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THE NEW YEAR'S REVIEW

In our New Year's issue on January 2, 1909, it is our intention to present as complete a review of the progress of North Shore interests during the year 1908 as we can obtain.

This review will not be padded with stale news gathered from ancient sources, but will be secured by a specially commissioned reportorial staff who will seek the best available data of all the growing interests of the North Shore towns north of Evanston and south of Waukegan.

We shall endeavor to make the account accurate and reliable and of such interest that it may be relied upon throughout the entire constituency.

Orders for extra copies of this New Year's Review issue will be received up to Dec. 31, 1908, at the rate of five cents per copy.

The value of our advertising columns has been frequently demonstrated by undoubted results. Even the little "want ads" bring immediate and satisfactory answers. A single 25 cent "ad" of a valuable watch fob brought it to the owner a few hours after the paper was issued, and a week ago a pair of gold spectacles were returned next day through the same medium.

WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.

The greatest mystery of Christmas is its world-wide recognition and growing influence, after ages upon ages have passed away. "His name shall be called Wonderful," and one of the wonders of it is that it has entered into an infinite variety of institutions for human good.

No other name in the world's history has permeated the social life or established a single memorial day, as the name of THE CHRIST of Bethlehem. Other names are written into national history and are recognized in some national memorial. The names of Caesar, Napoleon, Washington, and Lincoln, stand immortal in their greatness, but they are provincial or national, while the name of Jesus of Nazareth leaps over the bounds of nationality, and all nations unite to "Crown Him Lord of All."

St. Patrick's name is held in sacred regard by a whole nationality in whatever part of the world its people may be, but the wonderful name of Christ gives vital force and active energy to a thousand forms of benevolence, and speaks good will in all parts of the world to all nations of the world.

This is its supreme message "On Earth, Good Will to Men,"

and it is this good will that is expressed even in the fairy story and Santa Claus of the children's nursery.

And another of its wonders is that it captures all. Everybody is infected with its spirit. Men who are arrant infidels and denounce it, are still carried along by its flood of "good will." Men who are usually stingy and mean, unlock their stores and open their purses, and the crusty old crank, who has no smile for any one for a whole year, laughs with the little ones and helps to proclaim the wondrous influence of the Christ name.

We gladly join in this spirit, and as we go to press on this Christmas eve, we greet our readers with "A Happy Christmas" of 1908.

THE OHLWEIN TRAGEDY.

The tragedy of human life is never so realistic and painful as when a great disaster falls upon us in a season of festivity.

Holiday anticipation ran high in the family of the Ohlwein's of Highland Park when the dread hand of death fell upon them in a moment. Death came with his merciless sickle and swept the young man into eternity leaving only the mangled body to the afflicted parents.

Such a sad event paralyzes the tongue. We are speechless in presence of the agony of a mother whose grief is too deep for tears, and a father whose sorrow almost ends his life.

Yet the spirit of Christian sympathy is in the air. There are times when words fail us, and it is well they do, for we would only blunder and hurt the heart already lacerated. But to be made aware that the whole circle of human acquaintance is charged with the sympathy of the Beatitudes is a solid consolation.

This "charity that never faileth" we offer to the sorrowing family in the name of the people of Highland Park, with the hope that they may even now see the silver lining to the dark cloud.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIFE.

The action of the City Council of Highland Park which we report in another column is of profound interest to the entire North Shore, and indeed to all places through which Electric or Steam cars run.

The recent disaster which so suddenly extinguished the life of a worthy citizen is but one of several similar disasters on the C. & M. Electric line, all of which call for prompt and vigorous action.

The security of property and the convenience of travel are not to be ignored, but whatever else is left undone, human life must be protected.

We have become so accustomed to haste and speed that we hold life in almost reckless indifference. We rush and rush to annihilate distance and only pause a moment when some great crushing disaster compels a halt.

And the danger is that as soon as the first effects of the slaughter are past we forget it, and rush on again until once more arrested by another.

It is the imperative duty of the authorities of every city and village to guard the lives of its people, and therefore we earnestly hope that the ordinance of the Highland Park Council will be sustained, at least in its main premises.

The verdict of the jury in the Ohlwein case was in accordance with the evidence submitted. That

is to say, there was no evidence that could incriminate the Company's servants so as to hold them as criminally careless.

Yet there is a general feeling which is shared, we believe, by all the jurymen that the Company have not taken sufficient care to protect the public at their dangerous crossings.

