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### THE NEW YEAR

THE SALUTATION which will soon be sounding in our ears, "Happy New Year", is for most not merely a conventional and meaningless greeting but the voicing of a sincere sentiment. There is a desire upon the part of most men that the newborn year may prove for all one of happiness, success and prosperity and so they voice this wish in the age-long message. Somehow the dawn of each New Year seems to give the opportunity for a new start. It is therefore quite customary for us to make resolutions for the New Year. We promise ourselves that we will do our best to retrieve past mistakes and rise to a higher plane of service and usefulness. It is good that we have this desire. It is good to make resolutions, but most of us make too many. It were better to undertake to do one thing and stick to that. But the fact that we even for a few brief moments think of the irrevocable past, and note therein our sins of omission and commission, and are filled with a desire to do better has its value. Each year should find us making progress. The golden age lies not behind us, but before us. Greet then the New Year with the determination to make the best of the opportunities which it offers us, not merely to advance in a material way, praiseworthy though this be, but also in a spiritual and moral way, in all things that make for the highest and best manhood. It is in this spirit and with this desire that The Monitor wishes all its readers and patrons A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

And the pity is nothing will be done about it. And this is Christian America!

### DIED BRAVELY

WE DEPLORE strife and bloodshed. We regret to read of the catalogue of deeds of blood which belle man's better nature. But we believe in self-defense. For this reason we are glad that Joseph Pullen, the respectable and industrious tenant-farmer of Drew, Miss., sold his life dearly when the mob pursued him bent on taking his life. Knowing what he was facing he died as a brave man should die when pursued by a wolf-pack. It took a thousand men and a machine gun to kill him.

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

**Faith in the Law Is Essential**  
 It is a serious matter that Negroes do not believe they will get justice in the courts. The security of the state depends upon the faith of even the least citizen. Joe Pullen, the Negro tenant farmer in Mississippi chose to kill others and die himself, rather than have his business adjudicated in the courts. There is no finding out now the right and wrong of the matter. Men have died, civilization has been set back, but no good done. Where men have no confidence in the law, they fall back upon their own might. What Negro has confidence in a Mississippi court? But the nation cannot afford to have its prerogatives thus taken over by individuals.

The Oklahoma killing is worse than that in Mississippi. Jernigan was not even accused of crime, unless it is a crime to live. His confidence in the protection of the law was ill-founded. When men can no longer trust the authorities they choose for their protectors, they first protect themselves, and then become aggressors. The nation cannot afford such a breaking up into individual and group warfare. Society is powerful enough to be just. America which helped stop ruthless might in Europe, should follow the dictates of its conscience at home.

Robin Hood was a symptom of his times. Schemes of oppression always bring about their own destruction. The dominant majority cannot afford to be in the wrong.—Kansas City Call.

### THINK OF THIS

THE OTHER DAY we were talking to a prominent business man who is tremendously interested in our race in this city. He knows a whole lot about our weak points and our strong points. In the course of our conversation he said, "I have been informed that the credit rating of the colored people in this city is much lower than it ought to be, because while some are very prompt in paying their debts, others are slow, and as a result the average is low."

Here is something really to think about, and if any who read this are careless about meeting their obligations and paying their debts, we wonder if they will not see the wisdom of improving their credit rating.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Thomas Taggart, Pastor.

The Sunday school had a wonderful time Christmas eve. They had half of the program and other half we will have New Year's night at 8 p. m. All of the children were very much enthused over their presents they received from the Xmas tree which Santa Claus left for the kiddies.

At a feast of seven tables under the auspices of the Mission Circle everyone had a fine time pulling taffy candy on Wednesday night. A masquerade party was also given at which two prizes were awarded—one to the one who came looking the most comical, and the other to the neatest dress.

We had service at 5:30 Xmas morning and the pastor delivered a wonderful sermon to a large congregation.

We had many visitors worshipping with us from various cities and had one addition to the church.

The pastor hopes that everyone had a Merry Xmas and wishes all a Prosperous New Year.

### ABOUT SUPPORTING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES


BUSINESS ENTERPRISES are slowly but steadily multiplying among our group. It is quite proper that they should. It is eminently befitting, too, that we should patronize our race enterprises where they are worthy and should help them grow and develop. Those bidding for race patronage must be prepared to deserve it. By this we mean that they must give the same service for the same money as their competitor. We have business places in this town which for neatness, cleanliness, character and quality of merchandise will compare most favorably with similar places run by competitors of the other race. Such places should be liberally patronized. There can be no excuse for passing such places by. It is time that some of our "Best people", who talk about "race pride" should show their vaunted "race pride" by supporting worth-while race institutions and enterprises.

### CHRISTIAN AMERICA

### BODY BROUGHT TO OMAHA FOR BURIAL

The body of Mr. Malcolm B. Scott, a highly respected citizen of Cripple Creek, Colo., and who was accidentally killed there early in December, while his wife and two of his sons were visiting relatives in Omaha, was brought here for burial December 14, accompanied by the widow and three of the children. Interment was in Forest Lawn. Rev. John Albert Williams officiated. The family which had been contemplating moving to this city have decided to remain here.

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