

## THE PASSING OF THE NEW YEAR.

These Mile Posts on the Journey of Life Fly by Faster One by One.

It has no doubt often occurred to you, fellow traveler on Time's coach, that the milestones of the New Year's fly past much faster now than they did in the early stages of your journey.

What an interminable long wait it seemed to be between the first New Year's day of your memory and the second. Perhaps you were 6 or 8 years old then and in school for the first term. If so, New Year's had its sorrow as well as its joy, for it was the last day of the midwinter holidays and next day you had to begin your wrestling with the intellectual arithmetic and the geography and maybe with the elements of the English grammar. Look back now and pity yourself. Do not make the mistake of most of our acquaintances and declare that particular New Year's to have been the happiest of your existence. Pshaw! It was perhaps the most miserable. The fact that you have forgotten your childhood's miseries does not make it true that you had none.

It was several years after that before the New Year began to move appreciably faster. Perhaps it was not till your sister and your pretty dark eyed cousin began to chaff you about the silly down upon your upper lip, and your portly, comfortable father, in speaking of some doings of yours of which he did not approve, referred to you as a "foolish young man." Then you noticed the flight of time, I'll be bound. No one had called you a "young man" before. You were ready to forgive the governor's chidings for that. You rejoiced that although you were very young indeed you had yet been called a man.

At that time you had great respect for your own opinions on most matters.

You began to shave forthwith, and you fell into the habit of calling your chum, who was of about your own age, "old man."

If any one called you "my boy," you felt resentful. It seemed so utterly out of place. But you had not yet learned that manhood brings with it certain definite and sometimes heavy responsibilities. It is possible you discovered this significant truth very soon afterward, though perhaps it was not till two or three more New Years had passed. At all events the knowledge came to you with somewhat of a shock—possibly pleasant, possibly otherwise. At all events, it was not long after that you found out that your knowledge was not universal and your wisdom was not infallible.

And ever since the New Years have flown by faster and faster. After awhile your girth grew greater. Then there were lines in parts of your face that had once been smooth. The top of your cranium, that was once thick thatched, grew bare and smooth and shining. Glasses came next, and your hands wrinkled up. Then there were occasional twinges in your joints, and what half was left grew gray, then white. Only yesterday you began to carry a cane—once you carried it for ornament—because it helped you when walking. Yesterday? you ask. Oh, yes, I remember. It was a good ten years ago, but you see the New Years fly so fast now.

What! Are you going to leave the coach? Is your life journey done? You amaze me. I thought you were good for several more New Years. Well, goodby, boy; goodby.

He is gone. But, bless me, he was only 75. He was a young man yet. Now, those of you who are yet on the coach with me—let us give the new year 1896 a rousing welcome! And may the road between here and 1897 be a smoother one for all of us than was that of 1895! E. Y. K.

## FIRST OF JANUARY RESOLUTIONS.

Notions That, Carried Out, Will Help to Make 1896 a Pleasant Year.

If you wish to avoid one fruitful cause of discomfort during the coming year, make a resolution not to grumble about the weather. Kicking and fault finding never made a hot day cooler or a cold day warmer; but, on the other hand, they always intensify the current weather trouble immensely.

If you want to make your husband good natured, resolve to help him to his own way invariably. He probably will anyhow, and the adoption and carrying out of this resolution will save a whole lot of trouble.

If your wife has got in the habit of asking you for money every day, resolve to make her a regular allowance and then keep your resolution. You'll be as much surprised by the result as she will be by the resolution.

If you have become disheartened by the depravity of your fellow men, resolve to stop thinking about it and try to do a favor every day for some one of them. It will amaze you to see how quickly the world at large will improve in your eyes.

If the new year finds you clear discouraged because of a lack of progress in 1895, review the 12 months carefully and see if wasted time has not been at the bottom of your failures. If it has, resolve to make the minutes count in 1896. A year is made up of minutes, and you cannot well fail to advance between New Year's days if you make every minute count.

If you have had hard work keeping your New Year's resolutions in the past, resolve this year to make none and to conduct yourself in such a way that none will be necessary. Good practice is better than good resolves always.

Handicapped.



Dashaway—Well, uncle, I suppose you will have roast chicken for your New Year's dinner, eh?

Uncle Ebony—No, sah. It's a little cold and de chickens dey doan' roost outside no mo'.

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Owing to the cloudy weather that has prevailed almost continuously for three weeks the photographers have been unable to print the photographs needed to make illustrations for the "Holiday Edition" of The Pilot, and the paper has thus been delayed another week. It will be printed next week. There will be nearly 200 illustrations. Extra copies 10c; three for 25c.

Walter Piper is preparing to move back to his old home at Denver, Ind.

James Chapman is spending the holidays at his old home in Michigan.

Blanche Smith is visiting her cousin, I. E. French, and other friends this week.

FOUND—A pair of gold spectacles. Owner can have same by paying for this notice.

E. L. Hollingsworth and family returned this evening from spending Christmas at the old home of Mrs. Hollingsworth in Michigan.

S. P. Thompson, wife and daughter Grace, returned last evening from a short trip to the Atlanta World's Fair.

Addison and Wallace Robinson left today for eastern Kansas to look at the country, with a view to investment. They will be gone about ten days.

LOST.—Ladies' gold watch chain with two charms attached—one a horn-of-plenty charm. Finder please leave at this office, and receive liberal reward.

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MARRIED—Dec. 25, 1895, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. R. D. Utter, of Trinity M. E. Church, Miss Bernadene Powley, of Jasper county, Indiana, and Mr. William Burger, of Watseka, Illinois.

