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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

"Begin right and begin right away." Another year has ended and another year soon to come. We have a backward and a forward look. We know what the past has been, but who can tell what the future holds? The past has not been all we wished, nor what we hope the future will be. The past has not been characterized by perfection. We must admit that it has not been all success, nor has it been all failure. With our present light we see many defects, this light may magnify our failures, but a just judgment

will look at our deeds through the light we had. Judged according to the light we had or might have had, what will be the verdict? The past year has its lights and shadows, its sorrows and joys. We start the new year on a new level and under other conditions. We stand at another viewpoint, we have more light. From our loftier elevation and with our stronger light we see our defects more plainly and we perceive our duty more clearly, and this greater knowledge and riper experience qualify us for better living and working. But with the increased light comes in-

creased responsibility, with added responsibility is greater power, which is a prophecy of greater success.

Let us turn our backs to the past and our faces to the future. The past is gone and we cannot change its record, but we may mould the coming months. This is no time for vain regrets, but a time of forming intelligent and firm resolutions. Duty is before us; let us meet it. There are burdens to be borne; let us bravely take them up and patiently bear them. There are difficulties and uncertainties in the path; let us with steady eye and unflinching

step go forward.

The new year is a new opportunity, and we ought to be thankful for that. We have a chance to do and be better than ever before. Let us resolve to do it. The future has its contingencies, but it has its certainties as well as its possibilities and probabilities. Some things we can bring to pass others we can make possible and probable. Faithful preparation and earnest effort will produce certain results upon ourselves. If we study we shall grow more intelligent, if we do right the habit will grow into a firm character,

if we sow seeds of loving kindness they will bless and make the heart of some unfortunate brother glow with gladness. Quickened by the thought that we have less time in which to work, let us enter upon the new year with renewed spirit, thankful that we have a new opportunity, and hopeful that good results will reward our faithful efforts. May we with Lincoln say, "I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower in its place, wherever a flower would grow."

WORK MOVING IN CENTRAL OREGON

Reno Journal Does Good Boosting For Goose Lake Valley

The Nevada State Journal Sunday issued a very credible enlarged edition giving several boasts to Lakeview, High Grade and Fairport. The special work in this section was covered by Mr. Ray. Among the different articles about Lakeview and vicinity appeared the following:

While the world at large is concerned with its own affairs there are 3,500 men working in Central Oregon whose daily progress spells more and more homesteads and more and more settlers for this region. By 1915 a line will no doubt be completed down to Sacramento, linking Portland with the south and placing this section directly on the path of transcontinental freight and passenger traffic.

The work now under way is being done in Malheur canyon on the Oregon Eastern and as soon as the slower rock work is done the line will come over the intervening desert by leaps and bounds. H. J. Groendyke, assistant engineer for the Oregon Short Line, is stationed near Wagonfire mountain with his party re-staking the Oregon Eastern survey. That line comes up the Malheur canyon, across Low desert to Albert Lake, through Valley Falls and follows up Crooked Creek to Goose Lake Valley down the Pit river to the Sacramento. Thousands of acres lie along the survey in Christmas Lake Valley and the homesteaders are flocking in from Burns, Bend and Lakeview. H. H. Hatch of Viewpoint, Ore., in the Christmas Lake valley has located 19 homesteads in the past three weeks along this survey.

ELECTION CLERKS NOT REPUBLICAN

Boards Must Be Chosen From the Two Leading Parties

For the next four years at least there will be no Republican election clerks and judges in Oregon.

This announcement has been made by Deputy City Auditor Wiegand of Portland after examining the State election laws.

According to the particular section of the state law governing the appointment of election officials these must be selected from members of the two political parties "that cast the two highest number of votes for presidential electors at the last preceding presidential election, and no more than two judges and two clerks on any one election board shall be members of the same political party."

Furthermore the Democrats will have first place on the ballot and the Progressives will have second place, just ahead of the Prohibitionists and Socialists. Such is the strange turn of affairs brought about by the great split in the G. O. P. by Theodore Roosevelt and the resultant ascendancy of the party of Thomas Jefferson.

The League Club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Storkman.

LEGISLATURE IS NEXT ATTRACTION

Portland Papers Have Chosen Officers in Advance

The center of interest for the people of Oregon will soon be at Salem. The convening of the Legislative Assembly is only a short time off; and by way of preliminary we begin to get from all sources, that we may regard as official, assurances that the forthcoming session will be a business session. There could not be anything better than such assurance save, possibly, the fact in fulfillment of the promise.

It has nearly always been demonstrated that the great inroad to the transaction of real business in the Legislature has been politics, or the log-rolling that in incident to the working through of private measures or schemes. On the surface there does not seem to be much of any occasion to pay politics in this year of grace; and the special interests and private schemes should be easy to discover, and once discovered should be given short shrift. Conscientious and honest purpose to serve the people of the state in the most efficient manner is the mainspring to achievement in law making; and that, as a matter of course, implies imperative duty on the part of individual members of the Legislature as well as upon the officers.

