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NOT A BAD YEAR. WHEN THE history of 1907 shall have been fully written, when its record has been entirely made up—

state has no militia, but it has a full-fledged state government, which is bound to protect life and property within its borders. If it cannot do this it should return to a territorial condition.

THE GOVERNOR'S DUTY.

IT is perhaps superfluous for The Journal to offer advice to Governor Chamberlain with reference to the Steel bond. He has shown abundant capacity to take care of the state's interests in this matter.

There should be no more laxity in state matters than in private business. It should not be expected, and by the people at large it is not expected that any bond should be accepted for the state that would not be accepted as bankable security.

There are many names on the new bond that carry weight and respect in Oregon finance. It is possible each name on the bond is good for the amount it assumes to stand for.

A CONTRAST.

JAMES H. COLLINS tells in the Saturday Evening Post of the difference between the status of the American and the English stockholder in railroad or industrial corporations.

TROOPS AT GOLDFIELD.

THE SEVERAL acts of the federal administration with reference to the situation at Goldfield are not very readily understood. One bent on criticism might quite plausibly say that the president had been "playing politics" in this matter.

But then Taft, whom the president is trying to make president, comes back from abroad, and immediately the order is sent out from the war department that the troops are to be sent away from Goldfield, although they had just arrived there.

Whether hath been written shall remain. Nor be erased, nor written o'er again; The unwritten only still belongs to thee. Take heed and ponder well what that shall be.

Letters From the People.

Uselessness of Political Clubs. Portland, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—An observant citizen may readily discern the recently aroused activity of the playhouse politicians at this present juncture.

THE ENDING OF A YEAR.

THE POINT of time when one year ends and another begins is one of much interest and considerable importance. The business of a certain natural period of time is then wound up, or note taken of its condition; and that of another period begins.

History turns over a new leaf here. Such and such a thing happened in 1907. Another event, happening a few days or a few hours later, will have occurred in 1908.

Who?

Who'll build lines in eastern Oregon? "I will," said the evasive Eddie. "I'll build 'em when I'll be ready, I'll build 'em."

Only Asks Fair Play.

From the Pendleton Tribune. Again, in order to pacify Brother Bennett of The Dalles Optimist, as well as imbue him with the right understanding, the Tribune will say that it is not in favor of covering up anything connected with Mr. Steel's administration.

The President and the South.

Four years ago President Roosevelt was not a very popular man in the south; but today there are few south-erners more popular in this part of the world than is this New Yorker.

Advice Rarely Followed.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. When times are good the people are urged to save their money, and when the day of depression comes they are urged to turn it loose, but the advice is rarely heeded in either instance.

declared that it should be the governing body of the city and county, whom all Republicans should obey. The theory is beautiful, but the trouble is that a large proportion of Republican voters won't obey worth a cent.

Probably the Methodist ministers desired the absence of reporters while they discussed the text, "Let brotherly love continue"; or "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," or some other similar scriptural quotation.

Probably the most curious surprising verdict ever rendered was that the other day by a jury composed entirely of women, who decided that a gown purchased by the defendant was a good fit. But they may have all had a grudge against her.

The mikado sends a message declaring that he is for peace. He came to that frame of mind none the less because of the voyage of the American battleships.

The year is about gone; let it go; a better one, hope and believe, is at hand.

Some Current Slang.

By Caroline Prescott. Are you one of the sort of people, dear reader, who yearn for knowledge? Have you ever felt that he would be of value to you if you should learn a language or two?

Maxims on Women.

By Mildred Stuart. Women and fortunes are said to be fickle. Women, however, do not always forsake one when fortune frowns. The noblest of men have acknowledged their obligations to women for help in the ascension of the ladder of fame and fortune.

This Date in History.

1384—John de Wycliffe, the Morning Star of the Reformation, died. 1460—Lancastrians victorious at Wakefield. (War of the Roses). 1650—Henry of Lorraine, third Duke of Guise, born. Died December 25, 1658.

Harry S. New's Birthday.

Harry Stewart New, the chairman of the Republican national committee, was born in Indianapolis December 31, 1858. He is a son of the late John C. New, who served as treasurer of the United States under President Grant, as assistant secretary of the treasury and as vice president of the Indiana public schools and at Butler college.

Fat Men Can't Get Work.

Employment agents say it is almost as hard for fat men to get work as for the gray-haired.

THE NEW YEAR

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

MORTAL: "The night is cold, the hour is late, the world is bleak and drear; Who is it knocking at my door?" THE NEW YEAR: "I am Good Cheer."

Mortality.

