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THE OLD YEAR.

Too often we are prone to forget the old and mingle with the young. In this day and age slow, faltering steps are unnoticed save for an expression of sympathy.

Very seldom does the Old Year get his just credit—all of us are anxiously awaiting the infant of the New Year. We forget the old in the pleasant anticipation of what the new will bring.

People of St. Helens should have a kindly regard for 1921. Notwithstanding the general business depression which prevailed over practically the entire country, 1921 favored St. Helens. The industrial plants continued operations, comparatively few persons were without employment.

We now look forward to 1922. The infant enters a year without the burden of 1921. Prevailing conditions are better, the future looks more rosy.

We hail 1922 and believe that the spirit of the latter part of 1921 will march onward to progress.

ALWAYS SOMETHING WRONG

There is always something wrong with the world. Lots of people today are grumbling about the trend of times and are forever harking back to "the good old days of our ancestors."

Present: Trolley cars, electric lights, gas range, telephone, modern plumbing, movies, railroads, interurbans, three squares.

Past: Ox teams, shanks mare, tallow candles, lugging coal scuttles, mailmen, tin basin, daguerreotypes, stage coach, wagon and team, families.

We could go on and fill the paper with comparisons but these will be enough to start one thinking that we are not so bad off after all.

THE 1925 FAIR.

We believe that a majority of the citizens of Oregon are in favor of the 1925 fair but a majority of those citizens have not yet arrived at a logical conclusion as to the financing of the fair.

THE PRICELESS BIRTHRIGHT

(By Carol Norton)

A subscriber and friend of the Mist has sent in the following article, which is most appropriate for the person of "New Year's Resolutions."

As a spring can never rise higher than its source so one can never attain a greater success than he believes he can.

Absolute confidence in one's ability to succeed is an indispensable essential to the highest achievement. When you have found your niche; when you realize that you are working along the line of your strongest faculties instead of your weakest, do not allow anything to divert you from your choice.

Do not, however dark or discouraging the outlook, admit the possibility of defeat. Set your face toward your goal and affirm and re-affirm your confidence in your ability to succeed.

This constant affirmation; the persistent dwelling upon the possible or positive phase of success and never admitting the negative, will tend to strengthen, to render impregnable the great purpose; the one unwavering aim which brings victory.

Many fail because their self-confidence becomes weak. They allow people to inject doubt and fear into

their minds until they become uncertain of themselves, and ultimately lose altogether that buoyant faith in their ability to succeed, without which no great thing ever was accomplished.

What though you are poor or your environment unfavorable; these things should incite you to greater efforts. Stoutly deny the power of adversity or poverty to keep you down. Constantly assert your superiority to your environments; know that you are the master and not the slave of circumstance, and conditions will soon improve.

Thoughts are forces and the constant affirmation of one's inherent right and power to succeed will soon change inhospitable conditions and unkind environment into favorable paths to success and happiness.

The Portland school board cut \$40,000 off of the school expenses by reducing the wages of janitors. Ordinarily, when there is to be an economy plan carried out, it "starts at the top and goes to the bottom."

The Mist wishes a Happy and Prosperous New Year to each of our subscribers, to every one of our friends and to every one of our enemies. Our "before New Year's Resolution" is to make of The Mist a better paper and to better serve the county in which it is published.

Are you going to attend the budget meeting today? The meeting will be held at the court house at 2 o'clock p. m.

"If America would only be content not to be dictatorial she can dictate the future of the world."—Sir Ernst Wild.

Don't go around with a chip on your shoulder if you want people to slap you on your back.

The best thing to do about most of the gossip that you hear is to forget it.

Congress has been charged with a good many things but not with speeding.

Patronizing home industry means the development and progress of the community.

There are plenty of self-made men but women usually go to a beauty parlor.

And now for resolutions. If they are good ones we hope you will keep them.

Don't turn over a new leaf; burn it.

Resolutions



Let's us girls form little clubs and boycott th' mop top hair cut.



Let's break up th' practice o' wearin' cloth top shoes with broken arches.



Let's all resolve t' spend our money at home.



Mothers, keep a closer surveillance on your daughters in 1922.—Abe Martin.

PUBLIC FORUM

W. B. D. ASKS SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Editor of The Mist: While highly in favor of a 1925 Portland Fair, I believe there are two questions, at the present time, which should be duly considered by the taxpayers of Oregon.

The first is: Are we auto mad? On this question I cannot avoid the conclusion that a fair answer, by a disinterested server, would not be complimentary to us. For autos we have neglected farms; for autos we have mortgaged homes; for autos we have abandoned churches.

The second question is: Can a state government be fairly conducted without a constitution? In 1912 we adopted the Initiative. In 1917, by such measure, we so amended Section 1 of Article IX of the constitution as to do away with the provision for "Uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation."

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est priced car, and not pay a cent of taxes or contribute a cent to the proposed 1925 fair. And it is not surprising that a Portland paper recently advised its readers that they could vote for the fair, with impunity, because only one person in five paid any taxes.

The farmers claim credit for defeating the single-tax law. But a tax on land alone, is no less single tax because it was adopted in homeopathic doses. We need the 1925 fair. But we need a constitution, and fair play among ourselves.

Oregon is one of the finest countries in the world; but no state can exist without a constitution. We may reform, as Kansas did, but it requires constant vigilance.

W. B. D.

"This year has been critical and important. The transformation of our national defense from a war to a peace basis has been completed. The regular army has undergone a trying reduction. Stringent measures of economy have been successfully effected."—Secretary of War Weeks.

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Diamond W. Coffee, 3 lbs. \$1.00
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10 Pounds Blue Label Karo Syrup .60c
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MIST WANT ADS GET RESULTS

A New Year's Resolution

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MAY YOU AND YOURS ENJOY A FULL MEASURE OF HAPPINESS, HEALTH, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY ALL THROUGH THE COMING YEAR, WITH A STEP FORWARD AND UPWARD FOR EACH YEAR TO COME.



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