The Portland exchanges seems to have already accomplished the feat of electing Dan J. Malarkey to the presidency of the Senate and C. H. McArthur as speaker of the House. Both these men are of Multnomah county, and according to the sentiments of Senator Thompson of Lake county, as quoted elsewhere in the Examiner in a Portland interview, this plan will likely meet with no little opposition. The Examiner agrees with Senator Thompson that these important offices should receive but little consideration until after conference of representatives from all parts of the state shall be held. Lake county has a most capable Senator in Mr. Thompson and that he will keep things humming in the coming legislature goes without saying.

CONDITIONS FOR SHEEP ARE GOOD

Stock Inspector D. Malloy Says No Scab Exists in Desert Flocks

County Stock Inspector D. P. Malloy and who is acting in the capacity of Government Inspector since the death of Wm. J. Proudfoot, last week returned from a tour of the sheep on the "desert." He states that conditions in general are favorable in that section. He found no scab among the bands but in a few instances wildfire exists. This is a disease of the skin but is not considered seriously dangerous. However, dipping he says is the only means of permanently eradicating it.

Mr. Malloy states that about three inches of snow fell on the "High Desert," which affords ample water for the sheep and camp purposes. Feed, he says, is also good, in many places there being an abundance of available bunch grass for the sheep to graze upon:

BIG LAND TRACT TO BE CLEARED

W. B. Whittemore's Tract in Modoc County Bought By Wealthy People

S. H. Grigsby and G. C. Landeur, two of the best known horsemen in California, have purchased the well known Centerville ranch near Alturas, Modoc Co., Calif., owned by J. E. Cornish of Maine and Professor Warren R. Smith of the Lewis Institute, Chicago, heirs of the late W. B. Whittemore. The ranch consists of 1800 acres and lies twelve miles west of Alturas on Pit river. The purchase included all stock and personal property as well as 1400 tons of hay.

It is the intention of the new owners to clean up the ranch and put every foot of land into the best possible cultivation. They will raise nothing but the very best blooded horses and cattle. For a time this famous tract was the location of the first white settlement in the Alturas valley. It had a school, a church, two stores and a blacksmith shop before Alturas was born, and once nearly became the county seat of Modoc County.

THORNLESS CACTUS FOR DAIRY COWS

Plant Will Grow Without Irrigation and Results are Marvelous

Thornless cactus, one of Wizard Burbank's productions, has come to be an item in the plan of the dairyman, and the rancher who has a few dairy cattle for a side line. Growing without irrigation in land that may not be suitable for some other crops, this plant, it has been shown, says the Sacramento Bee, will produce an average of 250 tons of forage to the acre when two years old. It is stated that an exceptional advantage is that the cactus will furnish green feed at any time of year, and without trouble of harvesting, curing or packing. The juicy slabs, weighing about two pounds each, may be cut and fed as needed. Tests have shown the milk producing quality of this feed to be greater than alfalfa hay. In one case a cow giving thirty-eight pounds of milk daily on an alfalfa diet, increased the flow to fifty-five pounds without impairing the quality.

A. H. Monroe, Sacramento, Calif., has the slabs for sale, and if the plant is capable of producing the above results, it would probably be well for our Commercial Club to secure a few slabs for experimental purposes. City Superintendent Gardner is able to give it a fair and impartial test at the High School grounds, and would doubtless be glad to provide with the spineless cactus slabs.

Lands Clear-Listed

The Portland Telegram contains the news from Washington that the Goose Lake Irrigation project in Lake county, the completion of which has been delayed on account of the failure of the General Land office to approve the segregation list, will soon be relieved from further hindrance. Through the efforts of Congressman Hawley the desired tract has been clear-listed and official notice will soon be sent out.

MASQUERADE IS SCENE OF MIRTH

Varied and Original Costumes Worn at Last Night's Dance

About sixty dancing couples and over 100 spectators attended the masquerade ball Wednesday night at the Snider Opera house. Many varied and cleverly arranged and well sustained characters were made up which made it somewhat difficult for the judges in awarding prizes. Miss Southstone, as Christmas Tree, was given the prize for the best dressed lady. Her costume was beyond doubt the most uniquely and cleverly prepared, being a perfect representation of the festive tree, tastily decorated and so arranged that it was electric lighted at will by means of a concealed storage battery. Samantha held a surprise for everyone. No one surmised that this was Mrs. Norin; but it was, and she was given the prize for the best sustained character. She portrayed the part splendidly and the trophy was properly awarded. Theson Stevens, of New Pine Creek, as George Washington, received the prize for the best dressed gentleman.

