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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.

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

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.

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 next meeting of the national educational convention has been set for July and President Jordan of Stanford University has been invited to deliver an address on "Beautiful California."

The Western Fruit Dealers' association has adopted a resolution demanding legislation at the hands of congress that will wipe out all of the private car lines and point out the insufficiency of pending legislation before congress in this respect.

Looking backward over the past year we reluctantly feel like bidding 1905 good-bye, considering that it was the most prosperous of years and has had such an agreeable ending, thermometrically, barometrically and big-stickily.

with the advent of the New Year the railroads are promising to be good, but with money at 100 per cent on call even the promises of railroad magnates do not pass current in Wall street, much less in the other parts of the country.

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.

NEW YEAR'S AGAIN. Time for Resolving to Do the Best You Can. Harper's Weekly. New Year's is upon us again. Let us take up the line of march and make the best progress we can through another year.

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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SERMONS BOLLED DOWN. Good cheer chokes many a fear. You are never rich enough to spurn love. Sacrifice gives a heavenly grace to any gift.

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

A Wise Precaution. There may be something after all in this report that Tom Lawson has been losing heavily.

Superfluous Formalities. It is not necessary to go through the formality of swearing off in order to quit a bad habit.

Poor Kind of Majority Rule. Do we realize how much and how often majority rule is made a mockery—a far-off marsh light flickering dimly over the bog of corruption?

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PROVERBS FOR 1906. A rolling stone makes a deal of fuss. A joyful wife is a match for any husband.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. "What did your wife give you for Christmas?" "Box of cigars."

A CHANGE OF OFFICE. The books are closed, the last accounts are filed and finished now. The Old Year takes his coat and hat.

THE STORY OF THE OLD YEAR HAS BEEN TOLD, AND WE SAY "FAREWELL" TO 1905. 1906 USHERS IN AN ERA OF PEACE, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

MAY IT BRING GOOD TIMES TO YOU ONE AND ALL. THANKING YOU FOR PAST PATRONAGE AND LIKewise A CONTINUANCE, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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