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Good things with the New Year
are coming.
Though shadowed the dawn-
ing, and sad;
Yet Time, in his ultimate sum-
ming,
Leaves good, the remainder
of bad.
All evil is only the blunder
Of souls that are seeking the
way,
And over their efforts, and
under,
God's purposes stay.
Afar there is fighting and slay-
ing;
Men marshal great armies
and ships,
And kill one another, while
praying
To Buddha and Christ with
their lips,
And yet those great spirits who
harken
Give pity and love to each
soul.
They know while the battle
clouds darken,
White Peace is man's goal.
—Elia Wheeler Wilcox.

BEGINNING A REVOLUTION.

The Pacific Coast is now facing the most serious and far-reaching upheaval in the history of the government, if President Roosevelt earnestly pursues his investigations into the land frauds.

No man can guess the stopping place, nor estimate the number of prominent officials and influential citizens to be involved in these disastrous revelations.

Oregon is already in the meshes of the inquiries. Idaho will soon be plunged into an equally sensational uproar and the inspectors are also searching on the trails of Washington transactions.

It is the beginning of a revolution. The president will not stop, it is alleged, until the last infamous nest of thieves is smoked out. He is determined to clear the government of this one species of fraud, at least, and he has the hearty co-operation and encouragement of every good citizen, regardless of party affiliations or prejudice.

If the frauds are prosecuted to the limit and the rascals weeded out, as it now seems they will be, one of two momentous results will follow: Either the present political power of the Northwest states will be entirely unseated in the revulsion of feeling against the party that is largely responsible for shielding the thieves and dishonest officials, and a new power will come into possession of those states, or else, the republican party in those states will drop the convicted officials as though they were vipers, as it have done with Senator Burton, in Kansas, thus preserving the influence of the party, at large by sacrificing the officials that have so long been at the head.

If the republican factions take up the fight and attempt to defend the accused officials, against whom the evidence is unmistakable, it will certainly mean the utter destruction of the power of the entire party in the Northwest. But if the officials are expurgated, abandoned to their fate, the integrity of the party will be preserved and the riddance of the thieves will only serve to make it stronger, because the riddance was accomplished by a president from its own ranks.

NOW, FOR THE SCHOOLS.

Umatilla county is proud of the agricultural and horticultural exhibit now being collected for the Lewis and Clark fair.

The breasts of farmers and fruit-men swell with pride as they contemplate the display of Umatilla county resources that will greet the eyes of wandering strangers.

But what of the schools? What educational showing is to be presented to the world from Umatilla county?

Even more people are interested in this feature of Umatilla county's ex-

hibit, for every home in the county will be especially concerned in the quality, extent and classification of the school exhibit.

While the county court is in session now, something should be done to encourage and assist Superintendent Welles in his work of collecting and displaying the educational exhibit. So far, his hands are tied. The county must be represented, yet he has no funds with which to purchase cabinets for the display. These necessary features must be provided. The cost will not exceed \$200 it is thought, and the cabinets can be retained by the county, to be used in future exhibits, and will become permanent assets of the county superintendent's office.

The educational exhibit can be collected without expense, as the teachers will send all reports to the superintendent's office, where they will be classified, prepared for a creditable display and made ready for the fair. All that is needed is a set of cabinets, in which to display the exhibits, and the county should be glad to supply these, in order to make the best possible showing for the schools of Umatilla.

This county must not be in the second or third class, in the general average to be cast in the Lewis and Clark fair.

The educational work is here. It can be collected without cost, and the expense of placing it on exhibit, in first-class condition, should be borne by the county.

It will cost Oregon \$200,000 to maintain her insane asylum for the next two years, according to the estimates of the secretary of state, beside a deficit from the past two years of \$12,000. This is the most extraordinary item of expense to be met by the state. The penitentiary expense will be but \$60,000 for the same period, and the entire cost of the legislative session will be but \$50,000. There is something truly alarming in the increase of the asylum expenses. It may well cause anxious inquiries from the legislature.

