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OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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than the most valuable previous crop. The cotton crop was estimated to be worth \$306,000,000 less than that of 1913, but the others among the twelve great crops showed such an increase as to reduce the total falling off in value compared with 1913 to only \$21,000,000.

Steel has been recovering from depression, foreign sales having grown from the low level of August to a point beyond the average for the first six months of 1914. December orders showed a decided improvement over November and renewed demand for railroad and building materials has made manufacturers unwilling to take orders at present prices except for immediate delivery.

As to general business, Boston believes that for months to come the volume will be below normal, but that the period of disintegration has ended and that of reconstruction begun.

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The ease of the money market is such that the open market rate has declined more rapidly than the rediscount rate set by the reserve banks.

We are more likely to import than to export gold in the coming year. Our exports in the expired year showed the unprecedented total of \$200,000,000, but our balance of exports over imports of commodities is growing so fast as more than to offset our foreign debts.

The attention of the great pacifist, W. J. Bryan, is invited to the pacifying effect of American guns on the Turkish mob in Syria.

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It CAN'T BE DONE. The "wet" forces in the State of Washington have not yet learned that it is as true of direct legislation as it is of actual warfare that a divided army is more easily defeated than one which preserves its unity.

Several proposals have been made for eliminating some of the more drastic features of the new prohibition amendment in that state, and it is intended that the brewers and hoteliers will unite on one which, if adopted, will enable the breweries to exist and permit the hotels to serve liquors with meals, but will not save the saloons.

A special election with two such measures on the ballot would be a waste of money. It is obvious that the saloons and all the voters they could influence would vote against the prohibition measure.

The Senate has received a report from the Commerce Department showing that 101 foreign vessels of 381,078 gross tons had been admitted to coastwise trade since the new registry law between August 13 and December 12.

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Mr. Daniels glories in the achievements of aeroplanes at Vera Cruz and shows full realization of the possibilities of air craft as demonstrated in the war.

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Who will remain at large to run the state if all the Indiana politicians are imprisoned?

Fog disheartens the bomb-dropper, but enables him to get away.

Ode to the Departing Year

By Dean Collins.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky; Unto the wild wide world ring out; In tones insistent, clear and high!

Ring out, wild bells, till clangor piled On clangor, shakes the atmosphere. You have good reason to be wild

This gaffer Year's a shameless cuss, And riotous was his career. With woe and wailing, fuss— Ring them all out relentlessly;

Ring out, wild bells, the ancient Year; For he hath surely made us mad. Nineteen, it doth appear, Across the docket wand advance,

By us fellows, by jove, Sett'n' round the big stove, Than back there in Congress a thunder- 'n' sight.

"This 'ere prohibition," said Archibald Jones, In what you might designate spread-eagle tones, 'Is goin' to make the dry fellers discover

"Yer 'way off yer base," said Ezekiel Plumb, "There's plenty more things they kin do 'n' tax 'stead o' rum— There's 'exuries plenty the taxes kin hit

Then Editor White, as had come from town On a business mission to try to run down Some discontent subscribers, replied: "We have thought

Our thought-moulding medium, The Weekly Basoo, Where thousands gather the rich and the olden

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ALL ARE ENTITLED TO SAFETY

Government Which Fails to Protect Citizens on Border is Unworthy.

HOOVER RIVER, Or., Dec. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to say a few words in commendation in regard to Mr. Garrison's recent article relating to our present military establishment.

I wish in this communication to call particular attention to Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State, who seems to be the champion of a certain class of Americans who, for a passing foolish sentiment, flagrantly neglect to have

In 1900 Mr. Bryan went the length and breadth of the land of ours, crying out that the Secretary of State, who for an able man has been mustered out and taken places in the walks of civil life.

When Oliver Cromwell's great army was discharged many writers of that time predicted that the last of the soldiers would become a menace to the English people.

There is nothing of which the American people may justly feel proud. From this army came four Presidents of the United States and a long list of some of the most famous men of our age.

Mr. Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He was discharged from the army in 1865.

