

LUCKY STREAKS IN 1913

Ominous Figures Bring Fortune to Many Persons.

CURIOUS EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Instances of Good Fortune Which Put Discredited "Thirteen" in a Class by Itself.

Nineteen Thirteen has been a lucky year. If you don't believe it ask the British workman who picked up from a London gutter a string of pearls worth more than \$500,000.

Or inquire of the man in Chicago who, with but 45 cents in his pocket, received news that he had fallen heir to \$20,000. And if neither of these instances satisfies you, turn back through the files of the daily papers and read how pearls of price have been discovered in the embrace of lowly oysters; how dull, ugly pebbles, long forgotten, have suddenly been imbued with rare beauty through the discovery that they were uncut diamonds; how a doctor who "grubstaked" a luckless prospector became part owner of a valuable mine; how employees, as an appreciation of faithful service, have been rewarded by large sums of money, and how lonely men have died to leave vast fortunes to distant relatives who did not even know of the existence of their benefactors.

The treasure-hunting party which set out from London headed by Miss Genevieve Davis to discover the ever-elusive hords of buried gold on Cocos Island, and who, after trials and tribulations in plenty, turned up empty handed in Panama last February, might be forgiven for heaping maledictions on the figure thirteen.

And the English lawyers who wasted most of the year in a fruitless search for the heirs of the vast estate left by John Smart when he went to his death with the ill-fated Titanic might be justified in looking askance at the dreaded numeral.

Fortune for a Laborer.

Perhaps the most stupendous piece of luck that fell without warning during the year was the finding of the pearl necklace in the London gutter. A firm of Parisian jewelers assembled the wonderful bauble, using in its manufacture fifty-nine pearls of the finest luster, weighing 1,500 grains. On July 16, while the bauble was en route from Paris to London by registered mail, it disappeared.

Two months later, to the day, an English workman was plodding through Highbury, a northern district of London. His heavy brow and a little hair on his nose. The workman stopped, looked and started to pass on. Then he saw that what appeared to be a head had rolled from the gutter. He picked up the little package. Within were fifty-eight of the pearls, with two loose pearls which had not belonged to the original necklace.

Hurrying to the nearest police station, the workman succeeded in finding the pearls were taken to Scotland Yard, where Max Mayer, the owner, identified them. The workman received \$50,000, the reward offered by the firm of jewelers for the recovery of the gems.

The death on his little farm near Mantua, Italy, in 1913, recalls one of the most interesting pieces of luck which ever came to a lowly man. Annahale Tosi was a Neapolitan beggar. He was as ragged and as worthless as any Italian mendicant who ever begged for alms. And like all of his class was possessed of an insatiable curiosity.

Secret of an Inscription.

In Naples at the beginning of the nineteenth century, an eccentric Frenchman erected a monument which bore the inscription, "On May 1 every year I have a golden head." It was such an inscription as might be expected to raise to the highest pitch excitement and speculation among the Neapolitans.

On the first of May following the erection of the statue, crowds gathered to see whether, by some miracle, the head of the statue would turn to gold. But they were disappointed. Then the authorities, believing that the Frenchman had buried the treasure beneath the statue, caused it to be torn down. Finding nothing, they had it rebuilt.

But while Tosi basked in his rags in the warm Italian sunshine he fell to pondering upon the inscription of the statue across the street from his lodging place. Gradually a solution of the puzzle came to him, and on one first of May, at sunrise, he appeared in the square with a pick and shovel. Carefully noting where the shadow of the head on the monument fell, he began digging. A few feet below the surface he brought to light a small satchel. He opened the satchel under his rags and unrolled to his home, where he found that the bag contained \$5,000.

Two Surprises.

Twenty-eight years ago a young man who had been a world wanderer returned to Ravenswood, W. Va. He gave to one of his woman relatives a dull pebble, assuring her that it was worth a good deal. She thought that he was merely teasing her, and threw the pebble into the tray of her trunk, where it lay forgotten until January 4, 1913, when the woman, in rummaging through the old trunk came across it. She took it to a jeweler, where the pebble was pronounced an uncut diamond, worth about \$1,200.

A man down at the heel, and jingling his last 45 cents in his pocket, called at the general delivery window of the Chicago city postoffice May 14 last, and inquired for mail. To his surprise, he was handed a letter which informed him that his father was dead and that he was heir to an estate worth more than \$20,000. It was the first word the man had received from his home since he had run away as a boy, thirteen years before.

Ten years ago a New York dentist was traveling through Arizona. A "desert rat" prospector who had never made a "strike" in his life met the New Yorker and poured into his ears all the tales of hidden gold which the great American desert has produced. So that before the two parted the dentist had "grubstaked" the old prospector on an agreement that he was to share any strike that the old fellow made. The doctor returned to his Long Island home and almost forgot his transaction.

But January 1, 1913, there came a letter out of the reaches of the west—a letter which carried the news that the old "desert rat" had at last found his Eldorado—and a few days later came a sample of ore which assayed \$200 to the ton. The mine turned out to be worth \$7,500,000.

Some Rewards.

