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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED— That the straight and narrow path is the easiest after all.

That patience brings her perfect work. That Coos Bay is the best place on earth.

That it is wiser to count your own blessings than the other fellow's.

That happiness dwells within us; hence the folly of seeking it elsewhere.

That peaceful solitude brings more satisfaction than doubtful associations.

That to give your head the custody of your heart.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

True friends seldom come in bunches. Mere talk is cheap, but some advice is expensive.

Every time a woman gets married some man's troubles begin.

You can't always judge a man's worth by the taxes he pays.

Nothing pleases a woman more than to be misunderstood by a man.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ETERNAL THINGS. THE only things which endure are normal truths and the characters which they form.

No matter what changes occur in human society, or in the realms of the physical world, no matter whether the world or the universe changes or not, right is right and always will be.

Goodness is better than sin. Love, remains the same and ever must. God is "the same yesterday, today and forever," and as the divine character is unchanging, so is that imitation and reflection on it which men and women are permitted, and enabled by divine grace to attain.

To this holiness change in the sense of development and further culture must be possible, but not in the sense that its nature can vary.

The eternal endurance of righteousness is an inspiring fact which nothing can disprove, and on which we may depend safely, says an exchange.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHEN CITIES GUESS. GUESSING at the amount of money needed for ensuing year has been a common practice among Oregon cities, towns and villages.

with the result that the guess became the tax levy for the year, says Don C. Sowers, professor of municipalities at the University of Oregon, who is putting out a series of short articles entitled "Short Talks for Busy Officials," for the free use of city officials throughout Oregon.

Forty city officials have already asked for the series. The same guessing has been true of county courts, according to Professor Sowers, whose principal business it is to assist Oregon municipalities to get on a better business basis.

and whose work is given by the University without charge. "The two facts available as a basis for determining the levy for the coming year have been the levies made the previous year and the balances remaining in the various funds," says Professor Sowers.

"The Council has not known: "a—Whether last year's appropriation was spent wisely and economically;

"b—How much of the supplies purchased the previous year were on hand;

"c—How much it cost to maintain each of the various offices and departments;

"d—How much would be needed to conduct each office or department for the following year;

"e—How much equipment would have to be purchased for each and all departments; how much would be needed for new buildings; how much new activities would cost;

"f—What was the total amount needed to conduct the city's business efficiently;

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

A New Year's Resolution. I will be a true man, a trustworthy friend, a tender sympathizer, a timely helper, a top-most idealizer and a tenacious toller.—Selected.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

AT MIDNIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Old Year said: "In this well worn pack I've carried for many a day Are more than a bushel of useless things

You must bury or throw away. There are souls so scarred by the fires of pain

'Tis best by far to conceal them In the deepest grave that the Past can dig."

But the New Year said, "I will heal them."

The Old Year said: "You will also find A number of broken hearts— Not merely dented or cracked, alas, But snapped in a dozen parts.

To the junk heap gathered by Father Time At once you had better send them. For they only litter the world in vain."

But the New Year said: "I will mend them." —Minna Irving.

INVENTORY

Another year is here at hand. An old year passing out; And it is time to figure and To sort of look about;

It's time to balance up the score And square yourself again With all your trade and—what is more—

With all your fellow men. It's time to figure profit, loss. The business of the year— If it was only loss and hum Or showed a little clear.

But there's one reason, only one. For taking such a view— It's not to change the thing that's done,

But learn the thing to do. So take an inventory now Of stock upon the shelf, Of book accounts and loss allow And never fool yourself.

Sit down and figure for a while And learn your present state— Amount of stock that's in the pile, The cost of same, and freight, The value of the furniture

From desk to water tank, Your motor trucks, your horses, Your condition at the bank— Count everything that you can see From low to highest shelf; Then figure very carefully The value of yourself.

First, habits. Smoke? "A little, yes." Drink? "Socially perhaps— But neither matter to excess Like certain other chaps.

And yet I guess next year I'll try To do without the stuff— My doctor never said that I Don't smoke and drink enough."

Cuss? "On occasion I expect I might say maybe 'damn,' But always try to recollect Exactly where I am. I never (I don't think it's right) Let ladies hear me swear."

But why not cut it out?—There, might Some gentlemen be there. Your honor? "That I keep at par— A hundred full percent.

Some tricks in every trade there are. From cook to president. A fellow has to do some things He wouldn't otherwise— You can't wear any angel's wings And beat these other guys."

And yet it may be that a man Would make about as much If all the time he didn't plan On slipping such-and-such Across on Mr. So-and-So.

"Perhaps another year I'll let some little chance go And read my little clear."

Good temper? "There is where I'm strong. Ask people at the Club. I like a night of laugh and song— To sit around and rub My elbows with the other boys And hear the noise bang; I guess I make as much of noise As any of the gang."

And yet perhaps another year When for the house you roam You fellows who are full of cheer Might take a little home; And, if your temper is so sweet, The office wouldn't care If you should even radiate A little of it there.

And friends? "Of friends I have a

lot, And some a lot are worth— And friendship is, I tell you what. The best thing on the earth. There's not a man about the town But knows and knows me well— Ask any fellow up or down 'The street and he will tell.' And yet, my brother, you should see That friendship isn't that; To be a friend is more to be A help when men are flat— To sort of cheer a man who's gum, Some chap a job secure, To give a dollar to a bum, A hundred to the poor.

Your men? "Of course I treat them well— And pay them plenty, too. I pay them, my man will tell, For everything they do. And, when a fellow asks a raise, I give it if I can.

Provided that I think it pays And really need the man." Yet maybe not with cash alone Your labor you should pay: Perhaps some praise for work well done

Would help along the way. And, when it's time to elevate Some fellow's wage a bit, It might be better not to wait Until he asks for it.

Your competition? "Sure, I treat My competition fair; Although I have some guys to beat Would make an angel swear. You ought to hear the things I hear Concerning some of them: The price they make is often queer, The quality a gem."

Perhaps 't were better not to heed The things that others say; It would be pleasanter, indeed, A fairer game to play. For things are often far from true That gossip tell with glee. If your competitors you knew, All happier would be.

Now figure up the balance, friend: On one side put the things That through the year from end to end The day returning brings— The smile, the grip, the pleasant word,

The help when trouble rose, The luck you had, the laugh you heard, And matters such as those. Then on the other side put down The things you did for men— The things you did to help the town And help your brothers; then Your habits, temper, honor, all You did with heart or hand— Put everything you can recall, And find out how you stand.

—Lumberman Poet. —HAPPY NEW YEAR MATRIMONIAL REFLECTIONS.

A New York woman, seeking a divorce, jotted down her reflections during the trial: "It is better to be single in peace than married in war.

"Matrimonial ties are like corsets—if too tight, they hinder free development; if too loose, one might as well wear none at all.

"Wives should be jollies, not jailers. Judging from the divorce records, it looks as if Hymen's torch was made of brimstone.

"Many a married man would never be missed if his wife did not throw things at him."

—HAPPY NEW YEAR —PEET PARAGRAPHS.

Time is money when you are asked to pay \$1.50 for repairing a 95-cent watch.

You may think you are different from others, but you have a lot of people just the same.

Of course there are more lodges on a rainy day than other days. Some are molasses and some are skirts.

No matter how big a man may be, the odds are that there is a woman somewhere in the world who is capable of making him feel small.

—Exchange.

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