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THE CLOSING YEAR.

A most eventful year ends with today—a year whose record constitutes one of the most interesting chapters in the world's history and will for an indefinite time exert an influence upon the relations and the affairs of the nations.

For the United States 1905 has been a year of peace, progress and unprecedented prosperity. Great crops have rewarded the labor of the agricultural producers, their aggregate value exceeding that of any previous year.

Events in Europe during the year have been of great interest and of large import. Foremost in the stage of affairs is the revolutionary movement in Russia, the final outcome of which cannot be predicted with confidence.

turbed and are still unsettled. It seems certain that they must soon undergo a radical change or modification, for there has been developed among the people a very strong democratic tendency.

The problem of local self-government touches a larger number of the American people than almost any other issue with which they are confronted.

Our northern neighbor, Canada, has had a year of prosperity, as also has our southern neighbor, Mexico, which during the year took steps to put her currency on a gold basis.

With the closing of the year Mr. W. E. Kelly, for many years head of the law department of the Union Pacific railway, severs his relation with the great transcontinental railway system.

with qualms of conscience that would prevent them from accepting rebates and drawbacks, even at the risk of being classified with the Steel trust or Standard Oil Octopuses; but, in this world of perpetual change, all things are possible.

The experience of all the cities has taught one lesson, namely, that dishonesty in public office is not confined to any particular party and that extravagance, wastefulness and graft permeate almost every city hall and court house in the land.

Under the Toledo plan of school elections no party nominations are permitted. Each candidate must have his name filed without political designation and the names are placed on the ballot, in their alphabetical order, without party designation.

Representatives of the leading Trans- Mississippi railroads have given positive assurance to the Interstate Commerce commission that they are determined to stop the giving of rebates in any form to large shippers and several railway men have assured the commission that the public conscience has been aroused by rebate disclosures and that many prominent shippers have announced that they will accept no concessions of any sort which may cause them to be classed with corporations which have profited by special rates.

Germany has been stung into issuing a statement of its contention regarding Morocco and another precedent of Bismarck has been shattered, showing the increased power of public opinion in the realm of the Kaiser, probably not due so much to the attitude of France as to the social democracy.

It is now alleged that the Irish have demonstrated ability to manage their local affairs; but with their usual caution English voters will probably insist that they show ability to capture Parliament before granting them the measure of home rule they demand.

London unemployed are not pleased because John Burns has accepted a place in the British cabinet. Envy seems to be ready to mark the distinguished British labor leader for the fate which has met his predecessors in every land.

There may be something after all in this report that Tom Lawson has been losing heavily. One of his sons has just become engaged to a wealthy widow, possibly as a precautionary measure.

Music and the New Year

Many people believe that the natural expression of happiness is music, and that the home without a Piano is a dreary place. Time was when the prohibitive cost of Pianos made it possible for only a few to have them.

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The coming vehicle is the water wagon. The new year will bring much relief to New York insurance magnates.

Old Harry, the distinguished paving contractor, has enlarged his yards to accommodate the bargain rush of paving material, commonly known as good resolutions.

Baltimore will not achieve a reputation by sending a caudex of whistles to Annapolis. Husky leather straps with knots on 'em would more effectively reach the situation.

The invention of a machine for smoking cigars is announced. It comes in time to absorb the fragrance of the Christmas cigar and may deserve to be classed as a life saving machine.

It is mighty hard for a jurymen to do his duty as he sees it without somebody knocking. In a recent trial in New York a jurymen took a basketful of the necessities of life into the jury room.

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ORIGINATORS AND SOLE MAKERS OF HALF SIZES IN CLOTHING. ALL HAIL THE NEW YEAR. THE STORY OF THE OLD YEAR HAS BEEN TOLD, AND WE SAY "FAREWELL" TO 1905.

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