

The New Year.

During slumber's quiet cheer  
An unheeded watch is kept,  
'Tis the end and beginning of year,  
With flying moments fleet.

With cherished memory sublime,  
Far reaching elements of power  
The gateway of unheeded time  
Opening at the midnight hour.

With frosty pinions snapping  
During weariness of night,  
While in infinite spaces shining  
Are the brilliant stars of night.

Evidence of majesty and might,  
Midst misty darkness fraught,  
While in the open door of night  
Is Nature's fullness wrought.

With angels of mercy striven,  
Measuring immensity and birth,  
And the Lord's of host or heaven  
Stirring the pulseless earth.

A slight mimicry of sound  
Quite unlike the lion's roar,  
While species of Nature abound  
Upon open sea and rocky shore.

And we think I hear them near,  
Or the crackling of the lever,  
'Tis the knell of a departed year,  
Gone, gone from earth forever.

Virtually lost to the human soul,  
Yet momentarily the watchers take  
A silken thread from Nature's scroll  
For another seam to make.

While millions scarcely know  
When the silent stroke is made  
So oft the hours do pass and go  
During rush of life's parade.

Still sweeping by unrestrained  
Are moments for strength or pleas-  
ure,  
Busy world with wisdom framed  
The home of man forever.

Sturdy changes beyond control,  
While winter bells do chime,  
A stitch in Nature's roll  
To designate the shift of time.

Cheney.

HOTSHOT AND OTHER THINGS.

Nelson on Socialism, and in Support of a United Democracy.

Mr. Editor—Allow me to express my surprise at being bombarded by nearly a column in the Courier of the 8th inst. from the pen of W. W. Myers in defense of Socialism.

Judging from the tenor of his article he must be laboring under a heavy load in imagination or in reality. Knowing the gentleman personally, I cannot think it is real, so must conclude it merely exists in the mind. This being the case I can truly say that I sympathize with him.

Not being a man who cares to pry into the affairs of my neighborhood yet, I have every reason to believe Mr. Myers is a well-to-do citizen—possessing a good farm and other property. With all this he is not satisfied.

Now the answer to this question will be sufficient to answer another where he asks for my idea of the cause. Well, if he had studied his bible as thoroughly as he has the "Appeal to Reason" he would have discovered that, "man that born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble," his inclinations and affections being of a selfish nature; which is the natural condition of all mankind. It matters not if you change our present system of government and establish Socialism, you will utterly fail to eradicate that selfish principle we inherit by nature. This point is so clear and self-evident as to require no proof.

Again, can you hope to make a paradise of earth by establishing Socialism? Where would all the corrupt Republicans and a few Democratic congressmen be, if not in the Socialist party? For one, I do not think it prudent to keep one party in power too long. Republicans only smile to see this division in our efforts. Come, let us join hands and out these vampires that are making us sweat and grieve.

Mr. Nelson has been reached—the lascivious grapes and the land that flows with milk and honey, have been seen—the dark and dreary wilderness of disappointed hopes, wherein we suffered, and made wiser, lies behind us—and a Joshua in due time, will take command. We are nearing the Jordan. Once over its turbulent waters, we propose to take the land by laying siege to Jericho and occupying the White House after the 4th of March, 1905. Verily, can we count on you? "United we stand—divided we fall."

N. F. NELSON.

Mark Hanna's Sentiment

And District of Roosevelt Are Growing All Over the Country.

[Washington Cor. Chicago Chronicle.]

Hanna sentiment is growing enormously all over the country. Republicans everywhere, who feel that it would be an irreparable blunder to nominate Roosevelt, are refusing to accept the Ohio Senator's declaration as final. Hanna sentiment developed in the recent Republican love feast at Indianapolis to such an extent that it required something akin to main strength to keep it in the background.

The President is beginning to realize the depth and sincerity of the opposition to himself in the Republican party. He is beginning to understand that impetuosity, strenuousness and spectacular methods that are not guaranteed by scrupulous fair dealing with all men can be a distinct cause of weakness.

This phase of Mr. Roosevelt's activities is largely responsible for the hostility of Republican Senators to himself and his administration. At first they were disposed to forget and forgive upon the general ground that the President was impetuous and impatient of restraint, but when practically the same thing was repeated in the cases of other appointments they lost their tempers.

And their feelings were not assuaged when they read in leading magazines and other periodicals stories of how the President had chastised haughty and presuming Senators. The writers were nearly always men who were known to belong to the inside coterie of the President's very large literary circle of friends and advisers. They quoted scraps of dialogues between the President and unnamed Senators, which were easily recognized as accurate, taking care to use only those exchanges which reflected the greatest glory upon the president and the least upon the Senators. Where and how were these conversations obtained? Ask the Senators.

