with you a week after it was eaten and the little Gary paper certainly has our sympathy in its distress.

## DRAW THE LINE AT THE "YELLOW" PUGS.

We believe that Hon. Jack Johnson, who swatted Hon. Tom Burns so hard the other night and made him cry, will be very foolish not to draw the color line. As we understand it, Hon. Burns hated to fight the black man and numerous other white pugilists who are big enough and noisy enough to put up quite a fight are scurrying away from the Hon. Johnson as fast as their fifteen-inch calves will carry them. Why doesn't Hon. Johnson draw the color line against the "yellow" fighters? A white man who is in the fighting business and won't fight a black man is not white but yellow. We have no particular desire to hear of any white man getting clouted over the ear by a negro, but it looks mighty queer to see them side-stepping the Hon. Mr. Johnson.

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NOW, HONESTLY, after the elegant time you have been having since Christmas eve and which is to wind up on Sunday, how can you ask whether there is a Santa Claus? This unbelief is enough to put wrinkles in a Lydia E. Pinkham cut.

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A CANDIDATE IN Missouri reports his campaign expenses as nothing and his opponent, who was elected, says his were \$3,68, and yet some stingy men think they can run for office and be elected without spending any money.

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A MARRIED MAN complains that his wife effected an entrance to his home by cutting her way through a window with a diamond. It is not thought, however, that this will affect the giving away of presents this season.

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BETWEEN 30,000 and 35,000 persons are killed and 2,000,000 injured in the United States every year in the war of industries. This puts all the other wars on the back seats with the bundles.

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AND SOON THE newspapers will begin the plea for a safe and sane Fourth of July again. Tempus certainly does fugit and there is no stopping it, either.

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THE EVENING news-letter set another high-water mark for its speciality last night—billingsgate.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 31.

1620—The Pilgrims observed their first Sabbath in their Plymouth settlement.

1775—General Montgomery killed while leading unsuccessful assault of an American force against Quebec.

1780—Mutiny of the troops in General Wayne's winter camp.

1819—John Lester Wallack, famous ac-

mous actor, born in New York, died in New York. Died at Stamford, Conn., Sept. 6, 1888.

1829—General Guerrero resigned the presidency of Mexico.

1832—Insurrection of the slaves in Jamaica.

1852—Battle of Murfreesboro continued with indecisive results.

1882—Leon Gambetta, ex-dictator of

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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HER RED HEADED LOVER.

"Yes; I know Albert isn't handsome—perhaps he is homely—but I love him just the same."

That was what Martha Day Greiner of Denver said about Albert Charles Dickens of the same place.

Albert's face is as homely as that of Abraham Lincoln.

Nevertheless Martha is in love with him. Dan Cupid, who shoots at hearts regardless of exterior, fatally wounded both Martha and Albert.

So that when Papa Greiner objected that Albert was entirely too ugly to be his son-in-law Martha replied by eloping with Albert to Chicago.

Greiner followed, and there was a scene. The couple were arrested. Martha pleaded for Albert, and Greiner finally consented if they would all return home the wedding might proceed.

Interviewed by a reporter, Martha said:

"I know he isn't handsome. Father's objection is that Albert has red hair, but that is not his fault. He may not be good looking, but he has winning ways."

Good for you, Martha!

For such a woman one might well elope much farther than from Denver to Chicago.

Martha sees qualities in Albert the world does not see. She knows that, while beauty is only skin deep, goodness is soul deep. She knows that Albert's winning ways come from a warm heart. And when you are choosing one whom you are to live with all your life soul qualities count.

Abraham Lincoln's homely face was glorified by the great soul that shone through the honest, rugged features. And so Martha can see a halo about the red head of Albert which her father cannot see.

And as for the red hair—

Why, forsooth, let the father look up the historic records of the red headed.

To say nothing of Rufus the Red, there's Shakespeare, and Napoleon, and Oliver Cromwell, and Thomas Jefferson. They had red hair.

And if you go into the feminine class most distinguished women of history have had flaming red tops—Titan red at least—Cleopatra, and Charlotte Corday, and Catherine of Russia, and Elizabeth of England, and Bernhardt.

Martha is right.

France, died. Born April 2, 1828.

THIS IS MY 57TH BIRTHDAY.

Frederick Courtney Selous, the famous hunter and explorer who is planning the trip of President Roosevelt, was born in London, Dec. 31, 1851, and received a liberal education. In 1871 he left England for his first visit to South Africa. He proceeded to Matabeleland the following year, and from that time until 1890 traveled continually all over South Central Africa, making a living by elephant hunting and the collection of specimens of natural history. In 1890 he took service under the British South Africa company and acted as guide to the pioneer expedition to Mashonaland. He returned to England in 1892, but soon went back to Africa and the hunting of big game. For his work of exploration he has been honored with decorations by the Royal Geographical Society and by other learned and scientific bodies both in Europe and America.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

January 1.

1735—Paul Revere, American patriot, born in Boston, died there in 1818.

1776—The "Cambridge Flag" was unfurled by General Washington.

1801—Ireland passed into an incorporating union with Great Britain, and the three kingdoms were henceforth called the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

1831—William Lloyd Garrison began publication of "The Liberator" in Boston.

1848—Girard college was opened in Philadelphia.

1863—Union garrison and steamer Harriet Lane captured at Galveston by the confederates.

1877—Empire of India proclaimed.

1894—Opening of the Manchester ship canal to traffic.

1907—The pure food law went into effect in the United States.

THIS IS MY 57TH BIRTHDAY.

George E. Chamberlain.

George E. Chamberlain, governor of Oregon and the choice of the people of that state to succeed United States Senator Fulton, was born in Natchez, Miss., Jan. 1, 1854, and received his education at Washington and Lee university.

Following his graduation he went to Oregon in 1876 and located in the town of Albany, where he began the practice of law. In 1880 he was elected to the Oregon legislature and from 1884 to 1886 he served as prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district. In 1891 he was appointed to fill the newly created office of attorney-general of Oregon. The following year he was re-elected to the office. In 1896 he removed to Portland and the same year he was an unsuccessful candidate for the circuit bench. In 1902 he was elected to the Oregon legislature and from 1894 to 1896 he served as prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district. In 1891 he was appointed to fill the newly created office of attorney-general of Oregon. The following year he was re-elected to the office. In 1896 he removed to Portland and the same year he was an unsuccessful candidate for the circuit bench. 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