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The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

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WHY NOT ON TOP JUST AT PRESENT

WATER WAGON

THE ANNUAL RUSH FOR THE WATER WAGON

W. J. BRYAN WHO WILL LECTURE

ORDER OF RESOLUTIONISTS MENU FOR 1909

NO DRINKS NO SMOKE NO CHEWS NO LATE HOURS NO UNLIMITED SOCKS NO POKER NO WHISKY

JANUARY 2ND

WITHIN a few days our ears will be filled with the deafening crash of people breaking their New Year's resolutions. Three million sets of iron-clad non-combustible American "never agains" crushed to earth will remain there until dug up again the night of December 31, 1909.

What has the New Year in store for you, joy or sorrow? Few today realize what or where they will be before the end of 1909, and attempts to prognosticate probably would be vain. As far as the world literally lies "from hand to mouth," we can only guess at what the next year will bring.

For William Jennings Bryan 1909 means more lectures at so much per night. For William Howard Taft, 1909 is a year of glad rejoicing, for on March 4 he assumes the presidential chair vacated by Theodore Roosevelt. Four years ago when an attempt was made to relegate Mr. Taft to the bench of the supreme court of the United States he shot his bolt as far as the presidential chair at the head of the nation.

Joy is mingled with sadness in President Roosevelt's case and his cup is one of bitter-sweet, while he lifts the cares of the presidential office from his head and applies his strenuous tests upon the habits of the East African jungle he has shot his bolt as far as the presidential office, there being nothing left to do.

Set for the commonplace citizen of these United States 1909 carries out one of his duties as a ruler. Lots of men had women start the year planning to carry out some cherished ideas, whether they succeeded belongs a matter that only Father Time himself can solve.

There are approximately 8,000,000 souls in this country. Of that number statistics say 3,000,000 have drawn up sets of resolutions, which if carried out would cut a swath in the nation's liquor and tobacco traffic.

From every state in the union the cry "never agains" arises, and just a few days after the debut of the new year the throngs give way to a murmur of "just one more" with the eventual result that 15 days or three weeks finds conditions once more at a normal state.

There is a saying that a man is never great until he dies. Therefore it is generally not until the demise of the righteous that we learn of the man or woman who made and kept a New Year's resolution.

Then the press tells us know about it and as a rule the alleged New Year's resolution which was kept may be laid at the door of the bright young reporter who covered the death and who was anxious to inoculate a feature into his story. There are thousands of ways of applying the "never agains." Here are a few of the more or less popular sayings:

I promise never again, after January 1 to—

- Drink Intoxicants,
- Smoke Tobacco,
- Swear,
- Be Mean to My Wife,
- Keep Late Hours,
- Waste Money,
- Eat Heavy Meals,
- Vote the Wrong Ticket,
- Grow a Mustache,
- Spurn the Alarm Clock's Call,
- Read Novels,
- Quit My Job,
- Believe Fish Tales,
- Play Cards,
- Gamble,
- Celebrate July 4,
- Dance Overtime,
- Ask for More Pay,
- Tell Lies,
- Wear Loud Socks,
- Flirt,
- Part My Hair in the Middle,
- Shirk Work,
- Watch Salome Dances,
- Harve,
- Be Conceited,
- Wear Merry Widow Hats.

Or other purely local faults are subjects of New Year's resolutions and usually the signed and sworn document is tucked away in a corner, neglected and its contents forgotten. Then the party to the "sawing off" who has signed it has been telling his friends or her friends how invigorating it feels to be once more spiritually pure, drops down a step or two and when resolutions are mentioned has a merry laugh and tells about how last New Year he or she had sworn off this and that and had or had more fun "with the folks over it."

At midnight each December 31, Father Time loads up the water wagon with thousands of ex-imbibers who now are firm believers in the health-giving properties of aqua pura. About 12,000 another's houses being unknown, and the only occasions upon which floors meet together at all are on the day of assembly, when they are

DO LITTLE REAL WORK

called together for the sultan's birth day or accession celebrations.

The pay of the lower ranks is as small as that of the superior officer who makes a good impression on his entry into the service soon falls to pieces through want of occupation either of mind or body. The greater part of the morning and evening he sits over his coffee and cards or dominoes. There are but few newspapers and those that do exist are so severely censored by the government that

they contain little but weather statistics, gossamer and announcements of the kind that would be of use to no one.

What the Turkish officer really thoroughly enjoys is a gramophone and instruments playing the waltzes and reproducing the music hall songs of all the cities of Europe are in the greatest possible respect, chiefly because they make a music without any personal trouble.

Every frown and every smile a man gets laid in life is the fruit of his own seed.

Unless above himself he can erect himself, how poor a thing is man—
Eryden.

The Thirty Queen.

Queen Victoria was the thirteenth of all monarchs. Nothing in the way of income slipped through her fingers. She inherited from her Dutch ancestry the singular faculty of saving much and spending little. One of her grand children brought up a family of five children on \$3 a week. The fact is considered creditable only to the gander.

What?

A woman whose husband sometimes spends more than her own income. On the other hand, her clothes sends word that the wonder why 75 per cent of the men would have to talk or think about it if there were no such thing as baseball.

His Habits Remain.

When a man tells his wife that he must cut down living expenses he means that he finished living the rest of the year as a miser.

A Song of Success.

"His" cried the boss of the pie plant and he finished living the rest of the year as a miser.

Had a Cough.

It is said that George Washington used to cut pie with his teeth. Then, he never had to run against a candidate who maneuvered his finger nails—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Character of Action.

It is circumstance and proper measure that give an action its character, not the intention of the actor.

But a Whale is Not a Fish.

Twenty years ago the fish of British Columbia—was the story is one of them—Atlanta Journal.

Limit of Time Without Food.

When the body of a starving animal including man, loses two-thirds of its contents, the inevitable result is death.

Whateases.

The thing that makes a man great is the adulation of the men who are not.

The Active Gull.

The one thing of value in the world is the active gull—Emerson.