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Pointed Satire

The editor of "Extension" indulges in pointed satire at some latter-day hazy thinking and, perhaps, unintentional, "confidence games" indulged in by the very men who are constantly exposing all other gold-brick artists...

New Year Resolutions

From time immemorial it has been the custom to make resolutions of reform on New Year's day. The annihilators of all tradition would abolish the New Year resolution custom as they would slay Santa Claus and banish the Christmas spirit...

False Reasoning

As an example of the loose reasoning and loose writing abroad in the sensational newspapers and cheap magazines, the following despatch in a local paper is hereby submitted:—

Washington, Dec. 31.—New Years Eve celebrants throughout the nation had less than half the quantity of bonded liquors with which to "ring out the old" than they had a year ago.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair reported today that tax paid withdrawals for the first five months of the fiscal year were about 48 per cent of the total for the corresponding period of 1920.

This clearly shows that enforcement of the prohibition act is now more strict than it was last year," said Acting Federal Prohibition Commissioner James Jones to-day.

If prohibition of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes, is really an assured fact, how is even half the supply of a year ago withdrawn from bond available for consumption by celebrants?

Winter

Both the sure thing prophets of the mild and the old-fashioned winter are apt to be fairly well satisfied with their prognostications this year.

It was mild enough up to Christmas to satisfy the open winter advocates. Since Christmas the youngsters and the old-fashioned ones have had their innings.

One commendable New Year's resolution:—To subscribe for a Catholic paper and read it every week as carefully as I do my Sunday secular paper.

Boies Penrose

With the passing of Boies Penrose, senior senator from Pennsylvania, one of the old time political leaders, an adept in the science of applied practical politics, an exemplar of the "Old Guard School", is lost to American public life.

Exponents of the reform idea, graduates of the direct primary schools, will not regret Senator Penrose's exit. But it may be said that Boies Penrose fought in the open, he was a two-fisted fighter and his word was as good as his bond. He was a loyal friend if he were a bitter enemy.

Those who think the regime built up by Cameron and Quay and added to by Penrose is ended have another guess. Senator William V. Crowe, is an apt pupil of Penrose.

We wonder if Mayor Hylan's indignant protest against the perversion of history alleged to be taught in the New York public schools had anything to do with his 470,000 majority in the November last mayoralty election.

It is a pity if DeValera and Collins and Griffith cannot finally get together on the Irish Free State.

It is well that Clinton Howard did not have his way in removing Joseph M. Quigley as Chief of Police of Rochester.

Our old friend, William H. Grazen ought to make a good civil service commissioner. He has seen the service grow up.

While New Years eve of 1921 was not as bad as some of its predecessors it was bad enough.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Sunday, Jan. 8.—St. Apollinaris, Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, who addressed a notable apology for the Christian religion to the emperor Marcus Aurelius. Little is known of him though he is highly praised by Eusebius and St. Jerome.

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