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Yes, 1921 is just a little easier to write than 1920.

Successful men invariably look the part. So does the tramp.

The man who really knows it all doesn't even know that he does.

Success be with you this year. We're already scouting around for ours.

Never mind such a small error. You'll remember to write it 1921 in time.

This is the season when men begin to look sheepish. They just can't resist breaking a few of those resolutions.

A few Christmas remembrances were sent to wounded soldiers in the hospitals, but they were mostly printed ones.

When peeved over the high cost of eggs we can console ourselves with the thought that they are probably from storage, anyway.

The old year slid out and the new one slipped in and we don't see any material change at all, at all. But we're not kicking.

The first thing a woman should learn is to wash dishes, and the first thing a new husband should do is to wash them for her.

Some fellow over in England has been prognosticating and says the world is going to blow up again. Well, we'll keep our powder wet over here.

The Greeks kicked their king off the throne and then kicked him back again. But possibly he was willing to accept a voluntary reduction in pay.

Beware how you engage in an argument with your wife. You can't convince her and it's undignified for the head of the house to acknowledge defeat.

Now that we have accustomed ourselves to the Christmas spirit, why not just continue it on to the next one. It would save a lot of working up to the point.

We've often wondered why so many men are quick to buy talking machines for their wives, but we cannot believe the only solution that comes to our mind.

When people can buy a whole Christmas turkey without mortgaging their homes it's fairly convincing evidence that this country is in a prosperous condition.

When a fellow suddenly disappears in this country the logical thing to do is to look over the hotel registers in Mexico. It's easy to get in that country, and just as wet.

City markets charged customers an average of \$2.40 each for Christmas chickens. When the head, feet, bones and entrails were removed, a few bites still remained for the Yuletide joy.

Daily newspapers have been making much over the fact that Mr. Wilson will escort Mr. Harding from the White House to the Capitol on inauguration day. That is comforting news. It assures us that the retiring President is not lacking in courtesy and that the new one will not become lost enroute.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

WHEN farmers receive such low prices for their products it becomes a question as to whether or not they will raise more than merely enough for their own use, and city dwellers are forced to pay exorbitant prices for these same products, it is evident to any sane person that there is something radically wrong with our system of distribution.

When southern cotton planters become desperate because they can not sell their cotton crops for enough to pay the cost of production and marketing, and yet northern people are paying high prices for cotton goods, we are again inclined to the belief that there is a gentleman of color lurking somewhere in the woodpile.

Every one is expecting the city laborer and the skilled mechanic to voluntarily accept a reduction in pay in order that prices may be brought down to normal. Many of them are accepting such reductions, but they continue to pay high prices at the stores for the clothing that they wear and for the food they eat.

Manufacturing prices are being reduced, but wholesalers and retailers are not making proportionate reductions. They are persistently endeavoring to grasp every penny in sight. That at least is the situation in the cities and city conditions are reflected to a certain extent in every town and hamlet in the country.

It is hopeless to appeal to patriotism or the spirit of fair play. Neither is promissuous by its presence in the average counting room.

There remains, then, nothing but law—stern and inflexible.

The new congress should make this one of its first duties. A law should be passed imposing a heavy jail penalty for anything in the nature of profiteering.

If necessary the law should require that the wholesale price be plainly marked on every article of merchandise that is sold at retail.

The honest merchant who is satisfied with a fair profit could find no just cause for complaint. It would even work to his advantage.

The profiteer would turn heaven and earth to prevent the enactment of such a law.

And that, to our mind, would be the greatest argument in its favor.

ARE WE THANKFUL?

THE past year has been one of many blessings for each of us. It has been a year replete with prosperity, happiness and contentment. Its sorrows and its adversities have been few.

Are we duly appreciative of the good things with which the Lord has provided us, or have we merely accepted them as solely the reward of our own merits and forgotten the source which endowed us with the ability to achieve success?

Which?

LET'S MOVE FORWARD

ANOTHER year is before us. Will we as a community move forward, stand still, or progress backward?

There can be but one answer from the energetic people of this community.

IT IS FORWARD.

If we have made mistakes in the past, let's rectify them.

If we have overlooked opportunities, let's recover them, or search out new ones, and improve them.

Let's be up and doing, for the doer is the man who gets there.

Let's move forward! We have no eyes in the back of our heads.

A good listener learns many new things, while the loud talker tells more than he knows.

Some one is going to make a record as the greatest hustler in this community in 1921. We hope it is you—each of you.

Mr. Harding says he is going to make the vice-presidency an important position. Under the old law of tit for tat we presume Mr. Coolidge will return the courtesy.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

LOOKING forward at the beginning of a new year is a common occurrence in all countries, and as we pursue the age old custom we can not but take note of the contrast between conditions in our own country and those beyond the seas.

In our land we have a solid, substantial government, founded upon the guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Over there kings and emperors have been kicked from their thrones, governments have been driven from power, law and order have been substituted by chaos, and hatred and suspicion lurk in the hearts of the many.

Here we have education, refinement, health, wealth, prosperity and hope for the future. We are at peace with our neighbors and are not looking for or dodging trouble.

But on the other side all is different. Practically every foreign government is sitting on the lid of a volcano. Open discord exists everywhere.

