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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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1909! Goodby, 1908! Going to turnoveranewleaf?

A Forakerless senate will be a 1909 novelty.

Ring out the old, ring in the new.

Popular song for the day-"I'm On the Water Wagon Now." It is only about eight weeks until

the ball teams go into training.

the bear side of the ice market. No wonder the Pittsburg delegation in congress is opposed to free steal.

People conscientiously opposed to

Let us hope that 1909 will not at-

tempt to equal the calamity record of 1908. The one that is past due is the most troublesome of the "Notes of the New

John A. Johnson has retired from the limelight to make room for Jack

Paris newspapers are conducting a

wed. They do.

Possibly last year's resolutions may be pressed into service, as most of them have not been used.

Who told the hen that it was part of her duty to aid in the conservation of the nation's resources?

"We appeal to the common sense of the pistol toters," says a southern paper. They don't have any.

According to the astrologer's chart,

beasts of the African jungle. The real optimist will look pleasant

his wife made him on Christmas.

\$200,000 probably has a string to it.

that supreme court vacancy is saving feated for that office, a leading figure it and compete with foreign counthe state just a trifle less than \$90 s in republican national conventions for tries."

Mr. Taft: At least the man feels that aker has led a varied and checkered while those from Georgia and South way when he has to pay 75 cents for public career. A born fighter, much Carolina are demanding that the duty a golf ball. The evacuation of Cuba begins to-

in the evacuation of the White House on March 4. Andrew Carnegie is said to have given \$150,000 to "clean up Pitts-

day, but Wall street is more interested

burg." Mr. Carnegie made millions by cleaning up Pittsburg.

from active business and says he pro- Roosevelt's policies. He tried to block any party opposition to the tariff poses to take things easy. He has always taken things that way.

tion in Pittsburg and San Francisco.

OMAHA'S STEADY GROWTH.

the close of the year 1908 in Omaha Entered at Omaha postoffice as second- year shows a satisfactory standing. for the city. In building it was a year lesser ability have shone. of great activity, the total of four and a half millions for new buildings having been exceeded but once in the history of Omaha, and that in 1889, banks a new record was established, wholesale houses did a greater volume corresponding increase. The South the year, and none of any consequence election of the present year. closed up.

prospered during the year in spite of of a republican president had passed. the causes that disturbed business is steadily gaining strength. It is reelsewhere. The social and vital sta- flected in the daily reports of the do- original sextet ought to take up a coltistics published this morning will furnish interesting reading to any who commercial world to an extent unmay desire to see in a compact form the story of the city's year. It is one ally given over to invoicing and of which the people of Omaha may be preparations for future business. New

The promise for 1909 is one great encouragement. Already a great marked activity in the woolen mills, building campaign is projected; merchants and manufacturers look forward to a year of unusual activity, and the further growth of the city seems come into its own as a center of commerce and industry, and the achievements of the past are but a slight indication of what the future will see.

THE OHIO SENATORSHIP.

The republican party, Ohio and the nation are to be congratulated upon which assures the election of Theodore brother of the president-elect, makes and clears up a political situation in prise. the state that was sadly muddled and threatened seriously to affect the party harmony of the future.

The selection of Mr. Burton as senator will go far toward restoring Ohio's ance. The election of a republican former prestige and standing in the earth." Mr. Burton is recognized as vision of the tariff has opened the way one of the ablest men in public life. for a speedy resumption of business He is not a particularly popular per- along normal lines, with promise of a sonality so far as the ingredients of happy and prosperous year for all the Jack Frost may yet decide to join personal magnetism is concerned. people. Primarily, he is a student who has given years of study and thought to important public questions. As chairswearing naturally object to swearing the country. He is also a recognized and radical tariff reduction appear now subjects and has a broad, definite and comprehensive grasp of all of the greater problems pressing for consideration of the congress and may be relied upon to take an active and ef-

concerned, the selection of Mr. Burton should have a wholesome effect. activities largely to the affairs of his to democratic votes. discussion on whether actresses should own congressional district, and he will the troubles of a faction leader.

