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WE WISH all the readers of the Post a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May 1917 be the best year in your life, and may we all be able to cope with every adverse incident or condition which may confront us during the coming year.

Good Resolutions

I will try to be a lifter, not a leaner; an encourager, never a discourager; lighten and share other people's sorrows; start songs and rejoicings, not complainings; make the world a little sweeter place to live in; keep in mind the will of God; make sunshine in life's shady places; see the bright side of everything; be clean in mind and body, working patiently, industriously and honestly for a living; earning a spotless character, so that I can look up, not down, and meet death's coming with a fearless smile; endeavor not to run away from my weaknesses, but bravely fight them out; be glad of life; have hope and faith in everybody; try to live without hate, jealousy, temper and envy; avoid speaking critically and bitterly, repeating only the good I hear; love because I must, give because I can keep; doing for the joy of it; cheerful in disappointments, charitable toward the erring and fallen; protect helpless animals; do as I would be done by; smile more and frown less.

Cold Wave At San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 28. The coldest day of the winter was experienced here today. Forecaster G. H. Wilson announced that the thermometer registered 38 degrees at 5 a. m.

HOP GROWER IS DEAD

Independence, Dec. 26.—W. W. Percival, well-known citizen of Polk county died at his home here of cancer of the stomach. He was a hop grower, prominent in politics as a republican and leader of the anti-prohibition forces.

Wear Overcoats To Keep Beds Warm

Dillon, Mont., Dec. 28.—To be forced to go to bed with all clothes on, including an overcoat, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in order to keep warm was the experience of many Dillon people yesterday as a result of the shortage of coal. Dealers here promise no remedy, but believe that the coal famine will grow more acute.

Once in a while you meet a man of original thoughts.

Notice To Creditors

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY. In the matter of the Administration of the estate of Henry Wendt, Sr., a deceased person.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, heretofore duly made and entered in the above entitled court and matter, has been appointed and now is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the estate of the above named decedent.

All creditors and persons having claims against said decedent or his estate are hereby required and notified to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at her residence at Jacksonville in Jackson County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Date hereof and of the first publication hereof is December 23, 1916.
MARY WENDT
Administratrix of the estate of Henry Wendt, Sr.
H. K. Hanna
Attorney for estate.

Not Alone on New Year.
Of course it is customary to make New Year's day the day of new resolutions, but there is no particular reason why we should confine this work to this one day in the year. In fact, the very best resolution we can make on New Year's day is to resolve that during the coming year we will use every endeavor to make each day a day of self-improvement; that not a single day shall pass upon which we have not attempted to speak a good word or do a kind deed for somebody; that not a day shall pass upon which we will not try to weed out some of the tares and blemishes of character that now offend others or some of the bad habits that offend even ourselves.

Pay Up Day In China.
At the Chinese New Year the houses and other buildings are decked with flowers, and the streets are thronged with people, who come out to buy provisions, new clothes and gifts. One good New Year custom in China is that of settling up all debts before the old year has died out. A Chinaman who allows the New Year to dawn before he has settled with his creditors feels himself disgraced.

The New Year Dawns.
The new year dawns, the sun shines strong and clear, and all the world rejoices and is gay. The city loving birds from spray to spray fit busily and twitter in my ear. Their little frozen note of wintry cheer. From ruddy children with the snow at play. Ring peals of laughter gladder than in May. While friend greets friend with "Happy be thy year!"
—Louise Chandler Moulton.

How a Beaver Can Work.
A young beaver in Regent's park gardens, London, was once placed at work upon a tree twelve feet long and two feet six inches thick just as the town clocks sounded the hour of noon. The beaver began by barking the tree a foot above the ground. That done, he attacked the wood. He worked hard, alternating his labor with dips in his bathing pond. He bathed and labored alternately until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he ate his supper of bread and carrots and paddled about in his pond until half past 5 o'clock. Ten minutes later, when only one inch of the tree's diameter remained intact, he bore upon his work, and the tree fell. Before it fell the beaver ran as men run when they have fired a blast. Then as the tree lay on the ground he portioned it out mentally and again began to gnaw. He worked at intervals all night, cut the log into three parts, rolled two of the portions into the water and reserved the other third for his permanent shelter. The work done, he took a bath.

Waterton's Climb.
The steeplejack's ability to keep his head and feet while working on a "top" which is a ledge three feet wide between abysses 500 feet deep is a gift. Like the poet, the steeplejack is born, not made. Charles Waterton, the naturalist, had the gift and would have adorned the profession—the only one into which men do not drift.

When on a visit to Rome, Waterton determined to rival the feats of the Italian climbers who yearly scaled the dome of St. Peter's and the pinnacles of the castle of St. Angelo, to illuminate their summits on the feast of St. Peter. Eighty men used to climb the dome on two successive nights, and the boldest completed the spectacle by crowning the cross with a waving torch of fire. Each night's show was sold, on the average, to cost a man's life. Waterton scaled the dome by daylight and left his glove upon the vane.—Los Angeles Times.

Helping the Clock.
"Aha!" said the head clerk. "I'm glad to notice that you're arriving punctually now, Mr. Slocumbe."
"Yes, sir. I've bought a parrot."
"A parrot? What on earth for? I told you to get an alarm clock."
"Yes; I did. But after a day or two I got used to it, and it didn't wake me. So I got the parrot. And now when I go to bed I fix the alarm clock and put the parrot's cage on top of it. When the alarm goes off it startles the parrot, and what that bird says would wake up anybody."—London Fun.

Inconsistent.
"I hear you were arrested for speeding."
"Yes. The judge was a friend of mine."
"You were in luck."
"Not at all. It's true he inquired politely about my health, but when I said I was feeling well he assumed a duo that made me sick."—Exchange.

