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EDITORIAL

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

The year just closing has been a most strenuous one for all employed on The Herald. Every one has done his or her best to bring the paper up to a high standard of journalism. Over fifty people have been interested in the weekly tra'ieip of the paper. For y-four of these are our faithful correspondents who have so nobly stood by their paper. It is through these loyal friends that The Herald has at last attained a place in nearly 1100 homes in Multnomah and Clackamas counties, not to speak of the many copies that are sent to friends in other counties in Oregon and the surrounding states.

And this is not all, for the subscription list is growing at a splendid rate. There is now no question but that Beaver State Herald is destined to become one of the best-known and most liberally-patronized papers in the state. Commencing with the first of the year the management proposes to commence a campaign for new subscriptions that will be effective and far-reaching. Looking to this end we earnestly solicit the continuance of the friendship and earnest support that has been so liberally accorded us during the past year, and ask all our folk when speaking to the neighbor or the merchant, or other business man, to mention the Beaver State Herald. This costs you nothing but means so much to us. It is through this method that a number of ads. have come to our columns,—others have been enlarged and many have been retained only by reason of the fact that our folk have spoken a good word for their paper.

We would not be doing justice to ourselves if we did not take this opportunity of thanking each and every one for their interest in The Herald, and especially do we owe a debt of gratitude to our correspondents, who have made it possible for us to secure so much home news. To our faithful fellow workers, those who have stood by us rain or shine, sick or well, through thick and thin, working many times early in the morning and late at night under the greatest of disadvantages, always uncomplaining, cheerful, and ever ready to do the best for their paper and for the one who in a humble way is striving to achieve that success that can come only from persistent, painstaking effort, and to the merchants and business men, who have patronized us so liberally and so well. To all of you, dear folks, we thank you, and wish for you the happiest and most prosperous year of your history.

A friend of The Herald, while in conversation with ye editor a few days ago, suggested that a graduated income tax, on all sums over \$5000, would be one of the simplest, least burdensome, and at the same time one of the most practical ways of raising funds for the building of county and state wagon roads.

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

Lindsay H. Hicks, the miner who, with a number of others, was recently buried under sixty feet of dirt by a cave in at Bakersfield, Cal., speaking of this rescue, said, "I know it was God who saved me. From the very moment I was swallowed in I saw that God was protecting me and I knew he would save me," etc. Men sometimes scoff at religion and profess to ignore the existence of a Superior Being. We are glad to note therefore that this man, who apparently stood no more chance for recovery than did his fellow companions who died all around him, acknowledges his miraculos escape to the intervention of an all wise God, and is willing to give God the credit for his escape from an awful death.

It was with this man, as with many others, his faith in God that gave him hope, and strength of mind, and purpose, to cheer on those employed in his rescue.

It is this God-given faith and persistency of purpose that have led men to sacrifice all in the effort to save and convert mankind, and not only to convert, in the sense of religion, but to civilize, to start men and women toward a higher life, to instill into the ignorant a love for the beautiful, to incite the uneducated to seek education, and to do for others that which they cannot do for themselves. The greatest intellects of the universe, the wisest of the world's great men, those who have been most admired for what they have done for the betterment of mankind, have all acknowledged this debt of gratitude, that each and every individual owes at some time, in some way, to the guiding and keeping power of the God of the world to whom all men owe allegiance and whose divine laws all should obey.

GOOD TIME REPORTED.

Christmas, with its genuine time of good cheer, has come and gone. Reports from The Herald family indicate one of the best times ever enjoyed by our people. It was a blessed time. Every one felt individually responsible for the good time of the neighbor, and the neighbor's children. Ye editor, wife and little ones have shared in this general good time, and how good it seems to be so remembered. Christmas time is the celebration of a gift, the gift of God's only son to a dying world, and we are glad that the feeling of gift has been so conspicuous through this holiday season. Our folk are becoming very precious to us for it is through them that we have been enabled to grow and to add our mite to the upbuilding of the community with which we are glad to be associated. We hope that the coming year will be one of great prosperity and that our people will all be even better off next year than this.

The year 1906 has without doubt been the most prosperous ever experienced by the United States. It will go down in history as the one of greatest por-

tent to the state of Oregon, and to Portland and vicinity in particular. Today is the time to save, to accumulate. The opportunity is presented. Those who fail to grasp will have themselves to blame, and not others.

RESOLVE TO DO BETTER.

The time has again come for the most of ordinary folk to make new resolutions for the new year. The drunkard, the smoker, the morphine fiend, the cigarette smoker, the gambler, the mean man, and the good man, will all more or less resolve to do better in the new year, and why shouldn't they? A man so far gone to the devil that he hasn't sufficient strength of purpose left to resolve to do better is certainly to be pitied, and there a none so good but that they can and should aspire to be better.