Cases of reward are numerous, totally different from any of these, and yet falling under the same general heading, comes the case of the John Macarone Burke estate. Mr. Burke died several years ago, but testimony in connection with the appraisal of his estate last July

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LADIES' SUITS	
\$17.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 8.75
\$19.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 9.75
\$22.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$11.25
\$25.00 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$12.50
\$29.75 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$14.85
\$35.00 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$17.50
\$39.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$19.75
\$45.00 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$22.50
\$49.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$24.75
\$55.00 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$27.50
\$59.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$29.75
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\$69.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$34.75
\$75.00 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$37.50
\$79.50 TAILORED SUITS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$39.75

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We bought heavily for our new and enlarged Fur Dept., but the mild weather has naturally caused a backward season and we must dispose of these beautiful furs at about half price.

LADIES' COATS	
\$10.00 TAILORED COATS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 5.00
\$12.50 TAILORED COATS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 6.25
\$15.00 TAILORED COATS— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 7.50
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Choose from a large and beautiful stock of high class muffs, scarfs and sets that have been in the store less than three months. Our entire stock on sale at one-half the original price.

LADIES' DRESSES	
\$ 7.50 TAILORED DRESSES— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 3.75
\$ 8.50 TAILORED DRESSES— January Clearance Sale Price....	\$ 4.25
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brought to light several interesting facts. Chief among these was the item of \$2,500 left in his will to his housekeeper, Vincenta M. Penley. Such a sum as this would be a welcome addition to anyone, but further testimony also revealed the fact that previous to his death Mr. Burke had given his housekeeper 2,500 shares of Union Pacific stock, the value of which is \$60,000. Mr. Burke in 1902 put in trust real estate worth \$4,000,000 for the establishment of a home for convalescents, and in his will left more than \$2,000,000 additional for the same fund. Do you believe in dream? If you don't, just ask C. B. Shockey, a Pennsylvania railroad man, what their true value is, and listen to this: Mr. Shockey frequently acted as relief agent at stations and in his many walks up and down the tracks noticed that nuts on bolts holding the rails together would frequently loosen and fall off. This set him to thinking. There must be some way, he thought, of finding a safety bolt.

Then one morning he awoke with the realization that the night before he had dreamed of a bolt that would fulfill the necessary requirements. That day he thought harder than ever, and then, the next morning, he remembered that he had dreamed the night before, too. And again on the third night. That was enough for him, and he immediately set about preparing his dream idea so it could be patented. The fact that it was a good dream is proved by the offer of \$50,000 which he received for his patent rights.

"Lucky" Baldwin's Pile. Many instances are to be found in which kind fortune has been an active figure. When "Lucky" Baldwin, world-wide known turfman of California, died several years ago his property was heavily debt-burdened. Yet but a few months ago when his will was written at the bottom of the case by the courts there was more than \$25,000,000 to be divided between the heirs. The administration of the estate which was brought to such a successful end was in the hands of Henry A. Unruh, brother of Baldwin's first wife, and Bradner W. Lee, an attorney. For their work each man received \$100,000. The fees were fixed by the men themselves, and the court said if such had not been the case they would have been awarded \$250,000 apiece. The estate goes to Baldwin's two daughters.

When Jerry Moyrhan, known as the "millionaire ragpicker," died it was found that he had left \$4,000. As soon as this fact became known applicants began to appear in great numbers, and it finally got to the point where the courts had to find the nearest relative out of 600 applicants, among them several "widows" and scores of sons. Benjamin Foster Moyrhan of Ottawa, Canada, was finally given the estate, when it was established that he was a son of the millionaire. Other true relations applied, but as only collateral relationship was claimed the estate went intact to the son.

Good Old Grandpa. George Todd is a stablesman, or rather was, in Maryland. Not so very long ago he was summoned to Wilmington, Del. When he arrived he was informed that his grandfather had just died and left him \$200,000. Then, being curious, somebody promptly asked Mr. Todd what he was going to do with his money, to which he replied: "Ropay those who have befriended me."

Even when heir to a great estate, Mr.

fortune may follow one closely. Such was the case of a young marine who died last summer in a Philadelphia hospital. Comrades claim he was beneficiary under an uncle's will for \$100,000, provided he would complete his term of enlistment, which would have expired last September, less than two months after his death.

A man known to the police as the "perfumed burglar," and who was serving a twenty-year term in prison, suddenly found himself the possessor of \$50,000 when his father died. But \$50,000 in prison meant nothing—and so he escaped. But it wasn't long before the prison authorities found it out, and then sixty men with horses and automobiles were out looking for him. The end of the story is still untold.

What would you do if you had a bill which was fifty-eight years old—that is, of course, meaning the bill was owing to you? In 1855 Mrs. William H. Felton, wife of former Representative Felton of Georgia, befriended a prospector by the name of Stocum. Because the story of this man and that of J. H. Stocum, father of Mrs. Russell Sage, agree, Mrs. Sage sent Mrs. Felton a check for board, with interest, which amounted to \$2,000. Mrs. Felton has announced that she will apply the money to a fund for the establishment of a school for mountain girls, which she plans to found near Cartersville, Ga.—Washington Star.

