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It is the custom with some people, as Newyears day approaches, to form many good resolutions which are to go into effect on that day. This is all very well so far as it goes but there is another very important thing connected with good resolutions that is too often lost sight of or given but little consideration. It is this: Keeping a good resolution is of as much importance as forming it and often is by far the harder of the two; but what does forming a good resolution amount to if it is immediately broken? Better is one good resolution kept throughout the year than fifty kept but a single day.

ONE YEAR AGO AND NOW.

Though the business prospects in this immediate vicinity, one year ago had improved greatly over what they had been previous to that time, yet as compared to the present we find a very great improvement in many ways in the past year. New enterprises have been planned that mean a great deal for the development of this valley.

A saw mill was erected at Acme last summer with a much greater capacity than the mill burned in February. It is backed by capital sufficient to operate the mill. A new store was opened there a few months ago.

The saw mill at Spruce Point, which, since it was built some eight years ago had run a few times for short periods, has been in operation most of the time since last spring. It is regarded now as almost a certainty that the next few months will see a large mill erected in Florence and owned by an enterprising firm. There is good prospect for another good mill in Acme in the near future.

The loggers are all busy cutting timber to supply the mills. Many new camps have been started on account of the increasing demand and better prices for logs. Timber is being sought for eagerly and now commands a good advance over what has been asked in previous years.

Prospects are good that a shipyard will be established on the river next summer where shipbuilding can be carried on steadily. This will mean profitable employment for many hands and a market at home for a goodly quantity of lumber.

A contract for extending the jetty was let some months ago but work was suspended on account of bad weather. It is to be resumed the first of March and operations will continue for five or six months before the present appropriation will be used up.

New settlers are coming, among them being some men of means who purchase homes while others have taken up vacant land and are improving it to make homes for themselves and their families.

All the enterprises previously established have prospered. Work of many kinds will be plenty the coming year. Wages are higher. Taken all together the prospects for rapid improvement in the Siuslaw country are better than ever before.

GENERAL NEWS.

Dwight L Moody the evangelist died at his home in East Northfield, Massachusetts last Friday in his 63rd year.

At Quincy, Ill, while the children of St Francis parochial school were practicing for an entertainment, the clothes of one caught fire from a gas jet and eleven were burned so they died in a few hours.

RAILROAD SITUATION.

Marshfield Mail: On last Monday the Spreckels Co through its representative, W S Chandler, took possession of the property of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad. At a meeting of the employees later Mr Chandler asked them to continue in the employ of the railroad and as soon as the payroll could be checked up the back wages would be paid up. Glad at seeing a chance of getting their pay the employees agreed to continue working. As a result of this change of managers, attachments have been as plentiful as rain is in Oregon and many Marshfield lawyers have been at a heavy expense for new shoes. The planks on Broadway have also sustained considerable damage through the unusual friction caused by so many hurrying footsteps. How this change will effect R A Graham's further operations in Coos county we are unable to [illegible]

PRACTICAL REFORM METHODS.

S. F. Chronicle.

In this day of widespread theorization, when thinking men everywhere are offering panaceas for all human ills, when existing social and political customs are received peremptory challenge, and the fact that they are defective in many and material ways is generally conceded, it is well to stop and consider in what direction the most effective work may be done toward repairing them and working their ultimate reform. Shall the whole structure be torn down and rebuilt on a sure foundation, or is it worth the while of civilization to preserve the fabric which successive generations have clumsily erected, to repair its breaches, strengthen its weak parts, and, little by little, remodel and renew it until the perfect structure shall at last stand forth, sound from foundation stone to tower, the finished product of all men and all races?

The future can only be forecast by the history of the past. In all the experience of the human race progress has been by easy and almost imperceptible stages. Revolutions have sometimes seemed to advance mankind, but permanent advancement has only come through the development of the individual. In this direction rapid progress is now being made in all parts of the world, exceeding any before chronicled. Everywhere education is reaching out and linking lands in a golden chain, the lamps of knowledge are being lighted, and a tremendous industrial development is making it easy for civilization to push its mighty engine of truth before it to the uttermost corners of the earth. The faults that exist, the mistakes that are committed, are small matters besides the triumphal strides of culture, of intelligence, of tolerance and truth.

The only species of reformer who is of actual benefit to the world is he who looks intelligently about him and takes the exact measure of practical good that can be achieved under existing conditions. The agitator who would collar government and demand immediate revolution in its principles of organization and administration, even though he represents righteous principles, sets back the very cause for which he is supposed to stand. There has never been a time when the world was less in need of platform reformers ranting against existing systems and clamoring for their immediate overturn. There has never been a time when there was more use for good and honest men advocating every moderate measure that can be advanced in the interests of good government and an honest administration. It is the moderate men who help the world forward. The ultra radicals constantly place obstacles in the way of sensible and safe advancement.

The man who by careful fertilization and cultivation of the ground and by wise selection of seed grows a better potato every year performs a more substantial service to his fellows than the man who tries in a single season to grow a chrysanthemum as large as a tub or to graft strawberries on an apple tree. The world's true benefactor is one who performs a useful service wisely and for a wise end.