The statehood of Colorado should be taken from her, until that infamous gang of political spoliemen are routed from its borders or learn to conduct a state in a civilized manner. The election frauds that are perpetrated there year after year, are disgraceful, and are a severe rebuke to the intelligence of the voters, and the honesty of the officials. Indian Territory would not conduct such a disgraceful farce as is presented in Colorado with each succeeding election.

CURSE OF MISFIT SHOES.

The national curse of the United States is no longer the drink problem. It's a problem of walking—and shoes.

Teachers attending the National Association convention at the Auditorium annex made the discovery that 90 per cent of the women and many of the men do not know how to navigate the streets properly. "Sliding," they say, "is not walking, and the 'kangaroo' high step is a far to the nervous system."

First William Schuyler of St. Louis, startled the assemblage by announcing that by close observation he had discovered that a vast per cent of the women school teachers of the country did not know how to walk correctly.

"They simply slide along in the easiest manner possible, paying no attention to the rules of physical culture, of which they are supposed to have at least some knowledge," said Mr. Schuyler.

As this statement was not disputed, even by the women teachers present, it was allowed to stand. Then President William H. Maxwell, who is superintendent of the public school system of New York, contributed the last link in the chain of evidence by denouncing the manner of walking of ordinary mortals as well as teachers.

"It is a national evil—a gigantic evil," said Mr. Maxwell. "And it is brought about largely by the fact that people wear misfit shoes."—Chicago American.

TO RAISE COTTON PRICES.

The Georgia farmers who gathered at Fort Gaines and burned 3000 bales of cotton hope to inspire similar sacrifices all through the South. It is actually proposed that 2,000,000 bales be destroyed, each state burning its fair proportion. The purpose is to reduce the supply of the staple and so put up the price.

Some years ago, as the result of a "bumper" crop, a movement was started to limit the production of cotton and raise the price on the plan that each farmer should reduce his acreage by a certain percentage. The result was that the prospect of better prices led many farmers to plant more than ever. It remains to be seen whether Texas and Mississippi growers will not look on Georgia's cotton fires as beacons of hope, and store their own crops on the chance of a rising market.—New York World.

The order of the United States government removing duty charges from all imports for the Lewis and Clark exposition has now gone into effect. While exhibitors from foreign countries will be permitted to import their wares duty free, the strictest regulations will be enforced to see that the order is not taken advantage of by smugglers.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY?

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give today?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after-while,
But have we been today?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought today?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,
But what have we sown today?
We shall build us mansions in the sky,
But what have we built today?
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But here and now do we do our task?
Yes, this is the thing our soul must ask,
What have we done today?

—Nixon Waterman, in Christian Intelligence.

A COMMON THOUGHT.

Humanity, when measured in the mass,
A swarm of Nothings, bound for Nowhere, seems,
Sprung from the ground, its energies repass
Into material monuments. Earth teems
With glories turned sepulchral. She is decked
With mocking ruins, architectural dreams
Of Wealth and Empire never to be wrecked;
From which the scholar gains con-
jectural gleams—
What more?—of races lost; the vile,
The brave,
The wise, the beautiful, in one vast grave.

If this, that seems, were true; if human life
Stops here; comes here, in cere-
ments to be hid;

If the first spadeful on the coffin lid
Sounds the last note; if the heart's
mighty strife
Against the dogma of Eternal Death
Is vain—as 'gainst a breeze an in-
fant's breath;

Nathless, 't were well to live; to
hold the hand
Of love still closer; to upbuild the
earth
Into new forms of Beauty and expand
The Mind with Art, with Music
and with Mirth.
—Henry Austin in Century.

YOUTH.

She had the fluttering eyelids
Like petals of a rose;
I had the wisdom never learned
From any musty prose.

She had the melting ardor
That hesitates, yet dares;
And I had youthful valor's look,
That is so like despair's.

She had the tender bearing
Of daffodils in spring;
And I had sense enough to know
Love is a fleeting thing.

She had the heart of tinder;
I had the lips of flame;
And neither of us ever heard
Procrastination's name.

She had the soft demeanor,
Discreet as any nun's;
And each of us has all the joy
God gives his foolish ones.
—Bliss Carman.

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PERIL IN THE HAND-SHAKE.

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