ON THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE OF SIN

Passions uncurbed, consciences every day warning, unheeded, the innocence of maidenly purity, the weakness of trusting, loving nature, betrayed by a kiss, a show of affection, and the devilish wiles and infamy of selfish, unbridled passion are all on the toboggan slide of sin which invariably lead to ignominy and death, for "the wages of sin is death." Young man, which way are you headed? The love for loud-mouthed, vulgar companions, the cigarette, the dice box, the saloon and its attendant evils are sure indications that you are on the toboggan. Better get off before it is too late and you are precipitated into a life of shame and death.

We are in receipt of "Worker," a Socialist paper published at Auckland, N. Z., which speaks of Oscar Neitzer, formerly of Gresham, having presented the editor with \$25 for the furtherance of the socialist cause in that country.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT EDITED BY E. P. SMITH.

Ninety Per Cent Clean Fruit.

The Washington Experiment Station reports that in 1905 a practical test of efficiency of spraying for preventing the ravages of the codling moth was made in a commercial orchard of seventy acres. This orchard had become unprofitable because of the large proportion of wormy apples it produced. With proper spraying ninety per cent of clean fruit was obtained. A large number of different methods of fighting the codling moth were tried, and spraying with arsenate of lead gave such good results that in 1906 it was given a thorough test in a run down orchard of 125 acres. This orchard was sprayed four times with arsenate of lead and 95 per cent of the fruit was clean, compared with only about five per cent in previous years.

The results obtained justify the belief that even with badly infested orchards four thorough and careful sprayings with arsenate of lead will save 85 per cent of the crop. These tests are cumulative evidence of a fact which may be accepted as well proved by a great number of tests by experiment stations and individual fruit growers. Mr. G. I. Sargent, at Hood River, this past season secured better than 95 per cent of clean apples from an orchard previously neglected, and in which year before last nearly every apple was wormy.—Rural Northwest.

At a recent meeting of the Linn county council, Patrons of Husbandry, a resolution was adopted heartily favoring the rigid enforcement of the laws in relation to the cleansing or destruction of infested or diseased fruit trees.

With the death of Geo. H. Lambergson the Oregon state board of horticulture has lost an efficient secretary, who has labored faithfully for the upbuilding of the horticultural interests of the state.

His death followed a period of ill health lasting over a year. The crop of the Persian walnut, (juglans regia) in the United States amounts to something over \$1,000 a annually. This walnut is commercially known as the English walnut or Maderia nut; the leading varieties are Franquette, Mayette, Chaberte, Parisienne, Proepartorien, Pomeroy and Rush.

Buying Fruit Trees. John Isaac gives timely caution about the purchase of fruit trees in a recent number of the California Cultivator. Trees for planting should be obtained

United Artisans Gresham Assembly, No. 175, meets in Regner's Hall 1st and 3d Friday each month. Henry Douthit, M. A.; C. A. Nutley, Sec'y. All Artisans Welcome.

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ORDINANCE 31. AN ORDINANCE the appropriation of two hundred and sixty-one and ninety-hundredths (261.90) dollars for the purchase of a fire-proof safe for the town of Gresham. Be it ordained by the common council of the town of Gresham: Section 1. That there be appropriated out of the general funds of the town two hundred and sixty-one and ninety-hundredths (261.90) dollars and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a fire-proof safe to be used by the town recorder for the safe keeping of the books and records of the town of Gresham. Section 2. That the recorder be and he is hereby authorized to issue a warrant of the town for the sum of two hundred and sixty-one and ninety-hundredths (261.90) dollars, said warrant to be issued within ten (10) days after date of delivery of said safe to the town of Gresham and its approval by the council. Adopted December 21, 1906. Approved December 21, 1906. LEWIS SHATTUCK, Mayor. Attest: H. L. ST. CLAIR, Recorder.

ORDINANCE 32. AN ORDINANCE authorizing the appropriation of seventy (70) dollars for the purchase of street lamps. Be it ordained by the common council of the town of Gresham: Section 1. That there be appropriated out of the general funds of the town the sum of seventy (70) dollars and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of street lamps. Section 2. That the recorder be and he is hereby authorized to issue a warrant of the town for the sum authorized by this ordinance said warrant to be issued within ten (10) days after delivery of the said street lamps and their approval by the council. Adopted December 21, 1906. Approved December 21, 1906. LEWIS SHATTUCK, Mayor. Attest: H. L. ST. CLAIR, Recorder.

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