brought about by the self-effacement ocrats in congress-and there are only of Charles P. Taft as a candidate for senator. Irrespective of the merits or advisability of Mr. Taft's candidacy, democrats almost to a man are as radof which divergent opinions have been | ical as any northern republican in dehim to credit and commendation for schedules on tobacco, rice, cotton, lumits manifestation of unselfishness. Mr. ber, citrus fruits, lead, barytes and Taft had wen enviable esteem by his other minerals and metals as well as devoted championship of his brother in the presidential contest and, now, which southern industries are inter-1969 carries an evil star for the wild in refusing to stand in the way of a ested. fight, again exhibits praiseworthy qualities that must put the party and ment of the south began, which has

to him.

twenty years, a candidate for the pres-

sue against him out of the Brownsville

the day will rank him as a tricky

The totals for all local business at politician rather than a statesman. The advent of Mr. Burton into the are most gratifying. Each item that senate will give Ohio the place in that enters into the balance sheet for the body that it wen through the records of Thurman, Ben Wade, John Sherand the entire record of the year is man and Tom Ewing, in the reflected one of steady and substantial growth light of which many men of much

THE NEW YEAR AND BUSINESS. The year 1908 did not end in a blaze of glory for the industrial world, which still stands as the most wonder- but its close holds out a most assuring ful in the local records. In total vol- promise of greatly improved condiume of business transacted at the tions for the ensuing twelve months. One year ago our people were in the the total of clearings reaching above midst of the most severe trade de-\$602,000,000. The jobbing and pression experienced in many years. The crisis caused by the panic of 1907 of business by several millions of dol- caused a serious derangement of the lars than during 1907, and the total monetary and industrial equilibrium. output of the local factories shows a Although the actual panic was shortlived, scared capital refused to resume Omaha packing plants did a large activity, while money was allowed to business, and the smelter and other accumulate in the banks and industry huge industrial concerns add millions halted and hesitated. The period of to the total. Forty-seven new con- derangement, really extended from cerns of importance opened their August, 1967, until all apprehension doors for business in Omaha during was removed, after the presidential

The upward movement, which be In all other ways Omaha's citizens gan when all doubt as to the election ings in the financial, industrial and lection for him. usual at the holiday time, which is usu-England reports an unprecedented in anticipation of the trade already in sight for the new year.

The steel industry, generally accepted as the best barometer of in-Net total...... 1.180,103 assured. Omaha is just beginning to dustrial conditions, has been improving for months in all lines except in railroad equipment and the reports for the closing weeks of the year indicate that the railroads are preparing for enormous outlays within the present year for general betterments. Preliminary estimates of railway earnings indicate a slight increase over the earnings of 1907 and an increase over the happy turn in political affairs every other year in history except E. Burton to succeed Joseph Benson transportation companies. The banks he? Foraker in the United States senate. throughout the country are holding The withdrawal of Charles P. Taft, the more money than ever before and the selection of Mr. Burton certain of every legitimate business enter-

The year opens, therefore, with few clouds in the horizon and those in sight are growing smaller on their scheduled way to complete disappearpresident, pledged to a continuance of most deliberative legislative body on the Roosevelt policies, and an early re- man.

DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF. The claims made by the democrats man of the house committee on rivers in the recent campaign, of their burn- a flashlight photograph of a member of But suddenly his face grew bright and harbors, he is the best informed ing desire to get control of congress the city council in the act of receiving a man in America on the waterways of in order to give the people prompt authority on financial and currency as a huge joke, in the light of the attitude of the minority in congress on the tariff revision bill that has been under discussion by the ways and The hearings before the committee fective part in the senate's delibera- and the discussions among the members have developed the fact that the So far as party affairs in Ohio are democratic party as represented in congress is highly protective in sympathy and that the proposed reduc-He has not been identified with any of tions of existing schedules will have the factions, confining his political to be made practically in opposition

The new minority leader, Champ go into the senate without inheriting Clark, is a free trader, as was his immediate predecessor, John Sharp Wil-The present outcome has been liams, and a few of the northern dema very few of them-are fairly square on the party platform. But southern expressed, his present action entitles manding retention of existing tariff a variety of manufactured products in Many democratic members satisfactory solution of the senatorial frankly state that they opposed protection until the industrial developwhen he gets the bill for the present the people under additional obligation now convinced them that the south has been long enough without its fair The election of Mr. Burton will share of the benefit of the tariff, That story of a shoe lace peddler mark the at least temporary retire- "Since the country at large," explains who has accumulated a fortune of ment from public life of Joseph Ben- one southern democrat, "has voted to son Foraker, prominent in state and place a protective wall around the innational politics for many years, dustries of the nation, the south ought Governor Sheldon's delay in filling Twice governor of Ohio and twice de- not to be expected to stay outside of

