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New Year's

Once more the Christmas season has come and gone, and another year is about to dawn. The year of 1913, with its hopes and sorrows and joys and pain is nearly over and 1914 will make his bow in a few short days.

Probably, 1913 will go down in history as one of the most notable in the history of the century. Time and space do not permit a detailed account but each reader will agree that in politics, in industry, in invention, that 1913 has been notable.

Now that the year is nearly over and the new one is at hand it may be well for each of our readers to take inventory and see wherein he has fallen short of faithful administration of the talents entrusted to him by the Master and to resolve that 1914 will see a better balance sheet, if spared another year.

Those who have been blessed during the year, passing should not neglect to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessing and to make a fervent resolution to make greater returns for 1914.

The Catholic Journal extends to all its readers and patrons heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year and prosperity for 1914!

Quite True

Speaking of a tale of a father who used to take his boy on long walks in the country and then encourage him to write descriptions of what he saw with the result that that boy turned out a master hand at descriptive literature, the Rochester Herald truly says:

Education nowadays is a means to an end, unfortunately. A man who had acquired the art of composition by taking long walks with his father observing Nature would to-day hardly be able to capitalize the gift acquired in the writing of compositions about it in good English.

Editors of the magazines and the publishers of books would give him a sorry reception. Nine out of ten of the why should not state and municipal workmen be included? Why are expressed in slang. The story should be for its own injured work-punch; that is to say, it must be improbable and bizarre. A good writer of English cannot contribute thrill and punch, the improbable and the bizarre, and do it in good English, therefore he cannot make a success with his pen.

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Non-Catholic Tribute

The Buffalo Commercial is a republican secular paper noted for its sturdy independence of thought. Hence more than passing weight may be attached to the following editorial from a recent issue:

And so the legislature that meets tonight is going to pass Governor Glynn's direct primary

bill. Tammany hall has swallowed the pill, bitter as it is. It was not afraid to fight Sulzer. But it dare not oppose Glynn. The difference lies in the moral fibre of the two men. Tammany knows how to deal with a man of its own manner of thought, habit, antecedents, characteristics and environment. But with Glynn it is otherwise. There is no weakness in the armor of the governor. He has not the moral imbecility of Dix or the demagogic shiftiness of Sulzer. He is, as the boys on the street say, "on the level." Here again is illustrated the value of high moral character in the accomplishment of any moral reform. A characterless men cannot make a successful fight for righteousness.

So long as such representative Catholic laymen as Governor Glynn, of New York; Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts; Pathner, of Rhode Island; and Dunne, of Illinois; United States senators O'Gorman and Walsh; Chief Justice E.M. White and associate Justice McKenna, of the United States Supreme court; Judge John W. Hogan, of the New York State Court of Appeals are put forward in official and public life, we need not fear the puerile attacks of such pin-heads as the editors of the Menace and the Guardians of Liberty.

Not Easily Moved

President Wilson has demonstrated many times since he assumed office that he is able to distinguish between mere noisy clamor and real public sentiment.

The President demonstrated this faculty anew a few days since. The Apapists and their allies made a great uproar because President Wilson followed the precedent of former Presidents Taft and Roosevelt and accepted invitation to the Pan-American mass in St. Mathew's church on Thanksgiving Day. To be sure, the Protestant ministers disclaimed all intention of bigotry in their protest but held that the President should have set the example of attendance upon his own church on the national day.

The Missouri scavenger sheet, of course, railed that official Washington had its face turned toward Rome.

Woodrow Wilson took no notice of these outbursts and diatribes any more than he did of the folks who are deerying his political and financial policies.

On Thanksgiving day he was at St. Mathew's when he worshipped along with Cardinal Gibbons, Chief Justice White and the Catholic diplomats in the National Capital when the service was over, he returned to the White House and enjoyed his Thanksgiving turkey as much as ever he did.

President Wilson is all right. Workmen's compensation is assured in New York state but why should not state and municipal workmen be included? Why are expressed in slang. The story should be for its own injured work-punch; that is to say, it must be improbable and bizarre. A good writer of English cannot contribute thrill and punch, the improbable and the bizarre, and do it in good English, therefore he cannot make a success with his pen.

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Have you practised writing "1914"? Have you thought about those New Year's resolutions yet? Why not provide coverings for those basket muzzles? One good New Year's resolution for yellow journal editors: To avoid nastiness and to print only the truth.

If everybody would practise the Beatitudes during 1914, this country would be the ideal part of the world.

It will not be long now before we say good-by to 1913. Theodore Roosevelt knows what a South American Christian is like.

Cold feet never carried a man anywhere.

Mrs. Panburn is the most talked of man in England today.

Many a lucky guess is held up as an example of good judgment.

Most financial disasters result from trying to make money fast.

Once in awhile the yorm turns. A Pullman porter has been robbed of \$500.

It's always surprising how much deeper a hole of debt is after one gets into it.

Hurry Green says that to live long one must have a clear conscience—or none at all.

Sir Thomas Lipton is building a good many Shamrocks, but it takes ten rocks to do it.

Some people look upon eugenic marriages as a joke. Still, to others, marriage of any kind is no joke.

The cause of peace is making notable progress. There has not been a Balkan war since the last one.

The Kaiser never tires of boasting of his children, says a dispatch, but those who have to listen to him must.

Aviator Pexoud boasts that he has looped the loop in the air 320 times. However, he has only one miss coming to him.