J. H. Chapman has severed his connection with Ferguson, Wilson & Co., and established an office in Leopold's block over Ellis & Murray's store where he will conduct a real estate, loan, insurance and abstract business.

Prof. S. H. Hayner of Chicago, assisted by our best home talent, will give a musical at the home of Mrs. G. H. Hollingsworth, Saturday evening, Dec. 28th, at 8 o'clock. Admission 15c. It will be under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. Come and bring your friends.

Miss Laura McClellan gave an evening to a number of her friends Thursday night (tonight), at her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Huff.

Every effort is being put forth by the dry goods and clothing merchants to effect a 7 o'clock closing hour. We heartily endorse this movement on their part, and have every reason to believe that they will succeed.

If successful they will begin closing at that hour the first of the year.

The "Old Men's Ball" Christmas night was a complete realization of the cherished hopes of the promoters. Many were present who have not tripped the light fantastic toe for a dozen years, and not a few white haired sires and matrons joined in the music inspired evolutions. Many of the olden time figures were resurrected, and the younger up-to-the-latest dancers had to acknowledge their inability to participate in some "fancy dances" of their progenitors. Indeed the music was so grand that few could resist the temptation to repeatedly respond to the call, "get your partners," etc.

Refreshments were served at the restaurant at midnight, and the merry whirl resumed, to continue until a trifle past two o'clock. There may be some disappointed non-participants who have been industriously prophesying concerning the event, but it is pleasing to note that no just criticism can be made. About seventy couples

Barney Barnato, the South African gold king, is to visit the mines at Cripple Creek, Col., with a view to investment.

The American missionaries in Turkey are reported to be all safe. Suffering among the Armenians whose villages have been destroyed is described as appalling.

The American ocean liner Indiana was badly damaged by a collision with a British ship in the Thames at London.

Pillsbury, the American chess champion, has won four games and lost none in the tournament being held at St. Petersburg.

The embassies of the great powers at Constantinople have been placed in condition to withstand a siege. The situation is extremely critical.

The Red Cross society has agreed to take up the work of aiding the starving Armenians, and has issued an appeal for funds.

## FOREIGN.

Russia has sent a strong note to Japan demanding that that country at once evacuate Corea.

The militia in British Guiana are said to be preparing to resist an expected Venezuelan invasion.

The trial at Toronto, Ont., of Arthur A. Dicks for the alleged murder of his wife to obtain \$20,000 insurance was thrown out of court for lack of proof. Dicks still is held for arson.

M. Adrien Lachenal, vice-president of Switzerland, has been elected to the presidency for 1896. He is a radical. M. Deucher Thurgan has been elected vice-president.

The Spanish cabinet has resigned because of the recent popular demonstration against the ministers of finance, justice and public works, who supported the municipal authorities.

Fire broke out at Havre among 400 bales of cotton on the after deck of the steamer Samoa, Captain Frazer, which arrived here Dec. 8 from New Orleans. The fire is under control.

DR. J. H. HORTON.

## FOUND!

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A. F. AND A. M.

Prairie Lodge, No. 125, of this city will, in conjunction with their sisters in benevolence and charity, the order of the Eastern Star, have a public installation at their hall on the evening of December 27, 1895. A number of friends will be present and an attempt will be made to make it a very enjoyable affair. A short musical program will be rendered, consisting of solos, etc., and the Rensselaer String Orchestra will render several selections. A repast will be served after the entertainment, and all reporters will be treated sumptuously.

## WEST JORDAN.

Peter Naphsinger and his cousins will spend their holidays at their old home at Chenoa, Ill.

Allie Wells and Jennie Whitehead, noted female moonshiners, burned to death near Morgantown, N. C., while sleeping around a camp fire.

The steam heater in a day coach burst while the train was passing through Sterling, Ky., badly scalding Mrs. R. M. Honey and her two children. Their injuries are serious but not necessarily fatal.

The body of a man supposed to be C. Robach, with the clothing all burned off his body, was found in a ravine near the Sandoval road, north of Centralia, Ill. The man had been asleep in an old shed, lying by a fire which he had kindled to warm himself. An envelope was found addressed to E. E. Roff, Swanswick, Ill.

Howard Burr received the sad intelligence that his niece, Mrs. Will Swartz of Balbec, Ind., died the 12th inst.

No more news. Wishing all Happy New Year, I remain

AUNT BETSY.

New Year Song.

A  
EW YEAR, TRUE  
year,  
What now are you  
bringing?  
May day skies and  
butterflies,  
And merry birds  
a-singing?  
Frolic, play all the  
day,  
Not an hour of  
school?"

But the merry echo,  
The laughing New Year echo,  
Only answered, "School!"

"New Year, true year,  
What now are you bringing?  
Summer roses springing gay,  
Summer vines a-swinging?  
Jest and sport, the merriest sort,  
Never a thought of work?"

But the merry echo,  
The laughing New Year echo,  
Only answered, "Work!"

"New Year, true year,  
What now are you bringing?  
Autumn fruits all fire-ripe,  
Autumn horns a-ring?  
Keen delight of moonlight nights,  
When dull folks are abed?"

But the merry echo,  
The laughing New Year echo,  
Only answered, "Bed!"

—Laura E. Richards.

DENTIST.

## European

Bargain  
Store.

Copper Wash Boiler No. \$2.25  
Parlor Matches, doz. boxes. .15  
5-Gal. Oil Can with Pump. 1.15  
Copper Tea Kettle, Nickled 1.15  
Tubular Lanterns ..... 50  
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