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**IT PAYS TO RESOLVE**

Though nine-tenths of the resolutions are broken within a week, it is well to make them. It costs nothing to resolve and the returns may be very profitable if but one or two of the resolutions are held inviolate. One who will resolve to keep tighter reign on his temper is certain to profit if he makes

good, and if he once resolves in sincerity, that resolution is certain to come to his aid in many instances, despite the fact that there will be more or less frequent lapses. The even-tempered, mild-mannered person is one of this earth's choicest blessings. Any person who will sincerely resolve to control the outbursts that cause himself and his friends many heart-burnings is some distance on the way to attaining that ideal.

It is well to resolve to do many of the kind things one thinks of doing but seldom does. We are all good thinkers and mighty weak doers. It is easy to think of doing good things, but it requires effort to accomplish, so we quit short of the effort. A sincere resolution to get busy in doing kindly acts can result in nothing but good.

There is not one but who can profit by making resolutions, though the order is to make them on New Year's day and break them the next day. To keep any good resolution even for a day is worth while. If

resolutions are broken they can be made over again. The beginning of the year is a good time to take inventory of our faults and general shortcomings, note the losses and then resolve to get a balance on the right side of the ledger.

**THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.**

Every farmer living within ten miles of Corvallis, who can by hook or crook get away from daily duties during the coming six weeks, should attend the O. A. C. short courses. Every preparation possible has been made that the short courses shall be genuinely worth while. No farmer knows so much that he cannot learn a great deal at O. A. C. in six weeks, and this opportunity to get for nothing what others have to pay a great deal to get, should not be passed up. Last year many farmers came from different sections of the state to attend the short courses. Their carfare was considerable and living expenses while here cost them a fair sum—but they considered it worth while. But

"plug" farmers did not come; as a rule "plug" farmers do not know they are plugs and have no desire to learn. Not many of these will attend the short courses this year, but the progressive, wide-awake, up-to-date farmer of this vicinity will attend. However, the others should get in line, freshen up and enter the progressive class. It will mean money and no little satisfaction to them. The cost to them, other than a little effort to get up early and come to Corvallis will be very little. Can any one afford to pass up this opportunity to hear first class lectures and splendid demonstrations? Do not dream about it—simply get ready and come.

**SHOULD GET RIGHT.**

Every time there is a proposal to spend money for the public good, there is always a howl about "the burden" said improvement is going to bring. This is true of every town and city on the globe. Doubtless many of these people are sincere in their belief, but most are twisted is their mental operations, they are lop-sided. Nine times out of ten the loudest noise about the burden is made by men best able to carry their share. That is true in this city and it is true of every other city. And it is a fact that these men really pay less than their rightful share, for the reason that every man's taxes lessens in proportion as he gets further away from the poverty that enables the assessor to list all his holdings. That old cry of "burden" comes out at every opportunity, and never was anything more palpably a falsity, a delusion and a snare. Taxes can get high and do get high occasionally, but who makes the howl? Most frequently it is the fellow who has money out on interest, who has enough money to sit around and do nothing, the fellow who has dodged half his assessment, or, perchance, the decrepit old man ready to go to the grave who is still trying to cling to his money. And there is another class,—the men who buy ground, keep it unimproved and profit immensely by the improvement other property owners and the city in general make. Talk to these about making an improvement that costs them something and they immediately begin to howl about the "burden." Though their ground and trebles in value through improvements made by other people and improvements forced through over their will, these curmudgeous continue to kick about improvements and have fits about the burden. It is useless to rail at this class of people and argument is wasted. The only point to this harangue is that the public should learn to give little heed to howlers of this sort; the public should learn to pick them out readily, brand them properly and ignore their representations. This New Year is a good time for those chronically opposed to get on the right side of the fence.

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B. W. Johnson, P. M.

**WANTS FIGURES FROM THE BOARD**

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—  
Some time ago the citizens voted \$30,000 bonds for a high school building, and I think the most of the people expected to get a \$30,000 building. Instead of that we have a building that cost \$18,000, and the building that we have now is not much better than the building we had there. If we had the \$30,000 building I think more people would be satisfied. It seems like the city wants to have everything too cheap, in the way of improvements. As we have \$1500 premium on the bonds, I would like to have the board publish before the public where the rest of the \$13,500 went to or is a going.  
A RESIDENT.  
The freeze of the past few days has injured some of the grain on the low and wet ground.

**Primrose's Mammoth Minstrels**

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gifted voices have been heard in grand and comic opera. Manager Primrose evidently believes in maintaining the high standard of musical excellence, which has always characterized the reputation of the Primrose Minstrel forces. Aside from the splendid musical features, there will be offered at the opera house next Tuesday, Jan. 4th, a number of specialty acts, which are reported to be widely different from the usual selections, all of them having novelty as well as originality to back their appeal for cordial approval. Minstrelsy at its best is the key-note of the Primrose Show, and a better tonic for blues could not be found. The coming of the finest minstrel organization outside of coon paradise is causing Corvallisites to congratulate themselves that George Primrose—the King Bee of Minstrelsy—has been the one selected to deliver the goods.

**NEWS NOTES FROM ROUTE 2**

Miss Georgia Lowell, of Corvallis, is visiting with Miss Nora Arrants during the holidays.  
Walter Burnap, of the post office department at Corvallis, visited with J. B. Arrants last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. McClure, of Portland, are visiting their uncle and aunt near Oak Ridge.  
Miss Cox, of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Todd.  
The Gazette-Times 50c per month.



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**CUT OUT PENNIES**

Patrons on rural deliveries are kindly urged and requested to purchase stamps or stamped envelopes in reasonable quantities and avoid the placing of coins in rural mail boxes for postage stamps.  
From a recent count made by the post office department, it was found that carriers on an average are collecting 115 one cent coins each week for postage. This average applied to all routes in operation in the country would

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