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## OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

Here we are fairly started on 1919. The salutation of "Happy New Year" has just ceased ringing in your ears, and your New Year's resolutions are all made and in order.

Perhaps you have made up your mind to be more kindly this year; perhaps you have determined to be more economical; maybe on the contrary you have resolved to be more generous; possibly more industrious.

These, whatever they may be, are the individual good qualities which you wish to gain. But there is one quality which we shall every one of us need very much through 1919, and that is patience.

We have just come to the end of a great war, for which we have all borne deprivations and made sacrifices, and naturally we are all very anxious to see the conditions of peace restored exactly as they used to be.

But this will be a matter of time. It has taken time and infinite effort to prepare the country for war, and life will not lapse into its old lines in a moment.

It will take time to bring our army home. It will take time for inflated war prices to go down to normal level. There will have to be slow readjustment of every kind, possibly some change in wages, and this cannot be hurried. We must continue to conserve food for starving Europe until the next harvest. There will be a Victory loan, for our men must be supplied as hitherto until the army is completely mustered out.

The problems of the government will be many and serious, and we must not expect impossibilities.

Now shall we all resolve to meet these conditions with the utmost patience? All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary same sign. Resolution carried, unanimously.

Patience shall be our watchword for 1919.

And say, what has happened to a certain Billious Sunday? Someone must accept the credit for ending the war and forcing the Kaiser to change his views. Surely so able a body as our Rev. William who has turned so many thousands of men from their old tactics, will not let the laurel pass when there is only one, outcast, penitent dutchman in question. Perhaps Billy, though, shuns the oddity of having to publicly observe that a fellow possessing such a grand and upright non de plume as William needs assistance to place his oxfords on the gates-ajar-path.

Some men don't aspire to become great because they fancy that greatness begets enemies. Better a plodder in the over-crowded, ever-inhabited rut with a companion here and there than a tall slim pedestal with a plush cushion to sit on and instruments of critical destruction aiming from every direction at your knowledge warehouse, think some. But it is only common to believe that when a man prepares to snooze out his days under the wheels of the successful, or in the rut, he is his own enemy, and what are all the bad wishers in the world compared to your own enemy?

And with all the humorous recollections of the humble dainty—the Nut—we must from now on look upon its shelly skin as a two-fold forethought of the Creator. Firstly, to protect the kernel in the nut; secondly, to protect privates and Colonels from the gas escapades of another specie of Nuts found betwixt the Rhine and the Baltic Sea.

A western automobile club has pledged itself to buy no German-made goods for seven years. We ourselves are quite ready to abstain from all German-made goods for seventy years. Before that time we trust that we shall require only goods made in heaven.

Moreover, the hitherto insignificant copper has stepped on the top round of the ladder of public notice. Even the popular nickel cannot pass for much these days without his smooth-rimmed sidekick—the penny.

Situation Wanted—A gentleman named Mars, just now out of employment, wants work; held last position for over four years; can give excellent references as to ability and industry. Thoroughly familiar with French and Belgian territory. Understands working with high explosives.

Many activities ceased with the war, but the Red Cross stays on the job.

May 1919 bring the world Happiness, Prosperity and Love.

## OH, YOU EDITOR.

By A. C. Vernon.

I have shoats, weaned pigs and sows for sale.

They're all good stuff for they have been raised on kale. And all at once I got a hunch that I'd better advertise the bunch.

So I go to town to see the man thinking he will help me all he can.

And when I show him my ad he seems to be awful glad. He tells me how much mon it will take.

And I have to give my jeans an awful rake, but I managed to find it and said, Here.

With outstretched hands said Thank you, my dear, Now if it wasn't so dry I could

buy a beer And in the corner of his eye I could see a tear.

But I thought he would live through it.

So for home I made a hit. I forgot about my ad until the paper come.

And then I thought That's surely going some,

For the way the editor had changed that little ad.

He surely had it pretty bad.

For right there in plain print Where everybody could take a squint.

Said, My sows, shoats and weaned pigs would farrow in March.

And I tell you right now, that made my lips parch, And so I thought I'd make enough my biz.

To let you know the mistake was his.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Cacalia Nielke—Editor

Mr. Horton, the new teacher, who has the position vacated by Mrs. Peary, began his duties Tuesday morning.

Mr. Weeks reports the Commercial Department doing very satisfactory work. He has just completed making up his six weeks record of the grades of the students and on the whole they are very good.

A letter and a packet of Christmas cards came to the school during the holidays from Mr. Ford in France. There was a card for each of the grade rooms, these being hand made, beautifully embroidered in many colors on white silk. There was also one for each of the classes in high school and one for the student body. The teachers and pupils are planning various ways of answering these. The members of the seventh and eighth grades will each write an individual letter. In Mrs. Humphrey's room the children will compose a letter, each writing something of interest, and then Mrs. Humphreys will copy it for them.

The grade teachers report that very few pupils are absent since the holidays. In some of the rooms every pupil came back. All said they enjoyed their vacation and were ready for good earnest work until the end of the term. Unless another "flu" epidemic comes there should be no interruption in the work until school closes next spring.