Thousands who have lived in luxury in former years are now penniless, many of them uncertain as to the source from whence the next meal is to come.

Those who have seized the wealth of the countries in the overthrow of government are in the main ignorant as to how to turn it to account, or are wasting the substance in riotous living.

Commerce is stagnant and funds are lacking for its resuscitation.

Millions are on the verge of starvation or are in the actual throes of dissolution.

Children are perishing in the cold thru-lack of proper clothing. Destitution and want are everywhere.

Prosperity is nowhere. Truly, it is good to live in America, land of freedom and of plenty.

THE alarming increase of crime in the big cities is causing grave concern to the smaller towns and rural communities.

Sooner or later many of these hardened criminals, gradually driven from the cities, will begin to overrun the more sparsely settled sections of the country.

It is a condition to which we can not look forward with any degree of equanimity. It may not materialize to any great extent, but the danger is too acute to be ignored.

Unbearable conditions require drastic methods of correction.

A practical method of eliminating this form of crime would be to make robbery at the point of a gun punishable by death, with no alternative of a fine or imprisonment, the culprit to remain in jail without bail until he is either legally executed or acquitted.

The greatest public service our state legislatures could perform at the present time would be the prompt enactment of such a law.

The law forbids private citizens the right to carry a gun for self protection.

It should furnish them the protection if it denies them the privilege of providing for themselves.

And still, we can hardly expect all of Europe to flock to this country. Government officials do not willingly quit as long as there's a payroll in sight.

Experts in the business world assure us that the worst is over, and that 1921 will see a strong revival of business and a steady forward to continued prosperity. That sound good, and it will be even better when it materializes.

It was a merry Christmas and a happy New Year all around and on every hand. Most of the bills have been paid and the dads are as cheerful and joyous as if they had not dug down deeply and forked over lively. Digging and forking doesn't worry the dads of this community, for the dear ones at home are worth it all and then again.

Your "for sale" ad should sell that "used but useful" article.

Births

Dec. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arlon D. Lewis, of Wellsville, a daughter.

Dec. 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kalkhof a girl, Florence Elizabeth.

Dec. 30th—To Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan of Wellsville, a son.

Marriages

Miss Esther Raymond, of Wellsville and John E. Lynch, of Rochester were married Dec. 29th. They will make their home in Rochester.

Miss Ida Bell Coon, of Little Genesee and James Edward Howard, of Bolivar were united in marriage, Dec. 30th. They will reside at Little Genesee.

Mrs. Effie V. Redaux and Arthur R. Mills, of Fillmore, were united in marriage Dec. 15th. They were attended by Miss Bertha Redaux of Buffalo, daughter of the bride and Balfour Mills, of Rosburg, son of the groom.

Miss Lura Lonsbury, of Amity, and Philip Watson, of Scio, were married Friday, Dec. 31st.

Deaths

Dr. L. D. Farnham died at his home in Almond, Dec. 30th. Dr. Farnham was 91 years of age, and had been a prominent physician before retiring from practice some years ago.

Clifford Seals, of Ormal, died of typhoid fever last week, aged 19 years.

Miss Ana Egan, of Wellsville, died Jan. 1st, at the Sisters Hospital, in Buffalo, where she had been under treatment for six weeks. Deceased was 42 years of age. The body was brought to Wellsville for burial.

Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald died Jan. 2nd, at her home near Scio. Deceased was born in Bath, N. Y., in 1865. Funeral services were conducted at St. Joseph Church, Scio, and interment at Wellsville.

Mrs. Mary Stebbins, widow of the late D. A. Stebbins, of Almond, died at Addison last week of heart trouble. Mrs. Stebbins had gone to Addison with the body of her mother, Mrs. Loper, who had died at the home of her daughter, where she had been a guest since Thanksgiving, and was taken with a heart attack which resulted in her death. The funeral and interment were in Almond.

Mrs. Blanche Rowe, wife of Wm. Rowe, of Hartsville, died Jan. 4th, aged 45 years.

ACTIVE AT 92

Cuba, Dec. 28.—Hosea B. Ackerly, 92 years old, is taking an active part in a lumbering job on his Haskell farm and is assisting his men in such manual work as cutting trees with an axe and taking his turn at the cross-cut saw.

Mr. Ackerly also takes special delight in cutting roads so his horses can get thru the woods with comfort. He is in the best of health.

The Shadow of the Sheltering Pines



THIS is a new story of the Storm Country, that magic land of mystery and romance where readers first made the acquaintance of "Tess." Many will remember how they laughed with her and at her, and how they cried over her.

"Tess" brought fame and fortune to Mary Pickford.

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Characters, plot and variety of incident, make it a narrative of compelling charm.

Selected on account of its great qualities of interest and appeal to all readers, as a serial for these columns.

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First Installment of this Story Begins With this Issue

Magazine Bargains

The News is in receipt of the publisher's price list for 1920-21 which includes all magazines and periodicals. We can quote you just as low prices as are possible to be given by any agency.

Following are a few of the many Magazine Bargains.

Table with 2 columns: Publisher's Price and Special Price to Subscriber. Lists various magazines like Good Housekeeping, Pictorial Review, etc.