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With this issue of the News, my relation to it as editor terminates.

LEWIS R. HIBBARD.

DON'T forget 1899 in dating your letters.

NEXT Sunday morning will be a good time to "turn over a new leaf" to have it flop back before the week is gone.

We have heard of no fatal results from Christmas candies, nuts, etc. So far as we have known, the supplies of Santa Claus this year were very superior in quality, compared with other years.

It has occurred to us that there was a special Providence in having our national treaty with Spain come just at this time when the Christmas song of "Peace on earth" filled the air. That is, the forces of heaven and those of earth conspire make for peace on the earth. A few months ago Spain and America were fighting each other, now they are cultivating the arts of peace. "Let us have peace."

THERE is a clerk in Washington who has held his place continuously since he was appointed by James K. Polk in 1845, 34 years ago. We only speak the truth when we say he knows two things to perfection; first

to keep his mouth shut; second not to write for the newspapers. Hence he performs his daily duties, not hard, draws his salary regularly and lives in peace and contentment. Happy man

WHILE we differ with President McKinley in respect of some things, we wish to put ourselves on record as saying that his tour in the South was one of the most wisely and judiciously conducted in the history of our nation, and its fruits for good will be very generous, inspiring, and permanent. It will be one of the many events of his administration upon which he can look back with unalloyed satisfaction.

We have profound respect for and confidence in the expressed opinions of the majority of our honest, intelligent, candid, American people. We do not include the bummers, duffers or dead beats, commercial or political, for they have no convictions and opinions worth anything. Unfortunately our popular method of suffrage includes the votes of these worthless ones, and so a popular election does not represent the honest, business, patriotic, and moral convictions of a people or community. The man who can devise a remedy for that evil will be a statesman.

We are not canvassing for the New York Independent, but we wish to say for a general family, high-toned, able, comprehensive newspaper conducted on religious principles and along religious lines, without being too religious, it has no superior or equal in this country. Some of our denominational religious papers, like the Advance and the Interior, are its equals in their special fields, but they are more limited, and are denominational. The Independent, 76 pages, magazine size per week, some weeks 86 pages, or about 4000 pages of solid reading a year, with some excellent maps, etc, and costs \$2.00. The Century magazine for example has about 2,000 pages a year and costs \$4.00. That is 1,000 pages of first-class reading in Independent costs you 50 cents, in the Century it costs you \$2.00.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREWS of the Chicago public schools says he will not consent to any more expenditure for high school buildings till the primary and grammar schools are provided for. That is where he is right and where he follows our Park example. We built the school house for the public school first, because there are several times as many pupils there as in the high school. Look out for the many before the few.

Most people regard patent medicine almanacs as of no good. But in this they are deceived; it is the medicines themselves that are no good, the almanacs are all right. For many years we have carefully collected and preserved all these almanacs we could get, bunched them up, and as result our family doctor bills for fifteen years have not exceeded ten dollars. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The almanacs don't cost us anything, and so preserve our health at very small cost. Save your patent medicine almanacs.

A New England paper has figured up Lieutenant Hobson's kissing business; that is, just how many sweet girls, school ma'm's, etc he has kissed in a few places.

Chicago	163
Kansas City	417
State of Kansas	700

Grand total of kisses 1280

But when he reached Denver, the stern papas of that Puritan city said "No kissing of our girls", and the fair daughters of that "Silver City" sat in sackcloth.

Those fine turkeys at Waldo's last week were too much for us, and we ordered one, which proved the best we ever had in this western world, and other folks found out their excellence, or took the New's word for it, as every one was taken and more called for ere they closed the shop Saturday night.

Tobacco was discovered in San Domingo in 1499; in Yucatan by the Spaniards in 1520. It was introduced into France in 1560 and in to England in 1583.