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God is unto us a God of salvation; And unto Jehovah the Lord belongeth escape from death.—Psalm 68: 20.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

The year just ending has not been one of the best in a material sense, when compared with past years, but there is not wanting evidence that the spirit of human brotherhood is growing stronger and warmer. Charity is more conspicuous than cupidity, the will to have peace is gaining ascendancy over the arrogance and pride and belligerency that was wont to dwell in the hearts and minds of a considerable number of men, and the principle of live and let live is so commonly accepted and acted upon that we now help our neighbors to live and improve their condition. All these things constitute spiritual advances. But back of all this people must be financed. There is therefore good reason for rejoicing that there are throughout the country signs of better business for the year ahead.

Science and invention have contributed to the prolonging of human life, to making the work of the world easier of performance, to increasing the healthful pleasures of the people, to broadening opportunities for cultural development. The finer things of life are better appreciated and more in demand. Education is spreading as never before. And that faith in God has been strengthened is not to be doubted by anyone who observes the growing eagerness of our people to promote the spiritual welfare of the nation, and also to alleviate physical ills and disabilities according to His plan. We join in wishing all a Happy New Year, confident that conditions will soon be favorable to a realization of happiness in greater measure than we have lately known.

A NEGLECTED RESOLUTION

We have no wish to preach, and are well aware that good resolutions constitute a tender subject — in view of the fact that the greater number are broken within the first few weeks of each new year. Nevertheless, we venture a wisp of advice to those who are about to greet the first day of 1932 without definitely deciding what they are or are not going to do.

This suggestion of ours is not new, but because many of us are not using it, may be called as good as new. It does not require any special preparation, such as throwing away articles that assist in the formation of bad habits. It can be quietly applied without attracting special notice from any one—until it gets in good working order.

Then it may become a matter of comment, but only of the most praiseworthy sort. In the Dictionary of Desirable Traits it is defined as TENDING TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS. And it comes in assorted sizes, to fit even those who have little business to attend to.

A scientist has discovered that the slowest thinkers live longest. But that is the kind of a proposition that cannot be proved at a busy street intersection.

So live your life that if you are elected to congress, it will not make much difference how hard the stevedore drops your trunk.

Another dismal failure is man's effort to look modest while admitting he was right.

DRIFTS CLOG HIGHWAY TO PENDLETON

(Continued From Page One)

Due to the storm of yesterday and today, but so far train service has continued through La Grande from both directions.

Wire Service Affected
The Associated Press wire into the Observer office was only doing part-time duty this morning, due to ice conditions west of Pendleton, which seriously broke into the service.

No accidents of a serious nature have been reported as due to the storm.

BLIZZARD MODERATING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—The blizzard which stormed across the plains and mountains of Eastern Oregon Wednesday had moderated today and highway crews set to work clearing the roads that were blocked by snow which ranged in depth from 6 to 14 inches.

The Old Oregon Trail was closed late yesterday by order of the state highway commission after highway crews had made determined but futile efforts to keep it open. Snowplows were successful, however, in maintaining traffic over the Columbia River highway.

While the heavy fall of snow

blanketed the eastern and central sections, the coast country was deluged by heavy rain. North Bend, on Coos bay, received 2.34 inches in 24 hours. Roseburg had 1.52 inches, and North Head, 1.12 inches. Portland received 1.29 inches in the 24-hour period ending at 5 a. m. today.

All highways between Portland and San Francisco were open. The Southern Pacific reported 90 inches of snow at Cascade Summit.

Snow Aids Farmers
Heavy snow and rain of the past few weeks have been a boon to farmers in the northwest, as the ground is thoroughly soaked and all irrigation supplies are being built up.

Snowplows worked all night on the Pendleton-La Grande road, and if the storm abates somewhat, it is possible the road might be opened for day travel this afternoon. State Engineer Roy Klein announced. Snow at The Dalles did not close the highways in that vicinity. The highway officials believe all roads can be opened again by tomorrow. Highway conditions in Southern Oregon are improved and travel over the Siskiyou mountains on the Pacific highway easier, although chains are required. One-way travel has been ordered in many parts of Southern Oregon. All other highways in the state are in good condition, Klein said. Reported slides along the coast have not impaired traffic.