Responsibility for human life is not limited to the consideration of criminal neglect. It embraces the wider and broader consideration of due care and ample protection against such horrors as we have experienced lately.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

Following are counterfeit bills said to be in circulation and against which merchants are warned:

- Two dollar bill—X5243221.
- Five dollar bills:
 - D47963872.
 - D4689310.
 - D47973462.
 - D44540514.
 - D4544370.
 - A52471762.
 - D227222542.

Our Outlook

RAILROAD AND LIQUOR.

The railroads are more and more coming to the conclusion that it is not sufficient to prohibit men from drinking while on duty.

A man who spends his hours of recreation gambling and drinking is in no better condition for work than a man who has been on duty for eighteen or twenty hours. Therefore in many cases, roads have decided not to employ men who are habitual drinkers.

When the same question was brought up recently in Chicago, relating to similar rules for janitors, the head of the School Board stated that it was sufficient to rule that janitors must not drink while on duty. According to this the janitors, if they wish, could spend all their time off duty in drinking, and come on duty in no proper condition to handle their responsible duties in buildings housing hundreds and thousands of little children.

If any person requires a clear head and alert mind, it is the man who is in charge of those buildings and who may be called upon at any moment for prompt action, in cases of emergency.

The Western Electric Company has prohibited their workmen from drinking beer on the Company's premises. They have discovered that a large number of personal injuries have occurred uniformly after the lunch hour, and that in almost every case the victim had taken beer with his lunch.

Sixty-five counties of Ohio have voted "dry," leaving twenty-three in which the question is unsettled.

Of the 26,672 crimes committed in Massachusetts, during the year 1895, 22,514 were committed by criminals who had been led to their criminal condition by their intemperate habits. Of them 21,873 stated that they were under the influence of liquor when their crimes were committed.

CHICAGO.

Chicago has a population of 2,250,000 people and 90 per cent of these are of foreign birth or parentage. Chicago has 3,000 Chinese, 7,000 Prussians, 7,000 Lithuanians, 7,000 Roumanians, 25,000 Holland Dutch, 30,000 French, 42,000 Austrians, 60,000 Russians, 100,000 Bohemians, 100,000 Polish, 200,000 Scandinavians, 600,000 Germans. Sixty different languages are spoken in the city.

The statements made in the above clipping would indicate that a great responsibility rests on all good citizens of the great city. Those foreigners coming to this new land are easy victims to their new environment. Their first friends are too often the vicious and evil minded people of the city, and it is small wonder that in their ignorance of American views of life and conduct they are readily led into lives of lax morality. The good citizens should do all in their power, both by their influence and with their money to aid in caring properly for these new wards of ours. If the opportunity is neglected who can say how severely the home born people will suffer.

THE IROQUOIS FIRE.

Memorial Day Reminds of an Interesting Story of Rescue By a Dog.

"Time heals all sorrow." But there are yet thousands who will recall with sadness the awful memories of the fire at the Iroquois Theater on its anniversary day, Dec. 31st. It was on this day in 1903, that the holocaust took place.

We recall an incident of the fire told by our friend, Rev. W. F. Millen, western superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School Association. The story is told in his own words as follows:

"My fadder likes my big dog; now, He need to kick and cuff him about and wouldn't let him come in the house, but he likes him now." So said a little messenger boy as he delivered a telegram to my neighbor the day after the great fire at the Iroquois Theater, Chicago. He had taken a telegram to the theater, his large St. Bernard dog accompanying him. His little sister, ten years old, was there and patted the dog while her brother delivered the message. He had scarcely reached the street when the alarm of the fire was given. The dog seemed to know that there was danger and ran with all his might back into the building and amidst the smoke and crowd snuffed around till he found the little girl. He fastened his large jaws around her arm, close up to the shoulder, and in the heavy clothing she wore, and dragged her out of the building. Her clothing caught on the seat, but he pulled and tugged till he loosened it. A policeman started to kick her out of the way, but he would not get go and amidst the crush of people he held on to his precious burden till he reached the street. The boy saw him coming with his little sister and rushed to the rescue. The little girl was almost unconscious, but the boy with assistance took her home. He told his story. The father hardly believed it. The clothing was removed and the prints of the dog's teeth were sufficient proof and showed him really to be the savior of the little girl. The father took the dog in his arms and "loved him," the boy said, almost four hours and "gave him four quarts of milk and lets him stay in the house and says: 'He is the greatest dog on earth. He saved my little girl.'"

WHAT IS YOUR WORLD?

"The mind's eye" is a literal and not a figurative expression. It is really the mind that sees. If you doubt that, try the truth of it in a hundred different ways. What does the mill owner see in the Falls of Niagara? Only wasted water-power! Put behind his eyes the mind of an artist, and those same eyes would kindle with delight in the glory and majesty of those "wasted" waters. A few winters ago a woman who had for years given her days and nights to caring for her crippled boy, came to the city. The poor lame boy was dead, but her sympathy lived on, and one day she came back wearily at night-fall to recount the day's adventures.