The democrats of Alabama are inidential nomination and a United sisting on retaining the duty on iron "Golf is the poor man's game," says States senator for two terms, Mr. For- ore and manufactured from and steel, of his political success and political on cotton and cotton goods be indefeats have been due to his pug- creased rather than reduced. Virginia nacious disposition. He was a lieu- and Kentucky democrats are fighting tenant of Sherman and of McKinley, every proposal to lower the tobacco but opposed both when they had been schedules and democratic Texas is elevated to high office. He fought ready to fight at the mention of lower Mark Hanna, then supported him and duties on hides, wool, cotton, rice or finally came to open rupture with him. lumber. So strong is the demand of He quarreled with his colleague, Sen- democratic members for tariff protecator Dick, a Hanna protege, made up tion for the industries of their indiwith him and then quarreled again vidual districts that the leaders have Thomas Fortune Ryan has retired on the question of supporting Mr. about abandoned hope of mustering the president's railway rate legislation measure when finally reported for con-

and endeavored to make a national is sideration. The democratic leaders may con-Prof. Ferrero declares that the stor- incident. Right or wrong, even his tinue to denounce the tariff as jobbery les of official corruption in ancient bitterest political adversaries have or robbery or just plain republicanism, Rome have been greatly exaggerated. given him credit for ability to make but the rank and file of the democratic turies from now about official corrup- cause. Whatever place history may the measure outright providing it give Senator Foraker, the estimate of guards their sectional interests, at passes on about \$3,000,000 of city contracts. ditions may have been.

least will put no serious obstacle in its

Real friends of the Indian will regret the announcement of Francis E. Leupp, commissioner of Indian atfairs, that he will retire from office and public life on March 4. Mr. Leupp has been in office about four years and has given the government most valuable service, having done much to encourage the Indian to become self-supporting and to shape the government's Indian policy to that

The statistical review of Omaha's progressive activity contained in this issue of The Bee is the best kind of an advertisement the city can have. Order extra copies and mail them to out-of-town friends whom you want to interest in Omaha's bright future.

Sixteen more cadets have been dismissed from West Point. It is a little remarkable that there should be so many vacancies both at Annapolis and West Point, where the government furnishes the best education obtainable without cost to the students.

The manager who made a fortune out of the original "Florodora" company has been declared a bankrupt. The several hundred members of the

Residents of the northwest have petitioned the ways and means committee for free coal. We object to discrimination in favor of the northwest. activity in the cotton mills and If coal is to be free we all want a share of it.

> Members of congress might have enjoyed their holiday vacation more had they not invited the president to send them another message about the secret service on their reconvening.

An Indian woman named Partridge has been married to three men named Robin, Sparrow and Quayle, and has divorced each of them. This particular Partridge is certainly a Bird.

The London News announces that James S. Palmer will be a candidate for president of the United States in 1906, which was the banner year for 1912. No objection at all, but who is

"As a naval power England stands funds are in sight for the prosecution at the crossroads in her history," says the London National Review. Possibly, but the crossroads is not a suitable place for a battleship.

> Senator Tillman accuses President Roosevelt with using intemperate language. Anything of that kind must be shocking to the mild-tempered Till-

J. Ham Lewis is going to Japan on a secret mission. A man with the J. Ham Lewis brand of pink whiskers has no business trying to travel incog.

By a most peculiar plight;

He wrestled with a horrid doubt,

Which would not take to flight.

A Real Moving Picture. Chicago Record-Herald.

A Pittsburg artist succeded in getting bribe. It may properly be referred to as a moving picture,

Divers Kinds of Pie. Washington Herald.

It is stated the President-elect Taft is very fond of pumpkin ple and won't touch any other kind. When he comes to dismeans committee for some weeks. tribute pie at Wishington he will find few people as particular; most of them will take any kind they can get.