Only unmarried men work on the Shamrock in order to insure secrecy. Has Sir Thomas lost his far famed gaiters?

One way to please a small boy who hits you in the back of the neck with a snowball is to chase him three or four blocks.

Some men never make good because they spend most of their time in trying to convince themselves that luck is against them.

Possibly the cautious man who carries an umbrella all the time never is rained on but he misses a lot of healthful excitement.

Still, if China would only live up to the teachings of old Confucius the missionaries would be better off than they are at present.

The latest transatlantic liner is to be equipped with a moving picture theater to furnish reels for the passengers, as it were.

A Boston sociologist says that a man always tells the truth when he is drunk. This, however, is no reason for drunkenness.

If you want to bind your friend to you with hoops of steel ask him whether he is going to resist paying the income tax on his salary.

Two hundred positions in the New York custom house are to be abolished. Transatlantic travelers would probably like to do the plucking.

Scientists claim that eyes furnish an index to character. Yes; a black one often shows that the other fellow has a rude and violent disposition.

Looping the loop isn't going to be very popular with the daredevil aviators unless it proves to be more dangerous than it now seems to be.

The Chicago woman who proposes to adopt fifteen children of as many different races may find them all much alike in ability to be troublesome.

If punctilio only is preventing official participation by Germany and England in the Panama canal it is a good time for punctilio to fumble the ball.

A lock of Goethe's hair has been sold at auction in St. Petersburg for \$6,000. But in his day he probably had to hire a man to cut it off just like the rest of us.

"Every real man wears a mustache," is a remark credited to Emperor William. We should like to hear him say it to Frederick the Great or Napoleon Bonaparte.

Surveyors have discovered that the work done with chain and compass by George Washington 162 years ago was perfect. Which fact strengthens the general opinion of George Washington.

According to H. G. Wells, civilization has never existed. But it keeps on trying for a foothold, which permits the hope that some parts of the world will get fully civilized in the lapse of time.

The development of American business in the last decade has been at once the wonder and the envy of the world. Our industrial agents have reached into the far corners of the earth for business.

Dr. Shaw told the suffragists at Washington "When we vote we'll own the railroads. It is to be hoped the first improvement made will be an easy and decent method of getting into an upper berth.

King George has ordered the officers of the guard to wear silk hats and frock coats when not in uniform. How'd you like to be an officer of the guard and have to carry out your ashes Sunday morning in that garb.

Don't pass your worries on; chlorem form them.

Chinshus is even more difficult to pronounce than Juarez.

In the bright lexicon of love there is no such word as eugenics.

Of course right thinking people are those who think as you do.

The price of cigarettes is going up. Now we have the high cost of inhaling.

About the most useless gift we can think of would be throat troches for John Lind.

It is reported the navy refused men with flat feet. May be only a mis-understanding.

If we can't reduce the price of eggs why not start an agitation for more eggs to the dozen?

The tango makes women fat, say the corset makers. The girls will soon lose their taste for it then.

The people who have set out to beat the egg trust to a custard will not fall if good wishes help any.

It's no sign that life has handed you a gold brick because you can't be elected president of a radium mine.

Servia's order of 10,000 war medals is, of course, only a ruse to make Bulgaria believe it has that many survivors.

The ability of the Mexicans to shoot as they run somewhat decreases the unique renown of the late Daniel Boone.

If belts could be slipped on some of those South American countries their revolutions would run the machinery of the world.

One of the easiest ways to get rich is to take pencil and paper after supper and sit down and spend the evening keeping hens.

"Women will be in congress in ten years," says a lady lecturer, after which the Congressional Record will have to be enlarged.

The report that Porfirio Diaz was going back to Mexico is false. The old president may have lost his authority, but he has not lost his head.

"A farm expert," according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, "says that hens need to be amused." Might read the daily egg quotations to them.

The suffragists should not take on too much because they did not get any mention in the president's message. The ants didn't get any either.

And now a rival for the potato! The dasher takes the stump to prove that not even a vegetable monopoly can escape bombardment these days.

Japan having matched the odorless onion with a puckerless persimmon, the next thing in order from this land of invention will be a colicless cucumber.

A man will give up a dollar for a fifty cent article that he wants, and a woman will give up 49 cents for an article that she doesn't want—and there you are.

Vice President Marshall thinks that the American dollar is "too cowardly." Is he referring to its elusiveness at home or the decay of its arrogance abroad?

In New York a money lender has been jailed for charging 300 per cent on a ten dollar loan. No doubt he is taking much less interest in his business now.

More artificial ice is manufactured in Pennsylvania than in any other state, says an exchange. However, it is New Yorkers who cut the most artificial ice.

In order to solve the back to the farm problem it may yet become necessary to introduce the tango in the courtyards and place a movie at the end of each row.

A prominent physiologist says that the coming man will be completely bald. Perhaps by that time some inventive genius will build a theater with every seat in the front row.

Of course women should have the right to propose marriage if they desire it. As a matter of fact, they sometimes do, but in such a way that the proposal was not of his own making.

What a pity that in these times of high food costs it is impossible to eat omelets and ampers, which seem to be the only things on the market that like to associate with people of moderate means.

Perhaps suggesting by women might be reduced if the newspapers in New York would refuse to publish photographs of the smugglers and stop describing them as being prominent in society.

When the prime minister of Bavaria says that the growth of armament burdens in Germany must stop it means something, for Bavaria is not only the second state of the empire, but also the only one that controls her own forces independently of the war lord.

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