

Is the 20th Century Here?

The recent appearance of the emperor of Germany and the president of Wellesley college on the side of the controversy over the date of the beginning of the twentieth century and the appearance of the pope and the czar on the other, do not augur well for the settlement of the dispute before the new century begins, whenever that may be. The czar has decreed that Russia shall adopt the Georgian calendar, thus getting into step with the rest of the world, and has decreed that this change shall be made on January 1, 1901, which he considers the first day of the new century. The views of Pope Leo, the successor of the authority who gave us our calendar, may be gathered from the following quotation from his recent decree. He says:

"Since, moreover, at midnight of the last of the December of the coming year the present century will come to an end and a new one begin, it is very appropriate that thanks be given to God by some pious and solemn ceremony for the benefits received during the course of the present century, and owing to the urgent necessities of the times that greater favors be implored in order to begin auspiciously the new era.

The emperor of Germany, the dispatches tell us, has ordered special exercises at the stroke of the bell ushering in the year 1900, to commemorate the new century's beginning. The German postal department, it is further announced, "will issue commemorative postal cards." The dispatches fail to state what the loyal German Catholics, who wish to "fear God and honor the King" at the same time, will do in this dilemma.

The Boston Herald opened its columns to a number of prominent college presidents, only to find more disagreement, no less an authority than the president of Wellesley college arguing that the new century begins with 1900. The Chicago Times-Herald, one of the papers owned by Mr. Kohlesat, who claims the authorship of the currency plank in the republican platform of 1896, alone insists in long editorials, that the new century begins January 1, 1900; but as his other paper, the Chicago Evening Post, agrees with the rest of the American press that it begins one year later, it seems unlikely that the involved arguments on the currency will be further complicated in the 1900 campaign by a plank in regard to the new century.

The Times-Herald suggests that a simple way to solve the problem would be to begin at December 31, 1899, and count backward to the beginning of the Christian era. While someone else is doing that we present the argument of the president of Wellesley college, Miss Caroline Hazard, who sets forth the following reasons for her faith:

"According to my way of thinking, the twentieth century begins one minute past midnight of December 31, 1899—January 1, 1900. Midnight marks the conclusion of the 1900th year of the Christian era. The 1900th year, understood, is different from the year 1900, because when we write 1900 we are not at the completion of the 1900 and first year, which we reach when we write 1901. But anything beyond midnight on the first day of January of the coming year is time that must be reckoned in the 1901st year. The whole difficulty, it seems to me, is one of nomenclature. The first year is a different thing from the year 1. This year 1 cannot be written until it is completed, when it ought actually be written the year 1 plus. But we leave out the plus and simply write the year 1. So, in that way, whatever date we write—1899, for instance—it is 1899 plus eleven months and twenty-eight days, the day that I am writing upon. But these added

months and days we do not reckon in ordinary usage until the whole year is completed, when we count the time by years, and go into the next year, which is 1900."—Exchange.

A BOX OF FLOWERS.

What She Said When She Received Them.

"A box of flowers from Tom! How sweet of him! But, then, Tom is such a dear boy. There are no others quite as nice! He comes nearer the Ideal Man than any of his sex that I have ever met. Such refined, ennobling ideas—sentiments tender as a woman's—motives so lofty and ennobling as to place him head and shoulders over his sex!"

"What gorgeous roses! Ah, Tom is so generous! And giant mignonettes, and hyacinth, and those dear pansies! Some men—most men—would simply order one a dozen roses or a box of violets, and never try to arrange a bouquet that positively speaks to one! It is only since Tom began to send me flowers that I have learned to know the language of flowers. Let me see!"

"These great roses are ardent admiration; the mignonettes, tender affection; the hyacinth, worship and reverence; the pansies, thoughts; and here are some of those darling Marguerites—love!"

"What man but Tom would ever conceive such an idea? It is simply perfect! And I must put them in a vase, and when he calls I shall have to seem unconscious of the beautiful message that he has sent in such a charming way. Dear, dear Tom! Among the crowd of money-worshippers that are around me it is sweet to think of one soul so strong, so pure, so grand!"

What He Said When He Ordered Them.

"Hello! Got any bargains in flowers today? No? Well, make up a ten-dollar box for Miss Gotrox, and send it to her. Right away? No. Regular delivery will do. Remember ten dollars is the limit! And look here, mix 'em up well. Not more than ten, recollect; and mix 'em.

