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Friday Jan. 1, 1915.

A Man's Man.

We have known State Senator George F. Thompson, of Niagara county many years.

It seems that the "Guardians" upon their "preferred list" but he was re-elected in spite of all.

Senator Thompson denounces the secret activities of the Guardians whether directed against himself or anybody else and insists that it is they who are un-American not the Catholics whom they attack.

Would that there were more such manly men in public life as George F. Thompson!

The New Year.

Another year has drawn to a close with its joys and sorrows, its ups and downs.

The year just closing has been an eventful year in many ways. Uppermost in the public mind, of course, is the great European war, the most sanguinary and awful in history, everything taken into consideration.

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Let us pray fervently that the close of 1915 may not find the war still in progress.

Putting behind us the mistakes of the past, let us take fresh courage and go forward bravely to face the future.

Removed Changes.

Reports are current that the new administration at Albany plans sweeping changes in the labor laws, in the health laws and especially in the workmen's compensation laws.

This is not at all surprising. It is the rule that new and radical constructive legislation takes several years to perfect.

Be Cheerful

Undoubtedly, work is scarcer and money less easy to obtain than for several years past and out that but two Catholic senators voted to remove Sulzer and money to expend for luxuries and also that the Catholics could easily have impeached John A. Dix and made Lieutenant Governor Thomas F. Conway, a Catholic governor; also that Governor Glynn could have been nominated and elected when Sulzer was at the head of the democratic ticket in 1912.

It is a matter for debate as to whether or not many persons are not the victims of anti-suggestions in times of financial stress; that is, they imagine themselves worse off than they really are and hence are afraid to pursue the even tenor of their way, whether they are in private or business life.

Do not forget that it is 1915 now!

How about those New Year's resolutions?

It would be well if public speakers and writers were careful to express themselves exactly as they would wish their hearers to understand them.

War in Europe continued in full blast, notwithstanding the Christmas season.

To go to confession and communion is the very best, possible way to begin the New Year.

A Happy New Year to all.

Still Groping

The Catholic Columbia is justified in saying.

Postmaster General Burleson and Solicitor Lamar are still considering whether or not obscenity is obscene, when Catholics are the victims of it, and whether their oath of office requires them to execute the law against obscene publications that are issued to vilify Catholics.

Congressman Dunn and Danforth have not made satisfactory answers, as to where they stand to letters sent by the Windthorst Study Circle.

Be Serious

Good and timely advice is thus expressed by the Catholic Citizen:

In the chatter of society, in the guffaw of the club, in the desultory conversation of chance companionship, learn to speak a few reasonable words now and then. You must have, deep down, some convictions; you must have laid hold, through the lessons of experience and endurance, of some sincere opinions.

Too often our young men and women betray astonishing ignorance of even the most ordinary topics and subjects. Too many Catholics appear woefully ignorant even of the history and achievements of their own church.

You can't play trout in the school of experience.

Too bad they don't put currency on the free list.

Even a fast young man can't catch up with tomorrow.

The leobers creeping into print should be a warning to mariners.

The verdict of the German savants is that the divining rod is alies recht.

Occasionally you meet a foreigner or college professor who calls it "pumpkin" pie.

Four thousand deaths are caused each year in Mexico by scorpions. How many by revolutions?

"Either we are immortal beings or we are not," says Sir Oliver Lodge and who can dispute that?

Prince of Monaco white in New York took no chances in Wall street, and you can use the argument either way.

The Washington woman whose arm was dislocated by a sneeze must have been laughing in her sleeve at the time.

Surprising as it may seem, a lot of people in the temperate zone, with four seasons a year, have chronic spruces fever.

The diplomatic service is not usually regarded as requiring untiring industry, but in the case of Japan it is different.

The California prune crop is estimated at 200,000,000 pounds, or enough to run 1,000,000 boarding houses until next season.

That French aviator who persists in looping the loop might do well to put in his spare time looking over the proofs of his obituary.

A French engineer says the Panama canal is too small. How big would it have been if the French engineers had finished the job?

When the Fighting Men Pay Their New Year's Call to the President

ARMY officers, in their best bibs and tuckers, are very much in evidence in the celebration of New Year's day in Washington.

Unlike the chief executives of some of the Central and South American countries, who are also titular heads of their nation's fighting forces (and in many cases actual warriors as well), the president of the United States does not invest his dignity in gold lace and braid and all the other trappings of war.

However, all this has nothing to do with New Year's day in Washington. What has a great deal to do with it, however, is the fact that the men of the army and navy get out their shiny gold lace and their swords of state and their cocked hats when they pay their ceremonial visit to the president at the opening of a new year.

All of the high officers of the army and navy who are in residence in Washington or are there for the day and are not incapacitated by illness take part in the president's reception.



OFFICERS LEAVING FOR THEIR VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT.

of his and the nation's fighting men. For the occasion they assemble in good time in the morning in the great gray building which is occupied by the state, war and navy departments.

When the proper time arrives the army and navy officers form in line in two. Leading the line are the admiral of the navy and the chief of staff of the army, who is now our highest military officer.

All is lost! Throwing the javelin is the newest sport for women. The backsliders who have escaped Cupid's bow will now be brought down.

Having helped to move the crops, may be the national treasury department could be prevailed upon to assist in moving the Christmas presents.

The English of Harvard university students is criticised. Next Boston, the outraged, will be accused of cherishing the split infinitive in its very midst.

Since the golf championship has been wrested from England poor old John Bull will probably recall that he really never did care for anything but cricket.

The function of the great European powers as regards the Balkans consists in saying "Tut, tut!" before a war begins and "Oh, dear!" after it has started.

It has been estimated that 1,000,000 lead pencils are used up daily. If every woman sharpened her own pencil the number used would be past computation.

With the proverbial perverseness of the sex, a German princess shoots herself because she has to marry a title, while American actresses kick when they can't.

Light Up!

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