

**THE ANDOVER NEWS**

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GUB KEYNOTE:  
"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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"Santa! Yum, Yum," says the kid.

Thanks—whether we get it or not.

A merry Christmas and many more of them.

"Slaughter of the Innocents," Christmas turkeys.

But this is some better than a Christmas in the trenches.

We could if we would, but too often we don't care to would.

Come right on Santa. The chimney is wide open in our shack.

Go to church. It's good for you and won't hurt the church.

A bright mind can always advance a new thought. Speak up.

Even Christmas has its fly-ointment. The bills must be paid.

"Merry Christmas" is good in theory. Let's make it so in fact.

Merry Christmas! May you live to hear it yet many years to come.

Only a day left in which to join the annual throng of "paid up." Hustle!

Of course there is peace somewhere on earth, but hanged if we know where it is.

"Never kill the goose that lays the golden egg." Keep both the goose and the egg.

This world is plum full of woolly "nuts." But of course you are not one of them.

Chronic criticisms of short-comings of others is an indication of even greater ones in yourself.

He who sends by the messenger of others will make less mistakes himself for others to profit by.

And now the dear little artistic bright-eyes are wearing fur boas on their booties. Oh my!

A few more days and we will be ushering in a New Year, to bless and a great grist of bills to come.

"Flirting in police cells," is the latest word from Chicago. You just can't keep some hearts from galloping.

The practical utility of the wireless has been clearly demonstrated. It kept us in daily touch with his Fordship.

This is the season of the year when we pity the poor woman who takes in washings in order to pay her husband's booze bill.

In selecting his illustrious peace delegates, Henry Ford overlooked one world-wide celebrity in his omission of Jack Johnson.

"What to wear and how to wear it" is easily solved by the coy and winsome maiden. But how to pay for it is a poser to bluff old dad.

The celebration of Christmas day dates from the third century, which is a little ancient for even the personal reminiscences of our "oldest citizen."

Anybody know of an efficient means of effective "preparedness" against the business and of a broom when welded by an irate and muscular wife?

The Illinois State Board of Health has started a quest for the most perfect baby. If left to the decision of the mothers the question is already solved.

An exchange wants to know if there is such a thing as a engenic baby lobster. We pass it up, but we do know of a bunch of lobsters who are neither babies nor engenic.

Get your belated gifts at the store that makes it most worth your while.

**DEATH OF A YEAR OF DEATH**

Since the time of the third century Christmas has been celebrated as a day of joy in honor of the birth of Christ, the only perfect man.

It has ever been our policy to speak of Christmas in tones of gentleness and love and compassion and humility; in words of praise and thankfulness for the blessings of the year that would soon pass into history.

Now we approach the glorious Christmas day and feelings of sorrow and sadness and regret for we are soon to witness the death of a year of death.

To-day, when we should revel in the joy of living, we are consumed with compassion for our brothers who are perishing in the bloodsoaked trenches of Europe.

We are weighed down with sorrow for the unfortunate women and children who must bear the burdens of the greatest and most destructive human blight the world has ever known.

Our hearts are saddened with regrets that the weak and gentle spirit of the Nazarine is forgotten in a wild and bloody carnage of death and destruction.

Nineteen hundred and fifteen, a year of death, will soon reach its own fitting end—in death.

There comes a time in the life of every person when neither tongue nor pen can express the language of the heart.

It is so with us as we write of this Christmas day.

Our faces should be turned toward the Christ, yet in our vision we see the crimson stained fields of Europe, the famine-ridden land of Mexico, the dying race of the Christian Armenians, on every hand the grim and terrible spectre of harsh, violent, sudden and agonizing death.

Death of a year of death.

Farwell 1915. May we never see your like again.

**As The Editor Sees It.**

By all processes of modern financial reasoning the medical profession should be solidly opposed to universal military training for it would reduce the number of their fees from 25 to 50 per cent. Military training is without doubt the best physical tonic in existence for growing young men and boys. The system of physical training in the army, if pursued for a reasonable length of time, will transform a weak and puny lad into a strong robust and health young man. It produces an erect carriage, strengthens and stimulates a healthy and vigorous action to the lungs, builds up a magnificent physique, renders a young man amenable to discipline, develops his mentality and eventually produces a man capable of successful coping with the innumerable obstacles that beset one's pathway through life. But be it said to the honor of the medical profession that they do not oppose military training, for they know and will frankly tell you of the magnificent race of people fifty years of such training would produce in this country—a race of people who mentally and physically would be the finest specimens of manhood in the world.

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said the men when the collection plate is passed. Fact, b' gosh, but are under the painful necessity of receiving before they any elaborate amount of giving.

Senator Chamberlain wants Congress to pass a law for universal military training between the ages of 12 and 18 years. The cruel old thing! Just think of requiring our long-legged society flounders spending twenty days a year in imitation of a real, red-blooded man!

Little Japan is shocked—terribly, everlastingly and shocked. China has voted to return to a monarchical government—and neglected the formality of asking the "by your leave."

**Paramount Pictures**

**THE AUDITORIUM**

Saturday Evening, Dec. 25

JESSE L. LASKY Presents BLANCHE SWEET in the Picturization of the Successful Play

**"THE CAPTIVE"**

A Romance of the Balkan War by Cecile DeMille and Jeanie McPherson

**Wednesday, December 29**

DANIEL FROHMAN Presents the Beautiful Actress, HAZEL DAWN in the Famous Comedy

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Going West	
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M. Train 641	6:4
W. F. O'Connell, Postmaster	

**Cow**

**Gossip**

Merry Christmas.

A company of twenty young people enjoyed a sleigh ride to Ellenville Tuesday night.

Miss Faith Little of Catskill and Ralph Harding of Catskill were united in marriage Dec. 21.

Cuba is arranging to fill Chamberlain Park in that village with an outdoor skating rink for boys and girls and other people.

Mr. Busy Booster Bunch can buy your candle to Thomas Ave, at Thrifty, Park Martin Co's.

A barn belonging to H. Corbin, on Middaugh road, burned last week, with five baled hay. The loss is \$100 with no insurance.

The Andover Recreation Club is arranging for a luncheon at their rooms in Ellenville block, Monday evening, Dec. 27, from 7 to 9 o'clock. The Club members and friends anticipate a pleasant evening.

**We Thank You**

**WE DESIRE** to extend to the people of Andover and surrounding territory our very sincere thanks for the generous support that has been given Andover institutions the year just closing, and to solicit a continuance of the same in the future.

We have noticed a distinct and gratifying increase in the spirit of home loyalty during the past twelve months, with the result that our institutions will be able to serve you even more acceptably and economically in 1916 because of the profits thus accrued.

We extend to you the compliments of the season, with the wish that 1916 will be a year of happiness and prosperity to each and every one of you.

J. H. FAISANT, President  
"BUSY BOOSTERS BUNCH"