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Home of Swamp-Root.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, 1899.

The first and shortest step of the financial legislative program, mapped out for congress, was completed today when the house passed the republican caucus financial bill. The bill will now go to the senate, where it is likely to remain for many weeks, and where the discussion will be much longer than it was in the house. It is understood that the senate finance committee intends to pigeon-hole the house bill, and report its own bill as a substitute. If the senate endorses that and passes its bill, that will go to the house, which will refuse to accept it as a substitute. Then the two bills will go to a conference committee, and the final result will probably be a bill that will be a compromise between the two.

Some men profit by the experience of others, but Representative Sulzer, of New York, is evidently not one of them. Notwithstanding the failure of Senator Mason to make a sensation with his speech of sympathy for the Boers, Mr Sulzer has gone a step further and offered a resolution in the house, declaring that this government ought to recognize the belligerency of the Boer republic, and stated his intention to make a speech in its favor, and to try to force it to a vote. He may be able to make a speech, although that is not certain, but it is quite sure that no such resolution as that will be voted upon. They do not belong to the legislative branch of the government, and could not get action, even when backed by overwhelming public sentiment, as was the case with numerous resolutions just before our war with Spain.

Numerous gentlemen from New York and Chicago, who came to Washington, well provided with cash, gall, and megaphones, have arrived at the conclusion that Philadelphia is not so slow after all. The reason for their change of mind was the capture of the republican national convention, which is to meet June 19th, for Philadelphia, by a majority of one vote in the national committee. The Chicago committee thought they had a certainty and enjoyed themselves calling down the bluff and bluster of the New Yorkers, while the Philadelphians were quietly getting votes. New York never had even a chance to be chosen.

The appointment of Maj Gen Leonard Wood to be military governor of Cuba, is considered by the president to be a long step towards the restoration of civil government on the island. Gen Wood would have been appointed civil governor, had it not been strongly pointed out to Mr McKinley, by Gen Wood himself, as well as many others, that the appointment of a civil governor would have a bad effect at this time, among the Cubans, as it would give the professional agitators a foundation to build stories upon the intention of the U S to keep Cuba. Although Gen Wood will be military governor, his administration of the whole of Cuba, will be largely performed through civilians, just as it has been in Santiago province.

There is one district in Pennsylvania, which has two representatives in the house, one a republican and one a democrat. This isn't as strange as it sounds, as one of them, Representative Gaston, of Meadville, Pa, was elected from the district, while Representative Davenport, of Erie, is one of the two representatives-at-large for the state. The latter being a republican controls the federal patronage in the district.

Representative Wachter, one of the new members of the house, from Maryland, regards coming to congress as a matter of business. He said: "I did not come to congress with the idea of gaining glory. There are about 269 lawyers in the house, each one of whom thinks he is smarter than the others. They can do the speech-making, I don't intend to make a speech unless somebody treads on my toes, then I shall express myself in unvarnished English. My election to congress was purely a business matter with me, and I shall try to attend to the business of my constituents."

The senate has re-arranged all of its committees and is now ready to get down to business, but as it has been agreed that congress shall adjourn untill January 3, on Wednesday of this week, and many senators have already left Washington, little or no work of importance will be done until after these "old boys" have had their Christmas.

The talk of making next year's campaign a short one was disposed of by the action of the republican national committee in setting June 19, for the holding of their national convention and it is practically certain that the democrats will fix the date for their national convention close to that chosen by their opponents, and that the presidential campaign will be about the usual length. That it would be better for the country at large if the nominating conventions were held sometime in September, which would compress the campaign into about two months time, is the opinion of most business men, but it is the professional politicians, not the business men who arrange these things, and they appear to prefer the long campaigns, which might have been necessary in the early days of the country, when there was no telegraph and few newspapers, but which are certainly not necessary now.

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FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION.

Scientific American.

As most of our readers are aware, $139,000 is appropriated annually for free seed distribution, and this has occasioned much adverse criticism. Secretary Wilson is now preparing the part of his report which treats of free seed distribution. As far as possible, he wishes to avoid the hostility of the seedsmen by distributing entirely new varieties, which was originally contemplated in the appropriation, and distribute the varieties of seed which the commercial seedsmen are not handling and experimental seeds which have not gained a foothold. The department's agents are engaged in a search for such varieties all over the world, and after carefully testing the seeds they will be distributed in the appropriate sections of the country. After the species has gained a foothold, the seedsmen may be trusted to take care of of the current demand. Secretary Wilson is of the opinion that there is ample work for the department without distributing time-tried seeds, and that there is enough room in improved grasses alone to absorb to advantage the entire appropriation that the government allows for the seeds. The introduction of one new variety of rice in the South which is now growing successfully is said to have a commercial value of $1,000,000 a year to the American growers; it cost the government only about $5,000. In connection with the rice cultivation it is interesting to note that investigations are being carried on relative to cultivating rice in an artificial swamp, which may be drained off when harvesting time arrives, so as to permit the use of labor-saving machinery. This will enable vast prairies to be utilized.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Last Saturday evening most of the people of Florence, men and women, youths and maidens, boys and girls and even the little children were seen directing their steps toward the church. On arriving there they behe'd two beautiful trees loaded with presents to gladden the hearts of old and young. On the rostrum between the trees, stood a quaint little log cabin which was evidently was the home of Santa Claus and from which he made his appearance later in the evening to distribute the presents from the trees, as well as those that had been left in other places about the room.