MORTAL: "Your voice is strange; I know you not; in shadows dark I grope. What seek you here?" THE NEW YEAR: "Friend, let me in; my name is Hope."

Mortality.

MORTAL: "And mine is Failure; you but mock the life you seek to bless. Pass on." THE NEW YEAR: "Nay, open wide the door; I am Success."

Mortality.

MORTAL: "But I am ill and spent with pain; too late has come your wealth. I cannot use it." THE NEW YEAR: "Listen, friend; I am Good Health."

Mortality.

MORTAL: "Now, wide I fling my door. Come in, and your fair statements prove." THE NEW YEAR: "But you must open, too, your heart, for I am Love."

Small Change

Most people are unlucky—in not being babies. People without much grip get the grip easily. Don't think about the bills and be happy. Close up the old book; open up the new one.

Goodbye, 1907! Many will long remember you.

Coal is dear, but human life in coal mines is cheap.

It is a bad time of year to begin taking straw votes.

Why isn't La Follette a good "Roosvelt policy" man?

The young men will soon be sneaking back to see the girls.

"Few tears" comes pretty near rhyming with "New Year."

Doubtless the plumbers' trust will have a happy New Year.

Making resolutions and keeping them are quite different things.

Holdup men may also be arranging for some watch meetings.

Had you observed how nicely congress had reformed the currency?

Is the country always to depend on New York or Ohio for presidents?

Next year is the one in which Seattle's population will become 873,654.

More ought to be accomplished in 1908 than in 1907; it will be one day longer.

If Black thinks Roosevelt is a "man on the head of a barrel," what does he think of Bryan?

Senator Platt's support won't hurt a candidate much, for nobody believes anything he says.

Senator Fulton does not acknowledge to having run into any stunning opposition booms.

Howling Wolf wants to be sent to congress from Oklahoma, perhaps to try to outcrawl Jeff Davis.

It seems strange that a man who has been in congress a long time should get mad because another member calls him a liar.

The doctors say that as soon as one has the least symptoms of grip he should quit work. It may be expected that many people can discover symptoms easily.

A serious defect in the Oklahoma constitution has been discovered. It did not fix the length of hotel bedsheets. But the legislature will remedy the omission.

Farmers are continually congratulating us on the getting out of a weekly week instead of a semi-weekly. "Daily farmer," is this a hint that a monthly would suit them still better?

An Astoria paper argues that for half a century Portland has been frustrating the plan and purpose of the Creator with reference to the down-river seaport. In that case, the Lord didn't care very much.

One story is that Evelyn has grown stout, another that she has dwindled almost to a shadow. Both of which are perhaps circulated to tempt the newspapers to print pictures of her every day during the forthcoming trial.

Oregon Sidelights

Work on the Lane county coal mine will soon be resumed.

A Scandinavian Evangelical church is to be built at Canby.

The Sunday closing law is to be enforced throughout Klamath county.

A turkey killed at Roseburg last week and shipped to Tacoma weighed 43 pounds.

The enrollment at the Eugene public schools is 2,175, as against 1,911 last February.

Of \$125,000 Polk county taxes less than \$800, mostly poll tax, remains uncollected.

Myrtle Creek people are enjoying young potatoes, grown since the fall rains began.

Uncle Bill Brown of Dallas, of widow dandy fame, gave away 150 pounds of candy to children Christmas.

C. W. Carnahan in the Astoria Budget gives many facts and figures to show that dairying is profitable in Clatsop county.

The Siuslaw country is making rapid advances in both the quantity and the quality of its dairy products, says the Florence West.

There is a certain man in Aurora, warns the Boreas, who is always butting into other people's business, who will get all that is coming to him some day.

Drain Nonpareil: Any man able and willing to work can make more money on 10 acres of land in this vicinity than on a quarter section of land in the worst part of eastern states.

A Eugene man has a jackscraw made in Ohio in 1779. It is therefore 123 years old and was brought to Oregon by a pioneer there in this vicinity. The jackscraw is made of black walnut and the implement is still in good condition.

Several Florence people have lost their cows, the animals acting as if they were poisoned. They were accustomed to feeding below town and around Spruce Point. Some of the woolen mills, dairies, electric light station, water works system and plating mill—will be put out of commission in some time to come.

The trouble all comes from the washing out of a portion of the new dam built at a considerable cost at the head of the mill race last summer.

The city council of Elgin has decided that it was not necessary to levy a tax to carry on the municipal accounts during the coming year. Elgin has just completed a new water system which is first-class in every respect, at a cost of \$14,000, and this year the city has saved \$10,000 in the hands of the treasurer to pay for it. No bonds were floated and the entire amount has been accounted for during the past few years by excellent and business-like officials.