

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It is comparatively easy to look backwards and contemplate the events of the past twelve months, but it is not for mortal man to lift the veil of the future and discern what the present year will bring forth, of good or of evil, and it is perhaps better so: worrying over future ills would doubtless unfit us for the enjoyment of present blessings.

The year 1915 will be marked in history as long as human records shall stand as having been the period of the greatest and most destructive conflict ever waged on earth. Will the year 1916 witness the termination of of this warfare, will it bring greater and future horrors? In the realm of arts, science, etc., the past year has witnessed great improvements in many lines, the perfecting and introduction into practical use of many inventions and discoveries heretofore made and the indications are that the present year will make further progress along these lines.

In our own country there have been many complaints about "hard times," but notwithstanding this, the condition of our people has been and is infinitely preferable to that of the inhabitants of Europe and Asia.

In our own state, as in several others, the present year will witness the trying out of a new law--prohibition, regarding the ultimate results of which there is great difference of opinion. The enforcement of this law may at first cause some friction between the different elements of society, but we believe that all parties will speedily regulate their actions to conform with the new system.

Another matter of interest in 1916, will be the election of national, state and county officers, which will receive due attention of the press and the public at large.

Locally, the new year will witness the inauguration of electric service on the railroad between this city and Medford, and we hope to see the commencement of work on the extension of the line to the Blue Ledge Mines. The building and operation of a beet sugar factory in the valley is another improvement which now seems assured for this year. Then there are the Opp and two other quartz mines which are showing increased activity at this time and which may be steady producers this year. A sawmill and box factory is one of the possibilities and there are others which can be made certainties if we give proper encouragement. Are you willing to help?

We wish the readers of the Post, one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Electric Sparks

(From Our Wireless)

Russia has again enlisted the services of its oldest ally--winter.

King Hunger has a way of pushing other monarchs off their thrones.

Europe's war has strained the quality of mercy and of veracity as well.

Now won't some other philanthropist organize a peace ship for Mexico?

Philadelphia has once more its pets, the liberty bell and Boies Penrose.

There is less crime in Britain as a result of the war. But there is more war.

Fords rush in where Wilsons fear to tread.

"Women have peace aim," says headline. Well, it's 100 to 1 they'll miss it.

There was never yet a paragraph that could endure the stomachache patiently.

What has become of the million-eyed women who used to wear in, a collar and cravat?

A Cincinnati woman says that thousands have died from kissing. O Death where is thy sting.

It will be news to a lot of people that LaFollette left any American soups for the British to seize.

We see by the papers that another munitions plant has just book a \$1,000,000,000 order of mysterious explosions.

We can stand almost any kind of man. But too few who give you a hernia like a hip fish to shake in's case of them.

Another pathetic little feature of every day life is the way a woman always wants \$1.25 for something right away.

A 35-year old dame can drop five years from her age and fool most of the men. But she can't fool the other women.

The crew of the Chinese cruiser Chang Ho has mutinied. We aren't the only nation having trouble with its hyphenates.

The session of Congress began normally. Champ Clark was elected speaker and Aaron P. Frolican contested somebody's seat.

Germany reports a serious decline in the birth rate. Among the other sins this war has to answer for is taking the pop out of population.

Daniels May Recommend New Naval Academy

Washington, Dec. 30--Senator Chamberlain has been informed by the secretary of the navy that he has not recommended the establishment of a naval academy on the Pacific Coast, but that 100 additional cadets will be approved at Annapolis. Secretary Daniels says if extensive additional Annapolis buildings are needed he might recommend another academy to be established in the West.

Minnesota's Governor is Dead in Louisiana.

Clinton, La., Dec. 30--Governor Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel here today from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians stated was probably had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.



RESOLVE first, He never fight less into fought. Resolve two, He never agin sas Teacher less she Gits on My nerves dretfully. He try being Patient in School. Resolve three, He never eat another bite aitor ins full. He try to eat for Any Ole person. Resolve four, He try to live so as to be elected Some Day as kapain of Our football team. It's a Honorable Job, an I want to be honorable most al-ways. Resolve five, He never, never tell stories. The old Bad Man has got it in for fillers what Pib to their Maws and Paws. Resolve six, He not make ugly faces nor laugh at gurls Any More. They kant help being Gurls. Natchor made em what they are, and Boys should feel sorry for em. I gess this Is enuff for This year. So He ring off and shut up my Res-olve book till next year.