A short program of songs, recitations exercises by the children of the Sunday school was given. The parts were all well delivered, the children showing that great pains had been taken to prepare them for the occasion. A diminutive Santa Claus who took part in one of the exercises, attracted much attention from the children, as he appeared as venerable as the Santa Claus whom they have read about traveling over the country at Christmas tide a hundred years ago.

Later in the evening Santa Claus emerged from his cabin (this time appearing as a full grown man) and after a short talk about the difficulty of getting such a large number of articles all ready at one time, he proceeded to distribute the presents to those for whom they were intended. Sacks of candy and nuts were then given to the children and all departed homeward, each rich in the treasures of Christmas.

New Meat Market.

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CHOICE MEATS.

Always on Hand. Give me a Call.

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Beginning on the shore of the Pacific Ocean where the same is intersected by the South boundary of Lane County; thence East along the South boundary of said County to a point 1½ miles East of the range line between ranges 10 and 11 West; thence North to the ¼ Sec corner on the North line of Sec 8 Tp 18 S R 10 West; thence East ½ mile; thence North 5 miles; thence West 2 miles; thence North 2 miles; thence West 4½ miles to the ¼ Sec corner on the North line of Sec 5 Tp 17 S R 11 West; thence South 1½ miles; thence West to the Pacific Ocean; thence Southerly along the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the place of beginning.

HECETA PRECINCT.

Commencing at a point on the Pacific Ocean where the same is intersected by a line running East and West through the center of Sec 10 Tp 17 S R 12 West. Thence East to the center of Sec 8 Tp 17 S R 11 W; thence North 1½ miles; thence East 4½ miles to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 W; thence North 6 miles; thence East about 2 miles to the S E corner of Sec 32 Tp 15 S R 10 W; thence North to the North boundary of Lane County; thence West along said North boundary to the Pacific Ocean; thence Southerly along the shore of said Ocean to the place of beginning.

HERMANN PRECINCT.

Beginning at the S W corner of Sec 7 Tp 17 S R 10 W. Thence East 6 miles; thence North 8 miles; thence West 6 miles; thence South 8 miles to the place of beginning.

MAPLETON PRECINCT.

Beginning on the South boundary of Lane county at a point 1½ miles East of the range line between ranges 10 and 11 West. Thence East on said boundary to a point 2½ miles West of the range line between ranges 8 and 9 West; thence North to the township line between Tps 18 and 19 S; thence West to the ¼ Sec corner on the South line of Sec 34 Tp 18 S R 9 W; thence North to the township line between Tps 17 and 18 S; thence West 2 miles; thence North 2½ miles to the center of Sec 20 Tp 17 S R 9 W; thence West 1½ miles; thence North 1½ miles; thence West 4 miles to the N W corner of Sec 16 Tp 17 S R 10 W; thence South 5 miles; thence West ½ mile; thence South to the place of beginning.

GLENTENA PRECINCT.

Commencing at a point on the South boundary of Lane County where the same is intersected by a line running North and South through the center of Sec 3 Tp 19 S R 9 W. Thence Easterly along the boundary of said County to a point 1½ miles West of the range line between ranges 7 and 8 West; thence North to the N E corner of Sec 14 Tp 18 S R 8 W; thence West 1 mile; thence North 4 miles; thence West about 8 miles to Lake Creek; thence down Lake Creek the Siuslaw river; thence down said River to its intersection with the line running North and South through the center of Sec 29 Tp 17 S R 9 W; thence South to the township line between Tps 17 and 18 South; thence East 2 miles; thence South to the place of beginning.

LAKE CREEK PRECINCT.

Beginning at the ¼ Sec corner on the West line of Sec 19 Tp 17 S R 9 W. Thence East 1½ miles to the center of Sec 20; thence South to the Siuslaw River; thence up said river to the mouth of Lake creek; thence up Lake Creek to its intersection with the North line of Sec 28 Tp 17 S R 9 W; thence East to the range line between ranges 7 and 8 West; thence North 4 miles; thence West one mile; thence North 6 miles; thence West 11 miles; thence South to the place of beginning.

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I'm Coming! I'm Coming!

My Head is bowed with Care. I hear the Children calling,

Old SANTA CLAUS! Old SANTA CLAUS!

Yes Children, I'll be there, you will find me at the

"GREAT WHITE STORE,"

where I have unloaded my heavy load, and such a load it was, and such an elegant display it is. None should be forgotten and I trust none will be. I will call again at the Leading Store with another display before Christmas, and some of the fine things will be mentioned herein.

I'm Going! ★

I'M GOING! ★

My head is not so low, because I'm waiting on Children you know! You know!

Yes Santa Claus is right, he knew where to discharge his cargo.

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