"What did you see, aunty?" they asked her, taking off her wraps affectionately. "The Christmas streets are very gay, aren't they?" "I didn't notice," she replied, "there were so many hunchbacks and little lame children crutching along. I counted fourteen just going down Main street!" It was the mother's heart and mind that saw. The others hardly believed there were so many cripples within a mile radius. We see what our heart or mind is full of. We make the world we live in—see what we will see. What sort of a world do you want to live in? Train your eyes to reveal that kind to you, for it is all a matter of choice for those who begin early. It is a friendly world for those who look out on it with friendly glances. It is bright and cheerful for the cheerily inclined—yes, even though clouds sometimes gather and the blue sky darkens. It is full of splendid chances of achievement for the one who faces it with full-heart purpose.

MARRIAGES FALLING OFF

It is estimated at the Cook County Clerk's office that for the year 1908 there will be fully twenty per cent less marriages recorded than during 1907 in Cook County.

"A good sermon needs not be long."
 "A poor sermon ought not be long."

Dramatic Notes.

Auditorium:—The second and last week of "The Mimic World" will begin Dec. 27th. This Review has been one of the biggest events of the present theatrical season in Chicago, and the appearance of Miss Gertrude Hoffman, the wonderful dancer in connection with the Shubert-Fields musical production, will surely pack the Auditorium at every performance. The season is not likely to give us a more delightful and exhilarating attracting than this combination of Miss Hoffman and "The Mimic World", both establishing fresh triumph here. It is a happy, rollicking burlesque, which goes with a snap and dash almost irresistible. All the big hits of 1908, "The Witching Hour", "Lord Dundreary", "The Honor of the Family", "Father and the Boys", "The Thief", "The Yankee Prince", "Fifty miles from Boston", "Mary's Lamb", "The Spring Chicken" are included in the entertainment. There is also an abundance of good, lively music which will be sure to be whistled all over town. Victor Moore will follow "The Mimic World" in George M. Cohan's most popular success "The Talk of New York." The engagement is for two weeks only, opening with a matinee, January 3rd.

Princess. Popular demand calls the Stubborn Cinderella Company to New York and it will leave the beautiful Princess Theatre shortly after the 300th performance in January. A feature of next week's entertainments will be the entertaining of the Class of 1907 Alumni Association on Tuesday night. The company is still headed by Jack Barrymore. Sallie Fisher, Alice Dovey and Lois Mink.

ON "MAN."

A man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two points is exceedingly rocky.

The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip. If he is poor he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is a thief. If he needs credit he can't get it; if he is prosperous everyone wants to do for him.

If he's in politics he is in it for the pie; if he's out of politics you can't find a place for him, and he is no good to his country.

If he doesn't give to charity he is stingy; if he does it is for show.

If he is actively religious he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion he is a hardened sinner.

If he gives affection he is a soft specimen; if he seems to care for no one he is cold blooded.

When he is little the big girls kiss him, and when he is grown the little girls kiss him.

If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to old age he has missed his calling.

The road is rocky, but man loves to travel it.

Women of To-day.

"Twenty-five years ago blonde women (real blondes) were far from rare; a careless observer can see at the present that American women in pigmentation are becoming darker. Up in New England, out in certain parts of the West, the thin, nervous, plain-featured, earnest, underfed and overworked female was in the majority. Her voice reached us across picket fences, her hand was in every pie. Above all, she sang in church on Sundays! When Mr. James and Mr. Howells began to write of her she was already vanishing. Where has she gone? You encounter isolated specimens to-day; and her feminine contemporaries make mock of her queer bonnet and her puritan conscience.

"Every decade is adding its quota of derangement of the normal national woman—as we once saw her. What has become of this average American woman? Where is the waist of yesterday? Women's hands and feet are larger; the skeletal formation is said to be bigger. They are not afraid of the winds that tan, the sun that freckles. They motor and golf; they swim, row, wrestle. They play Chopin despite all these things—mirabile dictu! They stand the strain of college study, and there seems to be no marked diminution in the birth-rate. They are taller, broader of chest, and their eye is as soft as their mother's (for the happy chap, of course). Is there an American type? It would seem so, after these statements. Unluckily for the statistician, the same girl may be seen to-day in Germany, in England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Austria. Northern women are of splendid physique. The truth is that the feminine movement is world-wide."—Everybody's Magazine.