A NEW YEAR'S APPEAL.

Prisoners For Debt Used Day to Tell of Their Unfortunate Condition. The newspapers of a century ago afford ample evidence of the cruelty and futility of one of the laws of the day--namely, the punishment of debt by imprisonment, says Alice Morse Earle. It was an utterly hopeless task for any imprisoned for debt ever to expect to be released save by pardoning, and the sufferings of such prisoners was extreme, as they had no charity funds to draw upon to mitigate the woes and misery, the filth and horror of their surroundings. These unhappy men often close the opening of the new year--a time of gladness hope to the world in general--to appeal for aid in their utter forlornness, and in the newspapers at the close of the year appeals for help printed through the pity of the publisher of the news sheet, and in early January sometimes humble thanks for gifts from generous citizens. Here is an advertisement from the New York Gazette, January, 1751:

Thrice happy, whose tender Care Relieves the poor Distrest. When Troubles compass them around The Lord shall give them Rest.

We, the poor Prisoners confined in the Gaol of the City of New York, do take this public Opportunity of returning our most humble and hearty Thanks to our generous but unknown Benefactors for relieving us this severe Season when we were almost perished with Cold and Hunger, by sending two Quarters of Beef, one Cord of Wood, Twelve Shillings in Money and three dozen of loaves of Bread, which was fairly and justly distributed between us. And that God Almighty may give them Health and Happiness in the Present Life and Eternal Happiness in the Next are the sincere wishes and Desires of THE POOR UNFORTUNATE PRISONERS.

Strange New Year Celebration. What probably is the strangest New Year's rite is held in the Cevennes mountains, in southern France. At the last evening mass of the old year the herds and flocks of the peninsula are gathered before the portico of the little stone church high up on the mountain side and are blessed by the priest and sprinkled with holy water by the acolyte, who follows him in order that this the sole wealth of the countryside may increase and prosper during the year to come. The sight at the holy hour is wonderful. As the church bell tolls above them the frightened animals bleat and bellow and try madly to escape. First the oxen are blessed, then the cows, next the sheep and lambs and finally the goats and pigs--Chicago Tribune.

New Year's Day in March. New Year's day used to fall in March, not in January, and there was a good deal of sense in this, for, even as the world's first year was supposed to have begun in the sprouting of leaf and grass, so each New Year's day was set for the season when Nature began to wake after her winter sleep.

Dec. 31. Best day of all the year, since I May see these pass and know That if thou dost not leave me high Thou hast not found me low, And since, as I behold thee die, Thou hastest me the right to say That I tomorrow still may vie With them that keep the keep upward way.

Best day of all the year to me, Since I may stand and gaze Across the grassy past and see So many crooked ways That might have led to misery Or, haply, ended at a grave; Best day since thou dost serve me free To look the future in the face.

Best day of all days of the year That was so kind, so good Since thou dost leave me at the door Of Faith in brotherhood. Best day since I, with my best new, May view the past with words to rest And, undisturb'd by doubts or fear, Seek paths that are untried as yet. --Chicago Record-Herald.

GOOD BYE, 1915 To our Friends and Patrons everywhere, Greetings: May the twelfth stroke of the chimes, as at midnight they usher in the New Year, 1916, bring to you A year of Joy and Usefulness, A year of Health and Happiness A year of Prosperity and Peace. For your kind patronage in the years that have passed we most heartily and sincerely thank you and hoping to merit your esteemed favors during 1916, we beg to remain Your Friends, Taylor - Williams Co. The People's Store, where "Where the World is Growing Better" Jacksonville, Oregon PHONE 142.

Home Burns Near Lebanon

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 31--The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Archart, three miles southeast of Lebanon, was destroyed by fire last Monday morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the hands of Mr. Archart. Mrs. Archart and children were away from home, spending the holiday season with relatives. The flames spread rapidly and practically everything was lost. The loss is estimated at \$2000, with insurance of \$1200 on the house and \$300 on the contents.