JURY DISAGREE IN ROBERTSON CASE

Lake County Alleged Horse Rustlers Will Have Another Trial

After being out nearly twenty-eight hours the jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. William and V. E. Robertson of Lake county, which was tried December 12 at Prineville, Crook county, were unable to reach an agreement, and were discharged by Judge Bradshaw. The accused men were charged with shipping a carload of horses from Bend August 10th, and in the lot were two horses belonging to George Russell. The prosecution undertook to prove that nine out of the 26 head were stolen. The defense claimed that they purchased the horses from George Kentner. The most prominent feature of the case was the alleged changing of an anchor T brand, which belonged to Russell, into an AR. This mysterious brand nobody seemed to claim or want. Owing to the disagreement the case will be retried next May.

It will be remembered that last October Sheriff Snider of Lake went from this county into Crook and brought the accused rustlers back to Lakeview from where they were taken to Prineville for trial. Last week Sheriff Snider received a telegram from Sheriff Balfour of Crook county asking whether there were any indictments being held there against the men. In return Mr. Snider advised him that there were no existing indictments against the Robertson brothers.

The new year is here, how are you going to begin it? Why not begin by going to church next Sunday? It will do you good, and help some one else. You are always welcome at the Methodist church, Sunday morning—"What the Holy Spirit does through man." In the evening we will have a service of special interest to parents and children, addressed by Mrs. O. M. Gardner. Come.

THE PARCELS POST REGULATIONS HERE

Laws Very Stringent and Parcels Stamps Must Be Used

Postmaster Ahlstrom has received the new regulations which become effective January 1, next. Mr. Ahlstrom emphasized the fact that regulation Parcels Post stamps must be used and each package must have the return address of the sender upon it preceded by the word "From." It is expected that maps showing the Parcels Post zones will be here within a few days. Only a few copies of the Parcels Post regulations have been received.

A Parcels Post package may be insured for its value up to fifty dollars by buying a ten cent Parcels Post stamp extra but by reason of this insurance registry of Parcels Post packages will not be permitted.

Perishable articles may be sent through the mails, but only under specific restrictions as to the containers and the distance they are to be sent. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles likely to quickly decay may be sent for short distances when securely packed.

Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when packed properly in a container and for any distance when each egg is separately packed in a perfectly secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass in whole or in part, must be securely packed and marked "Fragile."

Articles that may not be sent by Parcels Post include intoxicating liquors of all kinds; poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable articles, including matches; infernal machines; pistols or revolvers; obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law; live or dead animals, or birds.

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FARRELL DEPUTIZED PROSECUTING ATTY.

Will Resign Justice of the Peace On Account of Appointment

Attorney Thos. S. Farrell received a Christmas present in the way of appointment to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Lake county by Attorney John Irwin of Klamath county, who was elected last November as Prosecuting Attorney for Lake and Klamath Counties. Mr. Farrell was to assume the duties of the office beginning the first Monday in January but arrangements will likely be made to begin on the first.

At last election he was elected as Justice of the Peace for the Lakeview district, which office he will resign owing to having accepted the appointment of Deputy District Attorney.

It is said that 1200 Christmas trees were shipped on a steamer from Oregon to California this season.

COUNTY SALARIES TO BE CLASSIFIED

Governor West Would Compensate Officials on More Equal Basis

Governor West has completed his tentative plan for fixing salaries of all county officials in the state to an equal basis. What the actual salaries shall be is left to the legislature, but his plan places each county in a certain class, according to its area, population and assessed valuation.

He has taken each county and figured the ratio of its assessed valuation as equalized by the state board of tax commissioners to the entire assessed valuation of the state. In like manner he figured each county's per centage of population and area. Then he added the three and divided by three to get the average.

This separates the counties of the state into five classes. Class one includes counties with percentages over 5 per cent; class two counties over 44 per cent; class three counties over 3 per cent; class four counties over 2 per cent; class five counties under 2 per cent.

According to his classification, Lake county is in class two, there being but one county in class one, and that is Multnomah. Beginning with counties in the second class as a basis, the governor thinks the legislature can fix salaries of each county official for that class, then make counties of the third class so much less, and so on down to the fifth class. There are 14 counties in class five. At the present time there seems to be no uniformity in salaries, and it is to be hoped the legislature will be able to satisfactorily adjust this obstacle.

CHRISTMAS TREES SHED MUCH JOY

Over 600 People Attended Festivities at High School

The Christmas tree Tuesday evening at the High School assembly hall was pronounced one of the best and most successful ever held in Lakeview. The stage on which were two trees, was artistically decorated with flags, bunting and stars. The program was opened by music by the band, after which City Superintendent Gardner made the opening remarks.

The entertainment throughout was exceedingly interesting and heartily enjoyed by all present. The children's exercises showed diligent study by the little ones as well as careful training by the teachers.

Every little heart was gladdened with one or more presents, and after the trees and stage were cleared, each person was passed a treat as they left the halls. The building was filled with one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the town, there being nearly 700 people present. Everything was handled in a credible manner and the attention and behavior of the audience was most commendable.

It is a great joy to witness such entertainment by our children, and we sincerely trust that the Christmas spirit will prevail throughout the year.