Mrs. Creech had a very pretty sand chart arranged for her little enthusiasts for the Christmas season. On the chart was a little red house all covered with imitation snow. Coming towards the house in the deep, deep snow was old Saint Nick all bundled in his sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer. Mrs. Creech is planning another very interesting scene, and this time will have an Eskimo chart.

The seventh and eighth grades have taken up the study of intermediate tones in music, under the direction of Mrs. Lau.

The second grade will finish their readers this week and will then begin entirely new ones. They are very anxious to begin and are looking forward very much to their new books.

Francis Henry Vaughn, a resident of the Lyons district for the past 25 years, died at the Salem hospital on December 24.

Mr. Vaughn had recently undergone an operation and seemed to be gaining, but complications set in and he passed away on the above date.

Deceased was 68 years old and had lived in his neighborhood continuously since coming to Oregon from his birthplace at Addison, New York.

He was a man well liked, kind and affectionate, and hospitable to a marked degree.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in Stayton and burial was at Fox Valley on Dec. 26, with Rev. Warren officiating.

The funeral was in charge of the Pingo undertaking parlors, who went to Salem and brought the body here for burial.

## G. W. De Jardin Writes From France

St. Jean De Monde, Vendee France, Nov. 27, 1918.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Luthy: Well now that the war is over the censorship has been loosened up to a certain extent and we boys are permitted to tell the folks back home what we have been doing over here.

I'm attached to a squadron as an airplane armorer. An armorer's work consists of keeping the machine guns mounted on the planes in first class shape and in working order.

These guns must absolutely be in working order at all times, because, if a plane should engage in battle with an enemy plane and the gun would jam or refuse to shoot, the pilot and the gunner's



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life would be in great danger, as they would have no way to defend themselves.

When this does happen and they return to the airdromes, you can bet your life you'll have some calling down coming to you.

Most every plane has two guns on it and some have as high as six or seven; they shoot about 700 to 800 times per minute each and can be speeded up to 1400 or 1500 shots per minute.

Another interesting thing about these guns are that they are synchronized. By synchronizing we time the gun so as to shoot between the propeller blades of the plane; it is timed to a small fraction of a second. You can see for yourself how closely it is timed when the propeller makes 1200 to 2000 revolutions per minute and have the gun shoot between these blades as they turn around.

The sights on the fighting planes are operated automatically although they are not accurate, but they do give you a good idea how to fire. Of course a person has to consider the speed the enemy plane is traveling, also your own speed. The sights take care of that approximately.

On the bombing planes the sights are altogether different. Three things are considered in bombing: First, ground speed; second, altitude; third, windage. These sights are really a clever piece of work, the French sight especially.

All in all, it is very interesting work. We see and learn new things every day.

Well, I could write a whole book on this stuff if I wanted to, but we will have to leave a little to talk about when we get back to the states, which will be soon.

I have spoken to some of the French soldiers and they tell me that the battle of Chateau Thierry was the greatest battle of the war and that if it hadn't been for the Americans there they would have lost everything. Now they think the world and all of the Americans here and they sure treat us nice.

I hope the time is short when you will see me back in Stayton again. We have won the war, now the only thing we have to look forward to is going home.

G. W. De Jardin.  
Ordinance Armament School,  
A. E. F., France.

## UNION HILL NOTES.

C. C. Carter and wife were out city callers Saturday.

W. H. Mollet and family were trading with Stayton merchants Monday.

Joe Lincoln made a business trip to Silverton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rabens, daughter Dora and son Elmer visited Sunday at the E. C. Carter home.

Mr. M. M. Gilmour made a business trip to Stayton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carter spent Sunday at the W. H. Mollet home.

The Walluga Club met Friday with Mrs. Chas. Peters, the time was spent in working for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Williams of West Stayton is visiting at the W. Neal home.

Wayne Ashby was a Stayton visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bower spent Thursday evening at the W. H. Rabens home.

Ralph Mollet made a business trip to Stayton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lincoln spent Sunday with home folks in Silverton.

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## MT. PLEASANT ITEMS.

Corporal Tony Laux of Camp Lewis and Miss Mamie Laux of Albany spent Christmas week at the H. Senz home.

Miss Effie Ray returned home from McMinnville Wednesday.

Bessie Townes of Pendleton is visiting at the Mrs. Roxie Shank home.

Linn Lambert and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brennen and daughter spent Christmas day at the P. H. Lambert home.

Mrs. Roxie Shank and family and V. Downing and son Harry were entertained at Christmas dinner at Lee Downing's.

Max and Lee Shelton and David Aczter Jr. spent Christmas day at W. R. Ray's.

Mrs. Roxie Shank and family entertained Miss Mamie Laux of Albany, Miss Hazel Lambert and Messrs. Corporal Tony Laux and Charley Lambert at a dinner Thursday evening.

Corporal Selmer Brown and wife of Aumsville are visiting at

Lee Downing's this week. Corporal Brown returned recently from Fort Harrison, Ind., where he has been for the past five months.

The Ed. Eberleardt home was a scene of merriment Wednesday evening, where a large crowd of young folks spent the evening dancing and various games.

Miss Mamie Laux, Frank and Corporal Tony Laux and Arnold Senz called at the Mrs. Roxie Shank home Wednesday eve.

G. H. Ray, H. R. Shank and wife and son and Arnold Senz and Frank Laux were Sunday visitors at Mrs. Roxie Shanks'.

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