

The Times-Mountaineer SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892 A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

With this issue of THE TIMES-MOUNTAINEER, the editor, according to the custom inaugurated by the paper for over thirty years past, extends to his many readers the greetings of the season...

If the year just passing into eternity has been bright, let the one just ushered into be brighter, and wherein any mistakes have been made in the path of duty these should be rectified by a more careful consideration of daily conduct.

With these few words of admonition, given by one who has followed the path of honest journalism for over eleven years, and who has never advocated a theory that was not in accord with his conscience and for which he was afraid to answer before his God...

It is very apparent that politicians control both parties, and can manipulate either to suit themselves. If a person does not obey the commands of the boss, he is shelved, and nothing more is heard of him.

There is no denying the fact that Chili has some of the latest improved warships, and it would be very humiliating to this country if any of these should lower our flags and capture our forts on the seaboard.

Christmas, which is considered midwinter in the North Temperate zone, has passed, and the residents of this vicinity have not experienced but little of the inclement season.

Democracy are always adverse to being called free-traders, and yet they approach as nearly that doctrine as any country. In the full meaning of the term no country in the world advocates absolute free-trade, and even Great Britain derives a revenue from taxes on imports.

The quantity of moisture that has fallen this season will insure good crops next harvest in Eastern Oregon. It is a well-known fact that the soil of the Inland Empire is as productive as any on the continent with rain, and there has been an abundance the past fall.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The suggestion made by President Harrison in his message that the United States extend substantial aid to the Nicaragua canal upon conditions which should secure the government in its assumption of liability for the undertaking, seems to have met with general favor.

Two senators of the United States, Washburn of Minnesota and Mitchell of Oregon, have already announced their distinct and unqualified approval of the president's plan.

It is worth to mention in this connection that George M. Pullman has just become a large stockholder in the Nicaragua Canal Company, which is a very good guarantee of its actuality.

The Pacific coast should take a deep and active interest in the Nicaragua canal, for we must derive more direct benefit from it than any other part of the United States.

Bradstreet is the leading financial publication in the United States, and the following is a compliment to the present administration: "An unusual number of judicial appointments have fallen to the lot of President Harrison."

There is a movement on foot with the press of the state in favor of good roads to the interior, from railroad stations and river landings. This is very important, and no community can expect to develop without having available means of transportation from the farm to the town.

The United States are making preparations to meet Chili on her own grounds, and it is to be hoped that our government will teach this South American republic a practical lesson.

The death of Captain Medorum Crawford of Yamhill last Saturday, removes one of the most widely known pioneers of the state of Oregon. He crossed the plains in 1842, and had been identified with the history of the state ever since.

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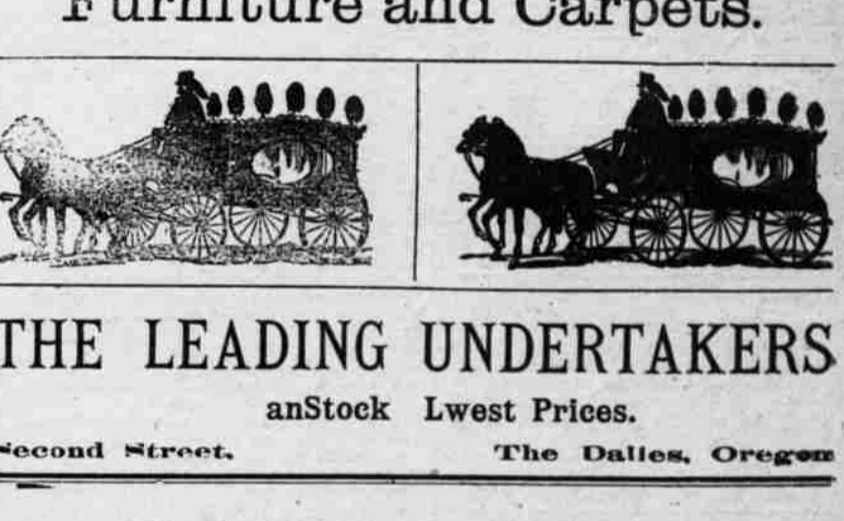
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