FUN on NEW YEAR'S EVE

ALTHOUGH many of the old customs have been dropped and almost forgotten, New Year's parties are not out of date. A nice one is a pantomime of an enchanted girl.

A damp sheet must be fastened up across the room or between the folding doors of the parlor. First fasten the corners of the sheet, next the center of each of the four sides in order that the cloth may be perfectly smooth; then place a lighted candle on the floor about four or five feet from the center of the curtain. When the lights in the room occupied by the company are turned out shadows of the actors behind the curtain may be seen on the wall. Some one, standing outside the room and facing the audience, should relate the story of the play—of how a young girl while walking out on the last day of October meets Halloween, who presents her with three gifts to try her fortune, and how, when she is about to do so, a witch enchants her, etc. After the story is finished and a lively overture has been performed on some musical instrument the pantomime is played as follows:

Halloween Appears.
The young girl personating the enchanted one comes gaily forward from the side. When almost across the curtain she meets Halloween, who approaches from the opposite side, arrayed in a short dress, with wings made of newspaper folded fan fashion and fastened on the shoulders. In her hand she carries a cane with a silhouette of a cat or two or three stars and a crescent cut of stiff brown paper and pasted on the end.

Halloween shows the maiden three gifts—an apple, a hand mirror and an unlighted candle. Instead of the mirror a crystal ball may be used.



Seeking the Future in the Crystal Ball.

Before presenting them she illustrates by gestures the use to be made of each. Holding the mirror or globe in front of her face, she bites the apple, then looks quickly around, as if expecting to see some one, and, again holding up the mirror or globe in one hand and the candle in the other, she takes a few steps backward. When a boy or young man enters by jumping over the light, which gives the appearance of his having fallen from the sky, Halloween looks around, and the boy or man quickly disappears.

All this time the girl stands transfixed with her hands raised and all the fingers spread out in astonishment. She receives the presents, which are given with many nods and gestures.

The Old Witch Enters.
As the maiden then takes up the apple and mirror or globe her hand is stayed by a witch with flowing hair, who has approached unperceived, carrying under one arm a broom and wearing on her head an ordinary hat with a piece of newspaper rolled up and pinned on to form a peaked crown.

The poor girl looks anxiously around and discovers she has been enchanted, for there are three girls instead of one. This effect is produced by two more lighted candles being placed on the floor on either side of the first candle. The candles are removed, and the Old Year, an old man, instantly appears.

Discovering him quickly, the girl runs forward to tell her sorrows and finds that it is only when alone that she is enchanted, for when she attempts to point out her other selves they have disappeared. Making many guesses, she looks here and there for them, but in vain. Then as the Old Year leaves she bids him a sorrowful adieu.

The Little New Year.
Immediately little New Year enters, crowned with a paper star and wearing wings of paper. The young girl rushes to meet the New Year with a hearty greeting. She then tells him of her enchantment and kneels down, and the little New Year raises both hands above her head, then, kissing his hand to the maiden, departs.—Nellie F. Morris in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

New Year Greetings:

Again the Great Clock of Years has gone slowly round the Dial Plate of Time and the gilded hands point to the figures 1917.

We take this opportunity to extend to our friends and patrons our best wishes for a Happy and prosperous New Year.

May 1917 be the best year of all: may its blessings enter into your vocations and extend to your family and may health and good cheer be your lot during its every day, and may we realize before its close that "The World is Growing Better."

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New Year Chimes

By MINNA IRVING
Stop thief!
The old year goes
O'er the drifted snows,
And the gray old year hath brought me grief.
He hath stolen the bud and the dancing leaf,
And the dear little robin that used to sing
At my window sill in the balmy spring,
And the rapturous kisses my lover gave.
He hath hidden him, too, in a narrow grave,
Deep down from the light of the broad, blue sky,
And so through the rush of my tears I cry:
"Stop thief!"
As the old year goes
O'er the drifted snows,
For the gray old year hath brought me grief.
All hail!
The new year comes
With the beat of drums
And clangor of bells in the windy vale.
He bringeth the song of the nightingale,
And, what if his robe is fringed with snow,
The April buds on his bosom blow.
He sendeth a new love unto me
From an ancient country across the sea,
And far to the south we will sail away
Through the purple dusk of a summered May.
All hail!
The new year comes
With the beat of drums
And music of bells in the wintry vale.



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Home Rule For All Of Ireland is Proposed

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian. New proposals which are being considered provide for something in the nature of equal representation for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish parliament. Home rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions, which do not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

Water Rates Are Cut One Third At Albany

Albany, Dec. 27.—The Oregon Power company inaugurated a 33 1-3 per cent reduction in water rates for Albany consumers yesterday. The minimum rate was formerly \$1.50 a month and the new rate will be \$1 a month, but applies to consumers who are on a meter basis only.

Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of Nov. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	58	41	
2	64	41	
3	65	45	
4	58	38	.61
5	48	31	.08
6	45	37	.72
7	49	34	
8	47	30	
9	50	29	
10	49	33	
11	44	28	
12	41	20	
13	50	23	
14	56	24	
15	54	24	
16	57	24	
17	45	24	
18	43	33	
19	40	27	17
20	47	24	
21	50	28	
22	50	35	
23	45	30	
24	38	54	
25	46	32	1.06
26	46	35	.46
27	48	38	.42
28	43	30	
29	46	28	
30	48	28	
31			3.52

Temperature—mean max. 48.93; mean min. 30.60; mean 39.76. Max 66 on 3. Minimum, 20, on 12. Greatest daily range, 32. Total precipitation 3.52 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 1.06 in., on 25. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 7, clear, 14; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy, 19.
Precipitation for season, 37.8
Precipitation for last season, 37.8
E. BRITT,
Cooperative Observer
Many a man who pretends to be looking for work looks the wrong way.