Why Raw Pork Causes Illness

The disease known as trichinosis, which may result from eating raw pork is caused by certain round worms, called trichinae. These are microscopic in size and infest the flesh of hogs. The prevalence of trichinae in hogs is indicated by the fact that during nine years, 1898-1906, when the carcasses of hogs were inspected microscopically by Federal inspectors, of 8,000,000 carcasses so inspected 1.41 per cent contained living trichinae and 1.16 per cent contained trichinallike bodies or disintegrating trichinae. In other words, and in round numbers, trichinae were present in 1 out of 71 hogs, and, in the presence of dead trichinae and trichinallike bodies is included, in 1 out of every 39 hogs.

Unlike many other infectious diseases, the severity of an attack of trichinosis depends upon the number of parasites swallowed. Large quantities of slightly infested pork must be eaten in order to produce sporadic effects. If severe illness follows the eating of a small amount of the meat, the pork must have been heavily infested. In about 1,200 American cases of trichinosis the most frequent sources of infection reported were raw sausage, 15 cases; raw ham, 23; raw pork (kind of product not specified), 135. To avoid trichinosis, no form of pork in the raw state, including dried or smoked sausages and hams, should be eaten. All pork used as food should be cooked thoroughly. If this is done the value or wholesomeness of the meat for food purposes is not impaired by the fact that the parasites were present.

According to specialists of the department, trichinae die when subjected to a temperature of about 143 degrees F. All products containing pork which are prepared to be sold as cooked products in establishments operating under Federal meat inspection are required to be cooked sufficiently to insure a temperature high enough to destroy trichinae throughout all portions of the meat.--U. S. Dept. Agriculture.

Eastern States in Grip of Storm

Washington, Dec. 29--Snow and sleet crippled wire communication throughout the East. The storm moved north over Louisiana, gained in force during the night and today was central over the Ohio valley.

Rain, sleet and snow were falling throughout most of the eastern part of the country and as the storm moves north these conditions will prevail tonight and Thursday in the region of the Great Lakes, Northern New York and Northern N-w England. Rains have been general throughout the Gulf South Atlantic and Middle Atlantic states, being heavy in the East Gulf states. Tomorrow, the Carolinas and

Druggists of Eugene Will Sell No Alcohol.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 29--After December 31 no alcohol can be bought in Eugene unless from an illegitimate source. Every druggist in the city has agreed not to sell alcohol under the prohibition law, and will, therefore, give no bond as required of those druggists who intend to sell alcohol after the first of the year.

The reason given by the Eugene druggists for failure to take out the bond of \$250 is that they do not desire to take chances of being prosecuted. After a careful study of the prohibition law, they have decided that it is their endeavor to obey it, although technically guilty.

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LEGAL BLANKS

We have on hand for sale the following blanks viz: Lease; Mortgages; Bill of Sale; Agreements; Warranty Deeds; Quit Claim Deeds; Chattel Mortgage; Acknowledgments; Real Estate contract; Location Notice--Placer; Location Notice--Quartz; Satisfaction of Mortgage; Real Estate Agents Contract; At reasonable prices. We intend adding other blanks as fast as possible until the line is complete. Blanks of special form printed to order at short notice JACKSONVILLE POST.

O. A. C. FARMERS' AND HOME-MAKERS' WEEK AND RURAL LIFE CONFERENCES January 3 to 8, 1916 Live Information, Practical Help for the Home the Farm, the Community. Conventions of Oregon's Great Industries Confer with Oregon's Most Vital Problems LECTURES--DEMONSTRATIONS--EXHIBITIONS--ENTERTAINMENTS Two thousand people attended last year. It is a great place to study, to talk, to work, to think, and live through good workers, and good work. WINTER SHORT COURSE January 10 to February 4, 1916 A Practical Agricultural Course in a Hot Shell. Applied Science in Actual Work of the Farm and Household. Courses in FRUIT RAISING, FARM CROPS, SOILS, STOCK RAISING, DAIRY WORK, POLTERY RAISING, GARDENING, COOKING, SEWING, HOUSEHOLD ARTS, HOME KEEPING, BUSINESS METHODS, ROAD BUILDING, PAPER ENGINEERING, RURAL ORGANIZATIONS, MARKETING. Correspondence Courses Without Tuition. Expert Instruction in Music. Reduced railroad rates. For program write to The College Exchange, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. (19-15) to (1-1)

Traveling Salesman Held to Circuit Court.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 28--O. J. Bihn, a Seattle candy drummer who was arrested here Friday charged with larceny of \$100 worth of confections, is in the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail imposed.