"And say—how are your American beauties selling today? Twenty a dozen? And the orchids? Five each? Well, send a dozen beauties and a dozen orchids up to Tottie Tightlets, at the Gay-boy Music Hall, and put a few yards of white ribbon on 'em—understand? Miss Tightlets said she fed every other kind of flowers to her horse.

"Delivery wagon? Not on your life! Messenger boy to the stage door. Give him a dollar to hurry, and charge it to me. See?—Town Topics.

The Bear (walking toward badly frightened amateur sportsman, who has just emptied his repeating rifle at Bruin without doing any damage)—I've concluded to give you an affectionate hug or two before taking my departure to the uncut timber, for I know you've missed me very much lately.—Town Topics.

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[First Publication, Dec., 30th. 5] SHERIFF SALE

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster County, in an action wherein Mrs. Eldora Waldron is Plaintiff, and William F. Sweesey et al Defendants I will, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 30th day of January A. D. 1900, at the East door of the Court House, in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described Lands and Tenements to-wit: The East half (E 1/2) of Section thirty-two (32) Township nine (9) North of Range five (5) East of the 6th P. M. in Lancaster County, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 29th day of December, A. D. 1899.

John J. Trompen, Sheriff.

First Publication January 6, 1900-3.

In the matter of the estate of Nancy J. May, deceased. NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Lincoln Frost, judge of the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, made on the 31 day of January, 1900, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the east door of the court house in the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the 6th day of February, 1900, at two o'clock p. m., at public venue to the highest bidder for one-fourth cash, one-fourth payable in one year, one-fourth payable in two years and one-fourth payable in three years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum on all deferred payments, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots twenty-two and twenty-four in block one, and lots twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four in block two, all in Central Park subdivision, an addition to the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour.

Dated this 3d day of January, 1900. WILMER B. COMSTOCK, Administrator of the Estate of Nancy J. May, Deceased.

First Publication Jan. 6, 1900-5

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order confirming report of referees and directing a sale of the property hereinafter mentioned, made and entered in a cause entitled "Amer A. Burd, plaintiff, vs. Omer O. Burd, et al, defendants, 25-195," pending in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, we, the undersigned referees in partition, duly appointed by said court in said cause, on the 8th day of February, 1900, at two o'clock p. m. standard time, and at the east door of the county court house in the city of Lincoln, in said county and state, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, in manner provided by law, the following described real estate:

1. The south one-half (S 1/2) of the south one-half (S 1/2) of the northwest quarter (nw 1/4) of section thirty (30), township ten (10), range five (5) east, consisting of forty (40) acres.
2. The east one-half (E 1/2) of the east one-half (E 1/2) of the southeast quarter (se 1/4) and the east one-half (E 1/2) of the west one-half (W 1/2) of the east one-half (E 1/2) of said southeast quarter (se 1/4) section thirty (30) township ten (10) range five (5) east, consisting of sixty (60) acres, and being the east sixty (60) acres of said southeast quarter (se 1/4) of said section thirty (30); and
3. The west one-half (W 1/2) of the northwest quarter (nw 1/4) of section thirty-two (32) township ten (10) range five (5) east, consisting of eighty (80) acres, all of said lands being situate in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Dated this 3d day of January, 1900. J. C. F. McKESSON, J. H. McMURTRY, H. C. YOUNG, Referees in Partition.

First Publication January 20-3. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska: The state of Nebraska to Adella M. Kier and to any others interested in said matter: You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James C. Kier, deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Adella M. Kier as administratrix, with will annexed. That on the 13th day of February, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to Adella M. Kier. This notice shall be published three weeks successively in The Courier prior to said hearing. Witness my hand and official seal this 18th day of January, 1900. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. [SEAL.] By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk County Court.

First Publication January 20-3. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska: The state of Nebraska to Celia E. Harwood, Helen C. Harwood and Dorrance Harwood, and to any others interested in said matter: You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Nathan S. Harwood, deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Celia E. Harwood as executrix. That on the 10th day of February, 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to Celia E. Harwood. This notice shall be published for three weeks successively in The Courier prior to said hearing. Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of January, 1900. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. [SEAL.]

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