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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times.)
RESOLVED, That during the coming year my primary aim in life will be to help America win the war; that to that end I will observe all possible economies in conserving food supplies that our fighting men may have a sufficiency of those things necessary to make them strong and comfortable and efficient; I will even now begin planning my garden for next spring;

I will contribute to the best of my ability to every enterprise propagated to further the cause of our country and our allies;

I will help with the work of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Liberty Loans, the Thrift Saving Stamp campaign and I will encourage others to do likewise;

I will gladly give of my time for committee work and solicitation;

I will do whatever for the war I am asked to do, without grumbling and without discord;

I will try at all times to help lighten the burden of those who have friends and relatives in the army by showing them every kindly consideration that is within my power;

I will do my best to lighten the war-gloom by being cheerful and optimistic regardless of whatever sacrifices I may be making, realizing that whatever they are they are as nothing compared to the sacrifice of those in the trenches or in the devastated regions at war;

I will be less selfish, less resentful, less envious, less revengeful, less bigoted, less malevolent, less fastidious, less dejected, less gluttonous, less hateful, less irresolute, less obstinate, less wasteful, less vindictive, less boastful; more charitable, more generous, more resolute, more liberal, more hopeful, more courageous, more modest, more friendly, more grateful, more forgiving, more temperate, more courteous, more benevolent, more cheerful, more efficient, more trustful, all with the object in mind of lightening the burden of those about me, making life more worth living for those with whom I come in contact, thus making them happier and more efficient and more able to do those things necessary for us to do to help bring the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion; to bring more American soldiers safely home to their families and friends; to end the danger of the festering infection of Prussianism that will ever threaten to break out and ravish the peaceful world with its cruelty, its inhumanity, its brutality, its vulgar, sensual, selfish, pitiless, ugly, blasphemous malevolence.

Fulfilling these promises for the year 1918, I will thereby be enabled to be a civilian soldier in the world's greatest war, the war for Justice, World-peace and Liberty, and thus secure happiness and prosperity for myself, my country, the world at large and countless generations yet unborn. Amen!

KAY AND THE COMMISSION.
State Treasurer Kay makes the same point which we suggested on Monday in respect to the results of the Desert Land Board's connection with the Central Oregon Irrigation Company project. "I know we have been attempting for the past eight years to get some of the things done which the commission seems able to put on paper in a single order," says Mr. Kay. There is this difference be-

tween us, however. Mr. Kay thinks the commission does not have power but believe that its assumption of jurisdiction and consequent orders the very best thing that could happen both for the company and the settlers.

If the Desert Land Board has been a failure for the past eight years so far as its dealings with the company are concerned, and this Mr. Kay admits, its members ought to be only too willing to have somebody with authority step in and exercise it.

No assertion is made that the things ordered by the commission are not proper and desirable. Indeed, they are the things the board itself has been trying to get done. If Mr. Kay's participation in this effort has been sincere he ought now to welcome efficient action from another source.

SENATOR McNARY TELLS OF OREGON IN RECENT INTERVIEW

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He speaks from practical experience, being the owner of a beautiful piece of farmland, just above Salem, known as The Forks. Among the numerous products he raises are some of the finest pears and other fruits in the west. He is well versed in horticulture, and in addition to having made unusual and very successful experiments in walnut planting, and being the author of several articles on filbert culture, he has exhibited at the fairs throughout the state, and is highly thought of by experts in the agricultural industry.

"Farmers," he continued, "have plenty of time to read. In a great metropolis the people labor day in and day out, whereas in the country we have long winter evenings and rainy days when no work can be done. The farmers put in their time reading, not only the metropolitan dailies, but also farm journals and scientific periodicals. Contrary to the general impression, they are rather better acquainted with existing conditions than the inhabitants of the cities. And again, out west there is not the large foreign population such as you have in the east. The interests of the people are in the main identical; there is more homogeneity of thought and purpose. There are not so many conflicting elements. This makes for a clearer vision of their requirements, and progressive legislation is accomplished much more easily.

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I asked him whether he thought the press really molded public opinion to any appreciable degree in the large cities.

"Well" he replied, smilingly whimsically, "I believe you may know more about that than I; but I rather think the editors of the great dailies, as well as the reportorial writers, accurately gauge public sentiment, and conduct their columns accordingly, thereby obtaining the hearty indorsement of their readers.

"I have always had the greatest confidence in the ability of the American people to decide great questions for themselves. And as time goes on this impression becomes, if possible, stronger and stronger."

It was with the manner of one who has given long and serious thought to the subject that he made this statement. He said it with the air of a

man who is quietly proud to represent a body of American citizens. And the governor of Oregon could have selected no better representative. His endeavors in the senate have been consistently toward the betterment of conditions, not only in the west but throughout the nation.

When first appointed to the senate he stated emphatically that it was his strong intention to support the President to the best of his ability in the prosecution of the war. He is heartily in favor of placing the burden of taxation upon those who are best able to bear it, especially concerns and individuals deriving the greatest monetary benefit, and he cast his vote for the bill which Senator Johnson offered to tax heavily all excess profits.

He is a firm believer in woman suffrage and prohibition.

Aside from the immediate legislation pertaining to the war, he is very desirous of facilitating the development of Alaska. Something has been done in this direction, but it is so large a project and so worthy that the senator is anxious to give it greater impetus.

Considering his great interest in farming, it is but natural that he should do everything in his power to obtain an appropriation for the reclamation of the western arid lands. He has already introduced a bill asking for \$20,000,000 to be devoted to this work, and while it did not pass he is not one whit discouraged, and will surely find another opportunity to bring the question up before the senate.

There is another object which Senator McNary is desirous of accomplishing, and in this he will have the hearty sympathy and support of the entire country. He wants to "roll up the wheels of the legislative machinery in the senate." He believes more business-like methods should be introduced, and with him, to believe is to prepare to act. He is a young

man. There are more young men in the senate now than formerly, which makes for the betterment of that body.

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