

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

This is the first of 366 consecutive days that will make up the year known as eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

Custom and laws have made this New Year's day a "holiday," a day on which, theoretically at least, we are supposed to suspend work and business.

It is well for these breaks to occur occasionally in the monotony of the year's life. They afford an opportunity and an excuse for recreation.

But if one's mental and moral inclinations so prompt and impel, he may make a sober, studious, philosophical holiday out of this New Year's day.

In this land, and nowhere more than in this portion of it, we can well make this holiday one of thanks-giving, of rejoicing, of confident hope, of aspiring resolve.

EDONIAN wishes all its thousands of readers a Happy New Year, not only for this day, but for all the year.

Dear children, for happiness may all your days be holidays, and for innocence may all your lives be childhood.

To one and all, rich and poor, American or foreigner, ignorant or wise, townsman or countryman, the EAST OREGONIAN sends the congratulations of the day and a New Year's greeting.

Old men and women, with white hairs and furrowed cheeks and trembling steps, may it be an easy, comfortable, hopeful, peaceful year to you.

Youth, oh youth, though we know that clouds will come and storms will break over most of your heads.

AN OPEN RIVER

The article in this issue on "An Open River" contains little that is new to most local readers, but some of the facts and figures therein will be valuable for reference.

The mismanagement and delay in the work at the mouth of the Columbia is progressing so satisfactorily toward a speedy and successful completion, and that Portland has taken hold of the big job of a deep channel to the sea.

and is therefore not likely to press a vigorous opposition. But the success of this little link of road and the opposition boats will encourage the state to give still farther and larger relief next year by the building of another road around the obstructions above The Dalles.

It is gratifying to be assured that Portland is becoming more interested in an open river, more appreciative of the merits and the resources and wealth of the Upper Columbian region.

EASTERN OREGON.

We have devoted much space in this issue to the description of Eastern Oregon and the counties that compose it.

sturdy immigrant, who is ready to assist, with brain, muscle or capital, in hastening the time when every hill and valley shall be occupied with toiling wealth producers.

grain and grass, of rich meadows and fine pasturage, of fat stock and fine dairies, of wood and water, of health and contentment.

UMATILLA COUNTY.

Umatilla county is fourth in the state in population and wealth, being close on the heels of Linn, the third.

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But there are broad expanses, intersected with streams, and many nooks and angles in the foothills where stock-raising and wool-growing will still be carried on for many years to come.

If you want a change of scene or of air you can find it any time without leaving the county.

If you have capital, there are good opportunities to invest; if your capital is only your ability to work, there is no need of being long idle.

If you are sentimental enough to care about a name, where can you find one more musical - Umatilla?

THE EAST OREGONIAN.

The EAST OREGONIAN was established October 5th, 1875, and the first issue was printed on that date, a patent outside, with M. P. Bull as editor; price \$4 a year.

It presented a good appearance from the start, though Pendleton then was a very small town indeed. A list of the school children shows the number to have been about sixty.

Among others who had editorial charge of the paper subsequently were J. H. Turner and B. B. Bishop, and a lively paper they always made of it.

In 1888 the EAST OREGONIAN erected a new three-story brick building, an illustration of which appears on the front cover page of this issue.

The present New Year's edition is a sample of the scale on which the EAST OREGONIAN is managed. It is issued at the following cost:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Includes illustrations, portraits, composition, press work, book paper, editorial and reportorial work, ink, telegrams, binding, incidental, etc.

The EAST OREGONIAN said four years ago, and we repeat it again, as fast as the town and country grows, the EAST OREGONIAN will grow with it.

PARTIES in the East are looking for a location for a woolen mill in the Northwest. They are in correspondence with a gentleman in Eugene City.

A planing mill, sash and door factory is wanted and would prove profitable, at Elgin, Wallawa county.



PENDLETON CITY OFFICIALS.

- 1. John C. Leasure, mayor, born in Marion county, Or., June 9, 1853, admitted the bar in January, 1880, and located at Pendleton May, 1880. He served one term as mayor in 1885 and was elected again December 7, 1891, by a majority of 187.

upper country were identical, not antagonistic, in this matter, and this truth will appear more clearly year by year.

We believe the day is dawning. The prospect is not as bright as we could wish, and it will be several years yet before boats will go through from Walla Walla or Umatilla to Portland or Astoria without breaking cargo.

Every possible influence should be brought to bear in favor of an open river. The press has done much already, but its voice must never cease.

its abundant resources, after beholding the great results and achievements of individuals and communities, which are presented on every hand.

There are no old towns or cities here; there are few citizens that can claim residence in this climate, for any long period of years.

Or if it better suits one's taste or habits or health or inclination, where can a choicer location be found than Camas valley, the home of giant specimens of