Much Good and No Harm.

Boston Herald. The story of Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot that the extensive use of Christmas trees not only does no harm to our forests, but rather improves them by thinning out the underbrush, ought to relieve these anxious minds that are not so well informed on the subject as Mr. Pinchot is, There's no occasion for mourning for the 4,000,000 trees that contributed to the joy of the late festival.

Capitalizing Value of Franchises. Washington Herald.

That the principle of excluding the value of franchise from the capitalization of a public service corporation will be eventually adopted in all corporation legislation in quite probable. Grave injustice is done the public when a privilege granted by the people to a corporation is made the means of taxing them for the payment of fat dividends on a capitalized valuation of that privilege. It may be impossible to correct this injustice as to franchises already capitalized, but it will be easy to prevent its onsummation in the case of franchises yet to be granted, or in the case of future applications for increase of capital stock.

PERSONAL NOTES.

With twelve members of the house comnittee off for Panama, the Congressional Record ought to have some hunch as to what is coming to it in the not far re moved future.

A Washington correspondent remarks that Senator Knox is a masterly poker player, probably the best in the United States senate, and adds: "He always plays them as if he had them, and one can never tell from his face whether he has four aces or a "busted straight."

A Tennessee jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide" in the case of a man who had shot a neighbor wearing a fur coat. Even when a man dresses so that he resembles a bear the killing of him is hardly justifiable unless by some unwrition law they have down that way.

Fencing is said to be one of the popular fads in the east and many Washington women will take up the foils this winter. Baroness Moncheur, who was known in St. Louis as Miss Charlotte Clayton before her marriage, is among the most experi swordswomen. Miss Chenowith, private secretary of Senator Foraker, is considered one of the best. The champion amateur fencer of the United States is Miss Miche-

In Chicago the practice has prevailed for municipal contractors to distribute Christmas presents among municipal en ployes. The board of improvements adopted a rule to go into effect a year hence cut ting off this pernicious practice, but with

NEW YEAR SENTIMENTS.

Ode to the New Year. Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky. The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new; Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. Ring out the grief that saps the minds, For those that here we see no more king out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient form of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manner, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Hing out, ring out, my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousands of wars of old Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The largest heart, the kindler hand: Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be. ALFRED TENNYSON.

New Year Resolutions. To drink no more I new resolve— Except when I am dry; And smoking, too, I'll shim, of co At least, that is, I'll try!

And filrting? Well it's rather hard; But like cures like, they say— And so to try to break myself, I'll try The homeopathic way! And spending money, too, I'll quit— As soon as it's all gone— That is unless my watch will bring Ten dellars more in pawni

And swearing, also, I'll avoid;
Please don't say that I scotf,
For swearing I hate so very much,
I'll e'en stop swearing off.

—January Bohemian.

Passing of Time. Why speak of the scythe and the hourglass As the bards so long have sung? Why should we notice how Time may

pass,
So long as the soul is young?
Let wrinkles come and the head grow gray-It's never a cause for tears, For Methuselah hoped and laughed, no When he had nine hundred years.

They fall to learn their lesson right And take the dross for gold.

Who think gray hair, a wrinkle or two,
Are marks of growing old.

Joy's song may be as gladly sung,
And c'en in better tune

If the heart keeps time with the proper

In December than in June. So, when it haps in the run of days

So, when it haps in the run of days
That we turn the New Year page,
Why point to Time, with his dented
scythe,
Or other signs of age?
What is it, in truth, that has been brought
By the seasons in their whirl,
Where a boy, a light-winged promising
lad
Gives a good-live bire to a sixt. Gives a good-bye kiss to a girl?

No talk of tombetones on Life's road; No milestones of the past, But dreams of Hope and songs of Joy— Each merrier than the last. And whether we're eighty, or twenty, or ten.
Let this New Year's praise be sung:
Not Nineteen Hundred and Nine years old,
But that many years still young.
—P. H. DOYLE.

Swearing Off. Good Descon Hobbs had a righteous mind, Religious and austere. Another such you might not find

When New Year's came he was put out

He'd sworn off everything that man Could think of stopping short. In other years he'd put the ban On things of every sort.

He swore off swearing off -The Housekeeper.