Lila Lester will go to Salem today and will read there on Thursday. We hope the people there will remember the Pacific Monthly, a magazine representative of the Pacific Northwest, striving to cultivate a worthy taste for home literature; and also that they will not forget to hear the reading of the editor's.

James O'Meara is retiring from the editorial charge of the Eugene City Review.

Alfred Wilson, of Yamhill County, raised a fine crop of potatoes the last season. We are informed that 100 pounds, nearly two bushels, were taken from the field. They are of the Red Kidney variety.

The public of Portland has had an opportunity the last two nights to witness the excellent acting of those distinguished artists, Mr. and Mrs. Kennel, and a remarkable performance of "Hamlet." The excellence of Miss Chapman and Messrs. Cathcart and Everett must also be acknowledged.

A regiment of Belgian grenadiers has volunteered for Mexico on condition that they are to form the body-guard of the Princess Charlotte of Belgium, now Empress of Mexico, and to be styled "Grenadiers de l'Impératrice."

The New Year's ball will be given at Pioneers' Hall Monday night, January 2. It promises to be the most brilliant social event of the season. The general managers are A. B. Richardson and William Vincent. The managers are E. G. Randall, L. C. Fuller, Joseph Buchtel, Captain J. H. Johnson, J. W. J. Pearson, George Amidon, Charles Andrews, D. H. Wilcox, John Burns (Salem), H. H. McCord and R. S. McLaughlin. The door manager will be W. M. Blain and H. H. Johnston.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, December 27, 1889. E. B. Albertson, City Attorney of Seattle, has received a very fine and valuable Christmas present from his father, Judge J. W. Albertson, of North Carolina. It consists of a commission granted by the President, grand-grandfather, Elias Albertson, by President George Washington, as Inspector of revenue for the Port of Newbiggin Creek, N. C., which was issued on March 8, 1792, and bears the autographs of George Washington and of Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State.

W. S. Grady, Jr., a brother of the late Henry W. Grady, editor of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, is now at Toledo, Or. He was an attorney and a clerk on the Siletz Reservation, having come to Oregon for his health. Like the great editor who died a few days ago, W. S. Grady, Jr., possesses marked journalistic ability.

At Corvallis last Saturday evening F. S. Crank, editor of the Corvallis Gazette, suffered a most peculiar stroke of paralysis. While he was talking with some friends about paralysis he was suddenly seized to totter and fall to the ground. He was unable to move a muscle. Medical attention was summoned quickly and it was some time before he could move to speak.

The employees of the Oregon Furniture Factory gathered at the office of the foreman, R. R. Ruppel, and presented him with a cane as a token of their esteem and in appreciation of his courtesy and fairness toward all of his employes.

A movement is on foot to start a popular athletic club in Portland with headquarters at the Mechanics' Pavilion. If W. J. Morgan receives sufficient encouragement, Professor Corvallis will step inside your store door to take charge of the club.

Charles Miller, who was reported in the Eugene City newspaper to be dead, is alive and well in Portland. He was in the mine in the Greenhorn Mountains when the snow came and stayed in the mine for several days. His friends sent a man out to hunt for him, which probably gave rise to the report.

Sol Blumenthal, of the firm of Hexter, May & Co., is recovering from an attack of typhoid, which has kept him confined for several weeks.

W. J. Faubion, of La Camas, and Miss A. C. Long, of Cole's Addition, were married at a "surprise" ceremony at the home of Mrs. W. J. Faubion, on land Christmas eve. It had been announced there would be a wedding as a part of the evening's programme, but the names were kept secret, thereby causing much speculation and interest.

W. D. Pape, City Treasurer of East Portland, has returned from Puget Sound.

Julian Hawthorne has been making an earnest endeavor to obtain accurate information concerning men of prominence and events in the history of the city which he is using in his history of Oregon.

Half a Century Ago From The Oregonian of December 28, 1864. The London Times has established an unenviable reputation for itself during the progress of the war in Europe, not more by indulging in a series of prophetic visions of Federal defeat and Confederate success than by a continuing course of self-accomplished our nationality and our cause. Invariably the Times has missed it.

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