

Excursion Rates.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 24, 1902.
 Editor Crook County Journal.
 Dear Sir:—
 As you are doubtless aware, the National Livestock Association holds its next annual meeting in Kansas City, January 13-16th inclusive. Oregon wants the convention to meet with them in Portland in 1904, and with this in view a strong delegation will attend the Kansas City meeting for the purpose of securing this date for Portland. We have been assured by stockman from various sections of the United States and Canada that they would gladly consider such a proposition, and we believe an earnest co-operative effort would succeed in inducing such action on their part.

In order to be properly equipped for this contest we desire as large representation from Oregon as it may be possible to secure, and knowing your interest in these matters and desire to further the welfare of our state, and believing that you fairly appreciate the importance of bringing this large convention of representative business men to Oregon, have to ask that you will place the matter before your readers in such a manner as shall procure their attendance on this occasion.

The railroads have made a rate of \$60 from Portland, \$55 from Pendleton, to Kansas City and return, tickets good for thirty days. A side trip has been arranged from Kansas City to New Orleans, via Memphis, at a cost of \$15 for the round trip.

Those wishing to attend should notify me as early as possible, stating whether or not they require sleeping car space, in order that same may be provided. If you are in hearty accord with this movement will you not kindly give us your co-operation.

Yours very truly,
 C. J. MELLE, Secretary.

Bonanza in Salt.

W. H. McCall, who has been hauling stock salt from his salt marsh to Bailey & Massingill and Ayers, Withworth & Ayers, has a veritable bonanza in the salt business, says the Lakeview Examiner. He has taken about 260,000 pounds of salt off his salt marsh this year, and expects to take off 100,000 more yet this fall. There is very little cost in getting the salt. Three men can pile up 100,000 pounds in a week, and then all there is to be done is to sack, weigh and haul to market. The salt is delivered to Lakeview for 14 cents. In an ordinary year 500,000 pounds can be taken off the marsh, and in a dry year there is much more. Last year there was estimated to be fully 800,000 pounds. The salt marsh has been known and used by the Lake stockmen for a dozen years, and it was only last year that Mr. McCall filed on the marsh. The salt is much better and purer than that usually found in salt marshes, as the little lake is fed by salt springs. Six gallons of the water when boiled, will make four gallons of fine pure table salt. Mr. Hays will put up a small evaporating plant next season, and if it works satisfactorily will put up a large plant and furnish this whole section with salt. The stock salt is much better taken out in large chunks as it forms in the bottom of the lake when the water evaporates in the summer.

Mr. McCall thinks his salt marsh is worth more to him than his stock ranch, including his 2000 head of sheep. It certainly is.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Adamson & Winnek Co. Trial bottles free.

Two Resolutions That Failed

By ELISA ARMSTRONG BENGOUGH.

YOU were going to give your husband a lovely surprise for New Year's; do tell me how it turned out!" said the bride's friend. "Did you carry out your intention?"

"I did, and I can safely say that I will never give him another surprise as long as I live. You see, he had resolved not to lose his temper or complain about anything about the house for the entire year. I was so pleased that I wanted to do something awfully nice in return. Finally, I decided to become a model housekeeper, and, by way of showing the depth of my resolve, I decided to cook his New Year's dinner myself."

"H'm, perhaps it was as well that he did resolve to keep his temper for an



"I've Resolved Not to Lose My Temper."

entire year. Fudge and angel's food are not very filling for a hungry man."
 "Fudge and angel's food—the idea! I decided on a menu of six courses, and spent ten days in looking up the recipes for it and studying them. Unfortunately, the exertion made me so tired that I became mentally upset and was apt to confuse a recipe for Italian cream with one for creamed lobster, and they are very, very different. However, when New Year's day really came and Harry said that he must spend the greater part of it at the office going over his accounts, I felt that success was sure."
 "By the way, haven't you a good cook? And didn't you let her help and advise you?"

"She wanted to, but I told her that she needed a holiday and must take it while I got the dinner. She then confessed that she didn't want to go out because her bean was coming to see her and would be offended if she was out. I told her that made no difference; that what you did on New Year's day you did the year round and if she did not work on that day she would doubtless be married to a millionaire and living a life of luxurious idleness within six months."
 "Humph. Did she go then?"

"She did. Then I set to work, and, oh, how I did work, but somehow nothing was—well, quite like the pictures in the household magazines. The odor of things burning, too, became so strong that the man from next door—a perfect stranger—came over to see if the house was on fire and if he could be of any use."
 "Well, luckily, you could air the whole place thoroughly before Harry came home."

"I did. By noon I had cooked enough to feed a regiment—dinner was to be at three—but somehow it did not seem very appetizing, so I decided to have only four courses; that was a more economical dinner for a young couple anyway. When Harry arrived, promptly at three, I was all ready and trying to look as if I felt cool and hide the two burned and one cut finger. I had decided that three courses were enough for anybody save a glutton, by that time."
 "Well, I am sure that everything was very nice."

"H'm—well, it was not quite perfect; I had forgotten to stuff the chickens and I had put salt in the cranberries instead of sugar, but that was mere detail, for the table looked lovely with all my best linen, embroideries, silver, glass and china on it. As I wanted to surprise him thoroughly, I did not tell him that I had cooked it myself—I meant to tell him that at the very last."
 "As a sort of postscript to the dessert. How nice!"

"H'm. Well, though he had said he was wildly hungry, he did not eat—just played with things. He kept starting to speak, too, and then shutting his mouth tight without saying a word. Something was wrong with the coffee, though I had put in twice as much as the cook book said. As he set down his cup, well, rather more forcefully than was quite necessary, he said: 'Well, dear, it is New Year's day, and I have resolved not to lose my temper for an entire year, but I must say one thing: the girl who cooked that dinner must be dismissed before to-morrow's sun is up. A woman who would give a hungry man underdone chicken, overdone potatoes and asbestos pie, would be capable of murdering us in our beds!'"
 "Oh, well, you need never tell him that you cooked that dinner."
 "I didn't tell him, but he undertook to discharge the cook, and she did!"

As the Old Year Fades.

No, you needn't call me early, needn't call me, mother dear, I'll know without your waking me that 'tis the old New Year. For every whistle in the town will blow from it to I. And boys with dead-clung horns, mother, will trot a few for me.
 —Chicago Tribune.

Making Them Comfortable.

Corn—Oh, papa, why have you moved the sofa out into the middle of the room?
 Papa—I thought you would want it there, since you have hung the mistletoe on the chandelier.—Town Topics.

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