Slipper Likely To Be Used On Radio Stations

Since there doesn't seem to be a chance to trim anything off the expenditures, the boys on the hill will be snooping around for new sources of revenue. Right now their eyes are glued on a source which has hitherto escaped scot-free. Congress has heard about the high prices at which radio broadcasting channels have changed hands lately; the members have learned that, depression notwithstanding, radio advertising receipts have mounted. They smell revenue in radio and are going to get it. Representative La Guardia wants radio stations to pay 25 per cent of their gross receipts into the yawning federal treasury, but the compromise will probably be between 10 and 15 per cent.

Taxation won't be the end of radio troubles at the present session. Several of the boys are whetting their knives in preparation

for an attempt to lift the scap lock off the pates of several members of the federal radio commission. The commission's decision to grant the Radio Corporation of America a renewal of its 1400 licenses after it had been found guilty of monopolistic practices is sticking in the congressional craw. Congress had given the commission explicit orders to punish attempted monopoly by license revocation. The commission was disobedient and is in for a most painful spanking.

But the slipper won't be applied till after New Year's. Just now everybody is too mellow to do any carving except on the roast turkey.

—Ventura, Cal., Free Press.

"Culture"

There is something much more involved in the word culture than is implied in dictionaries. These imply that culture depends upon a refinement of the mind. Anyone interested in culture, however, sees in it a quality of the spirit as well. Culture is the refinement of mind and spirit which is in some people innate and in others acquired.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — Young Senator Nye of North Dakota apparently has made up his mind that something constructive shall result from the long months of labor of his senate campaign fund investigating committee.

It has not been an altogether pleasant road the senator has traveled since he took over the chairmanship of the committee months ago. Several things have come up which doubtless caused him to grind his teeth in vexation.

There was, for example, the setto he had with Ruth Hanna McCormick, of Illinois, when she attempted to get a seat in the senate.

And when his ancient foe, Moses, of New Hampshire, succeeded in getting the Nye expense account inserted in the Congressional Record last session, he really did "see red."

Resentment born in the Nye heart by that action still rankles.

PROPOSES A CURB
Now he has come forward with a

bill which seeks to curb campaign expenditures for the election of president, vice president, senators and representatives in congress.

Those who know Nye claim that the bill reflects very closely the senator's own attitude on the subject.

"... We move much closer to that day when every public office in the United States will be placed on the auction block and virtually knocked down to the highest bidder."

The report of the senate committee which investigated the 1928 campaign alarms him greatly. This body, headed by Steiwer, of Oregon, found that Hoover's nomination cost \$395,254, and Smith's, \$152,622.

The Steiwer committee also reported that the ensuing campaign saw expenditures of \$9,433,604 for the Republican ticket, and \$7,152,611 for the Democratic.

HE SETS LIMITS
To combat such expenditures, Nye's bill would limit sums disbursed for presidential nominations to \$250,000, and for presidential elections to \$50,000.

At the same time he would limit senators to \$50,000 and representa-

tives to \$10,000 for both nomination and election.

To allow for the great variation in the number of voters to be reached in the various states there is a provision that senate expenditures would be limited to two cents and house expenditures to four cents a vote for every vote cast for all candidates for office in the preceding election.

OLD-FASHIONED WINTER GRIPS GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—"Old-fashioned" winter, settled comfortably over most of Britain Wednesday, and was not without a welcome.

It brought opportunities for winter sports which, because of economic conditions, are not being sought so much this year in winter resorts on the continent.

To avoid further drift of British money abroad, as well as because of reduced incomes, many British sports lovers planned to spend their winter at home instead of in Switzerland or

other foreign centers for the skis and the toboggans.
Hotels in the highlands of Scotland looked upon the wintry scene with joy and expectation of prosperity.



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