To the Little New Year. You bring us happiness, delight, Renewed each soul and heart tonight. Fair child of purity and grace, We liken to your soul and face

A lily bright. The old year dies, now reseate grows The dawn o'er mountains capped Your breath so faint, of fragrance rare, Your smiling lips, we would compare To blushing rose.

Athwart the east a ruddy bar. Your father, Time, awaits your car; When you alight what glad surprise. Bright morning star! What happiness shines

sweet and happy little one, To every weary mortal run!
Lily and star and rose are you,
And faith and hepe you will renew.
'Neath New Year's sun!

-WALTER BEVERLEY CRANE. Reform Next Day. There's nothing in the habit, As any one can see. I'm going to break off smoking, And from the weed be free, Temoricow at the latest

I'll throw my pipe away I'll smoke awhile today. It's just a waste of money.
A burning up of wealth;
It doesn't help the morals.
It doesn't mend the health.
Far better spend my wagas.
On bills I ought to pay.
I'll chep it off temorrow.
So light 'er up today.

There's no excuse for being

Though friends we are today Without regret or longing,
Without a single sigh.
Or mean for pleasures passing.
I'll put my meerschaum by. I'll light it up teday, -Nashville American.

Ied bless you—'tis a homely phrase.
It brings the smiles, it brings the tears,
t holds the hopes of other days.
The loys of other years.

The pain of parting, and the bliss Of happy hearts on homing wing, he warmth of the returning kies, The clasp of arms that closely God bless you-Ah, the blood runs warm When dear lips breathe the preyer sin-God keep you safe from hart or harm!
God bless you through the year!
-B. McM. BELL.

Big Ships and the Canal. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

One of the evident questions at Panama if the canal as planned will accomedate the latest huge battleships and big liners. Ship dimensions have greatly increased since the United States took hold on the isthmus and the fact is one that calls for fresh consideration. But yellow clamor about the canal well accomplish nothing.

In Pennsylvania for the year just closing almost 26,000 automobile licenses were isout waiting for next Christmas to come sued, being an increase over last year of around the president and four members about 6,000. That certainly does not indiof the board have returned a valuable ar- cate that there was any depression in the Someone may say as much a few cen- a gallant fight, even in a hopeless house members, if they do not support ray of presents they had received from automobile business during the last twelve the contractors. This board annually months, no matter what the general con

The York Store Branch Piano Stock Now On Sale At Hospe's

On December 19th, We Discontinued Our Branch Plano Stock at York, Nebraska. This Piano and Organ stock was shipped to Omaha.

This stock is now placed on our floors at 1513 Douglas street and is offered to the public at unheard-of low prices. The instruments are all practically new, having been in stock but from two weeks to a few months, and are perfect in every respect; as this stock crowds our available space and as we begin making alterations directly after holidays, we are forced to dispose of them without delay, therefore we mark them down to prices that are one-half, in some instances to one-third, off the regular retail sell

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The terms are the easiest obtainable as little as \$5.00 per month until paid for. Where cash is offered we make a small discount.

This piano stock contains very late case designs in Spanish mahogany, in French and American walnut, in quartered American and English or antique oak.

in styles there are colonial, art cases and the modern cabinet grands, as well as baby grand planos. Everyone recognizes the importance of this sale when you know comprised such world renowned makes as the King Planos, the Chickering Pianos, the Conway Planos, the Kimball Pianos, the

Weser Bros. Planos, the Melville-Clark the Kensington, the Cramer

and many other high grade Pianos. The Organs put on this sale are also new and up to date in style and finish and comprise the Kimball Organ, the Swan Organ, the Hospe Organ and others.

When you take notice that brand new, up-to-date Pianos go in \$129.00 \$148.00 \$169.00 \$198.00 \$235.00

\$259.00 \$278.00 AND UP. On PAYMENTS OF \$6.00. \$7.00. \$8.00. \$10.00 Per Month and only require \$10.00 DOWN to get one sent home, you will fully make up your mind now is the time to buy.

Remember there are but fifty Plance, and all genuine bargains. Don't Forget, \$10.00 Down Takes One Home.

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AERIAL VICTORIES OF THE YEAR a jar. Two days later he won the Sarthe

Marked Progress in the "Conquest of the Air."

