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GRATEFUL for the support extended by its patrons, the Herald this issue has expanded itself into a 24-page magazine for the pleasure of its readers in this special year-end edition. We believe this is the first annual edition of the Herald ever gotten out. At any rate the first to be gotten out with such features. The edition is not prompted so much by the desire to promote our own interests and boost the good qualities of our locality as to express our interest in the patronage that has come our way during the last year. While our cup of joy is not exactly overflowing we feel that as country papers go we certainly have a good many things to contemplate with gratitude. Business has been good, subscriptions have been liberal and our list of patrons has been growing. We anticipate the new year with favor, believing it will be more generous than the past and feel assured that we will try to merit advantages that may come our way. The essential thing in the successful continuance of any paper is support, moral and financial. The price of a paper is a trifle to any subscriber and yet it means a lot to a publisher. Without the financial support even of subscriptions the owner cannot maintain the business. Every subscription gives moral encouragement and enables the publisher to furnish a better product. We have lived in communities where a local paper was struggling to keep up its business existence without giving it the support of a subscription. Having had the experience once we will never have the conscience to do so again. The paper may not be of our politics, it may differ from us on local matters, its religion may not be ours, but in spite of all that it will be doing something for us and our town and country that should have recognition in the trifling support and encouragement, at least, of a subscription. Having been in

this place once we are able to understand the man who is willing to produce a good article if the field will supply the proper support. The outlook for the Herald was never better. The editor intends to give more time to its publication than he has in the past. He hopes to merit a longer subscription list and unless unseen circumstances arise he will meet his expectations.

For All Things

I thank thee, Lord, that I am straight and strong,
With wit to work and hope to keep me brave;
That two score years, unfathomed, yet belong
To the allotted life thy bounty gave.

I thank thee that the sight of sunlit lands
And dipping hills, the breath of evening grass—
That wet, dark rocks, and flowers in my hands,
Can give me daily gladness as I pass.

I thank thee that I love the things of earth—
Ripe fruit and laughter, lying down to sleep,
The shine of lighted towns, the graver worth
Of beating human hearts that laugh and weep.

I thank thee that as yet I need not know,
Yet need not fear, the mystery of the end;
But more than all, and though all these should go—
Dear Lord, this on my knees!—I thank thee for
my friend. —Selected.

Just now when congress is pretty well stirred up over the question of expending a few hundred millions in putting the army into first-class condition it is not amiss to be considering whether the world has outlived the necessity of preparing for war. About a fortnight since Andrew Carnegie, international philanthropist, made a donation of \$10,000,000 or so for the purpose of promoting world peace. The same mail brought us news that about every nation on the earth had plans in hand to increase the war fund. There has been something of this sort going on for several years. The Hague Tribunal was founded for just such a thing and still we have rumors of war. It cannot be proven that civilizing influences have in any way lessened man's selfishness. Educating a man does not make him honest. It makes him, keener, quicker,

abler to use the faculties he has, to accomplish his aims, be they good or bad. The savage tribe is limited in its warlike depredations to comparatively limited area. As modern methods of war are introduced his field of operations are extended and he finds himself getting into trouble with people that he formerly did not dream existed. It cannot be said that the moral condition of any barbarous, semi-barbarous or savage tribe has been materially improved by the civilizing influence of the white man. The Indians here in America have degenerated physically and morally since becoming acquainted with the white man. Tribes have been completely annihilated by the introduction of a few religious ideas and a lot of bad whiskey. The point in all this is that civilization does not pre-

proper time comes they will be on the spot and will have us on their backs even before we know of their intentions. We, of all the people, should be in favor of a well organized army and navy, ready to meet the nation's needs at a moment's notice.

A recent ride through the county east of Gresham convinced us that a lot of people are not observing the law relative to care of their orchards in warding off diseases and pests. And yet we are aspiring to be numbered among the fruit producing areas of the state. No orchard with moss grown, gnarly, knotty boughs is likely to produce good fruit in the future, sooner or later. Such a tree is already sapped of vitality and it would be cheaper and safer to cut it down and burn it, root and branch, and start with some new stock and keep them clean and healthy and free from infection by proper pruning and spraying. We can grow good fruit here—but we don't do it. The soil, the sunshine, the rain, and the wind furnish all the necessary elements for successful fruit growing but nature cannot supply intelligent cultivation and protection for highly developed fruits. It takes a man to do that, and until our men come to have a different view of the subject perfect fruit will be unknown in these parts. It would not be a bad idea for the fruit inspector to attend to his business in this section.

A lot of fellows are reported to be preparing sets of resolutions which will be duly enacted into a moral code about January 1. That is all well enough for the fellow who doesn't intend or who hasn't the nerve to carry through any resolution, made at any time on any matter. It probably does give a fellow a sort of second sight of what should be his moral standard to be making New Year's resolutions. But there is little hope for him. The fellow who really means to reform, that has the will to do what his judgment tells him should be done, will put his determination into action right now. Today is the time to begin, whether it is the first of the year or not.

We people on the Pacific coast will probably be the ones to feel the results of the next war the United States will have to face. The elements of it are being planned day by day and our enemies are even now among us taking our measure and planning our defeat. There is no use to deny it. These people are not here for gain alone. When the

A fellow over in Washington has sent to Los Angeles for a car load of cats. Why go so far from home. Had he sent to Gresham he might have had his cats cheaper, quicker and with less mortality in transit. And the town could well spare that many, with perhaps a few dogs for the discount.