William Dillon Dies of Injuries in Fall

William Dillon, 321 South Thirty-sixth street, who fell from an express wagon last week and fractured his skull in two places, died Tuesday night at St. Joseph's hospital. The accident occurred at Twenty-eighth and Leavenworth streets in a runaway.

Dillon drove a brewery wagon for seventeen years before he became established in his own delivery business. He had a family and came here from St. Louis.

YARDMASTERS GIVE A DINNER FOR L. M. DOOLEY

General railway yardmasters of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs, gave a dinner at Ed Maurer's Wednesday noon for L. M. Dooley, superintendent of terminals for the Missouri Pacific railway, who is leaving that road to assume the duties of transportation inspector for the Texas and Pacific railway, with headquarters at New Orleans. During his stay here Mr. Dooley has been instrumental in forming an organization of the yardmasters in and about Omaha. The general yardmasters who were present at the dinner were: L. Kendall, Union Pacific; P. H. Walderff, Illinois Central; M. Gallagher, Chicago, M. H. Waukear & St. Paul; C. H. Huxford, Missouri Pacific; F. E. Kern, Burlington; O. S. Ketchum, Wabash; C. W. Morrow, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; R. H. Short, Burlington, Council Bluffs; W. J. Mahoney, Great Western; R. Richardson, Union Stock yards, South Omaha, and H. H. Larson, Union Pacific, Council Bluffs.

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OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR SOME

Many Are Optimistic About Future Business and Regard the Development as Being About Normal.

A program in the nature of a New Year's review was conducted by the Omaha Real Estate exchange at noon yesterday. Various members were called upon to give short impromptu talks. W. T. Graham gave it as his opinion the city had been overbuilt in the last year. A dozen others disagreed from him and he did not push his argument. Harry Wolf said the real estate men had been conservative and sensible in the last year, and he believed they had all made money. "We are not overbuilt," he said. "But, on the contrary, the real estate men have been conservative and have acted on good advice throughout the year."

President F. H. Myers believed the new year would start off with business good, as he said, "I think the country is beginning to realize that President Wilson has the welfare of the people and the business interests at heart."

C. C. Wilson disagreed from the idea that the city is overbuilt. He went on to point to some possibilities for the future for the city. "I believe we should look to interurban development," he said. "I believe the man that will bring us a good system of interurban roads will do more than did the man who brought us the packing houses or the grain market."

S. Arlan Lewis, who asked for the privilege of talking to the exchange on some economic questions, including a reply to the single tax doctrine as propounded by W. F. Baxter, L. J. Quinby and Frank G. Odell before the exchange a few weeks ago, was invited to deliver his address at the next regular weekly meeting.

The exchange delegated Secretary A. I. Creigh to attend the Tampa Social Session of the National Real Exchange February 5, 6 and 7.

Richardson Says Tango Step Has Too Many Variations

Jimmy Richardson, militant member of the Board of Education, has gone in for the tango, and says he now feels free to admit he "doesn't know where he's at." Richardson's explanation of the tango follows: "If a good firm clinch is all you're looking for, the old round dances are the best, for the way I've learned this tango you must break the clinches every so often. "The instructor has been teaching a hesitation wait, but I've hesitated to try it. The tango, I find, is danced differently by every dancer. When I think I've got the steps down pat here comes a

woman and teaches me how to dance it another way.

"Sometimes you dip on the third count and sometimes you don't."

Richardson says if one is looking for a real exciting dance the "kiss waits," as performed at the Orpheum two weeks ago ought to fill the bill.

"In this kiss waits," he said, "the man throws the girl all around. That ought to be rather exciting."

Richardson says he will probably abandon the tango lessons because he believes he will not more than have learned the steps until the tango is unfashionable.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip. Laxative Bromo Quinine tablets remove cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." It has signature of E. W. Grove on box. 3c.—Advertisement.

PAUL F. GOOD S NAMED NEBRASKA RHODES SCHOLAR

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Paul F. Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Good of Lincoln, was this afternoon selected as Nebraska's Rhodes scholar for the next three years at Oxford by the special committee appointed by Chancellor Avery.

In addition to securing study at Oxford the scholarship provides Good with extensive foreign travel. Two others, Leslie Stevens of University Place and P. B. Means of Orleans, passed the examinations. The three met with the committee today. Every college activity was taken into consideration in making the award, including scholarship, athletics, debating and literary work. Young Good is a former student of

Amherst and took post graduate work at Nebraska. He attained remarkable scholarship standing at both colleges.

Women and Wet Feet.

Cold and wet feet are a dangerous combination, especially to women, who are more prone to kidney diseases than men. Congested kidneys come from a cold, and backache, rheumatism, uric acid irregularities and rheumatic forms are not unusual results. Foley Kidney Pills restore the regular and normal action of the kidneys and bladder, and so remove the cause of the trouble. It is an honest and curative medicine that always gives results. For sale by all dealers everywhere.—Advertisement.

Gaskill-Bowersock.

THAYER, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Lloyd Gaskill of this village and Miss Bess Bowersock of Litchfield were married yesterday evening.

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