Chicago Record-Herald. Among the achievements of the year nothing stands out more prominently than onds. the "conquest of the air." In the last four ulative stage to a reality. Within this short period feats have been accomplished which eclipse those of all the years of experiment preceding. A twelvemonth ago the progress that has been made would not have been believed possible by any except the most enthusiastic exponent of flying

machines. The Wright brothers of the United States are the men who have achieved the first great triumphs in aviation, and today hold title as kings of the air. Wilbur Wright has won for himself and the American Aero club the first Michelin trophy, which typifles his triumph. The winning of the trophy by an American is all the more no eworthy because other nations were giving practical encouragement to airship inventors, and there was widespread enthuslasm over aviation abroad long before pub-

He interest had passed the bounds of skep-

ticism here. It was no longer ago than the morning of September 9 that Orville Wright at Fort Myer, Va., thrilled the world with his aeroplane flight lasting fifty-seven minutes. and thirty-one seconds. Before nightfall of the same day he had beaten this record by flight sustained for one hour and two minutes, in the presence of cabinet officials and high officers of the army and navy; and then, taking aboard a passenger, he broke another record by encircling the big parade ground six times and remaining aloft seven minutes. Subsequently he eastly broke both these records, and there is no telling what might have been his achievements but for the accident, with its attendant tragedy, that wrecked his machine.

Undaunted by his brother's accident Wilbur Wright began to break records in France with his duplicate of the machine, until record-breaking got to be so common as to cease to excite amazement. On September 21 at Le Mans he made sustained flight of one hour thirty-one minutes and twenty seconds' duration. On October 3, with a passenger aboard, he "flew" for fifty-five minutes and thirty-seven seconds. On December 16 he shot up an serial incline to a height of 240 feet, then dropped fifty feet and stopped his engine. swooping gracefully to the ground without New York Sun.

Aero club's prize for height, ascending more than 200 feet, in a strong wind, and again broke his record for duration of flight, covering sixty-one miles in one hour fifty-three minutes and fifty-nine sec-

The person not satisfied with this showmonths aviation, by means of heavier-than- ing of less than four months or who still air contrivances, has passed from the spec- regards aviation as impracticable is a confirmed cynic.

LAST YEAR'S MIRTH.

"If you make any good resolutions this year, you had better make some you can "All right; I'll make a resolution not to make any,"-Baltimore American.

"So you are not going to make any New Year resolutions?"
"No." answered Mr. Meckton. "I fully meant to make a few. But when I amended my intention the members of my family had so many suggestions to offer a many suggestions to offer the members of my family had so many suggestions to offer a many suggestions." I grew discouraged."-Washington

"You look tired, Johnny. natter-social duties too much for you?" said a gentleman in a Cincinnati elevator the other day, jocosety. replied the elevator boy.

She was tall and muscular. He was mall and weak. Her ettitude was resmall and weak. Her etiltude was re-solved. His was depreciation.
"How are you going to celebrate New Year's eve?" he asked timidly
"As it is the end of leap year." sho answered, "I propose—"
But she got no further. He had disap-peared.—Philadelphia Press.

"That baby, madam," said the doctor to the proud and happy mother, 'will make his mark in the world some day.'
Note the fulfillment of the prediction. In less than sixteen years that boy was the scoreboard artist in a great base bull park.—Chicago Tribune.

Indignant Matron (in box party at ope They think they must blame somebied for our being late tonight, and so the blame me. Well, my shoulders are bross Aged Beau (with a low bow)-And daglingly white, medame.—Chicago Tribun

"It took hundreds of years to build then granids," said the guide. "Huh" rejoined the American tourist It must have been a government job. Thicago News. relations with Standard Od."
"Well," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "he may derive some satisfaction from the reflection that they are not poor relations."

Washington Biar. Noah surveyed the ark. "Think what sport Roosevelt would have by chartering that ahip," he cried. Herwith he drove the animals aboard.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Is our greeting to our many friends and patrons who have contributed so liberally to our success the past year. We wish to thank one and all and hope for a con-

tinuance of your generous patronage. In the future, as always in the past, you will find the best ready-to-wear clothing for men, boys and children to be



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