Agency Plain.

Christmas and New Year's have come and gone and are numbered with the things of the past. The wedding bells were chiming during these merry times and the extreme cold of Eastern Oregon made the bells sound very fine. To our surprise Miss Izra Long was joined in matrimony to Mr. George Hurt. They are now making themselves happy on their homestead on the West Side of the Plains which is a lovely spot to spend their future days. The Plains would be better off with more such young men as Mr. Hurt is doing away with these old bachelors who are getting more numerous than the coyotes.

The sad, strong arms of Death came stealing over this beautiful country and took away a beloved mother from the home of Mr. Gard. Mrs. Catharine Gard. The departed one leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss, as well as friends, who paid their last respects by laying her away to rest, and hope to meet her in a better world, if it be the Master's will. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. Branstetter and the burial was witnessed by a large congregation. She died at 7:14 a. m., December 31, and was buried Jan. 3, at 11 o'clock.

Following is the school report of district No. 72, Colton, Oregon:

No. of days taught, 19.  
No. of days' absence, 23.  
No. of times tardy, 3.  
Pupils who were neither absent nor tardy during the month are Nora and Mary Wright, Lena and Robert Putz, Bessie, Maggie and Promise Phillips, Archie and Nellie Bonney, Carlson, Ruby Countryman and Chester Trout.

Visitors during the month were Messrs. J. Wright, J. Putz, W. Bonney, A. Countryman, Alvy Clark and Miss Jessie Phillips.

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WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH MR. MYERS?

He Is After Somebody, But We Can't Tell Who.

To the Editor: In this friendly debate you seem to be afraid of losing your Pedro. I have the trumps up my sleeve. You just play him and see if I don't catch him.

You seem to think all that is necessary is to turn the rascals out. You have not proved to me that a system that would not make a rascal out of a Republican would not also make one out of a Democrat or a Socialist. Your argument—turn the rascals out is just about as stale as the Republican protective tariff cry—higher the tariff higher the wages.

If you will agree to remove the cause that makes rascals supercede the competition system by ushering in the cooperative commonwealth, we can join hands over the bloody chasm.

No, I don't believe all men dishonest at times, but I do say without truthful contradiction what makes one party corrupt will also make others corrupt. A good doctor will invariably seek the cause of a contagious disease and remove the same otherwise he would be accused of doctoring for revenue only.

Neither do I believe a corrupt system would make all honest men corrupt; neither would fever germs give all healthy men the fever but you should admit the germs ought to be removed for the safety of the human family.

What is the Democratic idea of doing away with the trust? Go back to the diversified competitive system—every man for himself, the devil takes the hindmost. We know the Republican idea stands pat with the trust. The Socialist say the government (the people) must own the trust. I am happy to read a letter from our old friend, Wm. Phillips.

He is one man I do not believe the dishonest germ would take a hold on, but his idea does not altogether agree with Governor Chamberlain on the Panama question, if his speech at the banquet was quoted right on the principle manufacturing companies has been superseded by the trust policy manufacturing company.  
W. W. MYERS.

Mr. Angel.

Well, our Christmas and New Year's dinner have settled, so will try and give you a few items from R. F. D. No. 1.

Bad colds are the order of the day on this line.

Our good looking mail carrier, Mr. Holmes, is going now on horse back with the mail, as the roads are on a strike. But we should not complain of the muddy roads. It is when we read of such horrors as the burning of the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago that we feel glad we are out here in Oregon, the land of mud.

Mrs. Annie Olsen starts tomorrow for Portland to visit friends.

Mrs. Edward Peterson entertained Mrs. Louis Melby, Mrs. Annie Olsen and Mrs. N. A. Olsen Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Phil Hasty visited her daughter, Mrs. Carlson, of Portland, a few days last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Minnie Powell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. R. Wright, of Scio, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shade Long, of Linn county, spent the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. Henry Long, of Marquam.

Miss Jennie Wornald received a gold watch and chain for a Christmas present from her brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Olsen spent Xmas with the former's mother, Mrs. M. E. Wright, of Cedar Dale, and while there they took in the Christmas tree at Colton.

Frank Jeorge and Miss Lew Jennings were married at the bride's home near Brownsville last Wednesday. The happy couple will arrive here today, where they will make their future home. Ye scribe joins in wishing them a long and happy voyage on the matrimonial sea. The boys are gathering up their tin cans and cowbells to welcome their home.

Misses Wilda Elliott and Tena Stewe will give a birthday dance to their many friends Friday evening at Thomson's hall at Neely Friday evening.  
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No. 11.

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