

# THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, JAN. 1, 1874.

Happy New Year.

The old year is gone, and numbered among its predecessors. As the clock struck twelve last night, a new year was heralded into existence, which will soon be numbered among the past. The year just closed has been marked by no very extraordinary events, and with the exception of the evil effects of a Radical National Administration, no great disaster has befallen our country. But in this respect, the people have shown unmistakable evidence of awakening from their lethargy, which gives us reason to expect a better condition of affairs in the future.

The year of 1874 is gone. We can never recall one moment of it that is past. It has gone with its joys and its sorrows. Many who began the year with us, joyous and happy, have passed from earth to heaven. Many have been the heart-burnings, sorrows, anxieties and cares of those yet living to be mown down by the scythe of time.

It is a fitting time to remember that it is our acts here that will stamp and define our characters both here and hereafter. The book of time, as page after page is turned over, shows our credits for good deeds and of debit for bad ones. How many of us have, by careful thought, examined our balance sheet? How many have, from past experience, determined to live better in the future? Do our lives in the past reflect the light of compassion, good will toward our fellow-men? If so, we are a blessing to the community. On the other hand, if we are cherishing unkindly feelings, hatred and malice, we are sowing to the wind, and will reap nothing but trouble, misery and wretchedness.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to begin with new resolutions for the better. If we have good health and are desirous of preserving it, let us live in honest compliance with the laws which will tend to preserve it. We all rejoice, or we ought to, for the many privileges we have enjoyed in the past—the many happy New Years we have been permitted to enjoy. We hope that our many readers may enjoy yet many more, and a page after page of the new year will be turned into the past, may we not all rejoice in the fact that we have been permitted to live and enjoy better and truer lives, and as age creeps on us, may the passage of time admonish us to prepare for the great and endless future.

Many a household has been the recipients of joys for the past year. The future is all bright before them and the past is full of joys, yet no mortal knows what is in store for them before another year passes away. Many a household has been desolated and dear ones have passed away from the cares and sorrows of this life. To them the past year has no joys and is full of sad memories. They cannot look with any feeling of joy on the past. For them, we trust the future may be brighter, and that the sorrows which they have experienced will all be buried with the Old Year, and that their future may be full of sunshine and happiness.

To our readers and friends, we wish a Happy New Year. May we continue the friendly relations existing between us. May all enjoy many more New Years, is the wish of the Enterprise.

## Good Papers and Books.

While our readers are making up their list of papers and magazines for the coming year, we can assure them that the following are worthy of their patronage, and will be found fully worth the subscription price:

The *Aldine*, published by the Aldine Co., New York, at \$6.00 per year.

Scribner's Magazine, by Scribner & Co., New York, \$4.00 per year.

St. Nicholas, a splendid magazine for the young as well as the old, published by Scribner & Co., \$3.00 per year.

Our Fireside Friend, published by Messrs. Waters & Co., Chicago, \$3.00 per year.

Heath and Home, which has recently been much improved, published by Messrs. Orange Judd & Co., New York, \$3.00 per year.

For Old Fellows we know of no better magazine than the "Old Fellows' Companion," published by Messrs. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, at \$2.50 per year. We will receive and forward subscriptions for any of the above papers or magazines, at publishers' rates.

And if any of our readers want a thoroughly Democratic paper, they should take the *San Francisco Examiner*, which is the organ of the party on this coast, and one of the leading papers printed in the United States. Subscription for the weekly, \$5.00 per year.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar recently returned home from an extended tour through Southern Oregon. During his absence he organized and re-organized eleven Good Templar lodges, and visited thirty-seven.

## The Death of the Old Year.

Geo. D. Prentice gave expression to the following eloquent sentiments on the death of the Old Year, which are so beautiful and replete with sentiment that we reproduce them nearly a quarter of a century after they were first printed in the *Louisville Journal*: "The Old Year will vanish. From the highest summit of the Night, amid mourning shadows draped in white vapors, and the wild dirge of the winds, he will take his last leap with a shriek of triumph that will echo among the stars like the scream of an eagle among the dazzling peaks of the Alps. He will go. The glorious old prophet will prophesy to our fond hopes no more. He will sleep with his fathers in the pale cemetery of the Past, and as phobels will soon spring thick about his tomb. He will sleep the deep still sleep that knows no dreams and no waking. And oh, what myriads of tender hopes will sleep with him. We do not marvel that all hearts should melt in one soft, sweet wail of grief for the dear departed. He will lie low in a shroud of sweetest memories.

What a transcendent mystery is death! And how fraught with tears in even its gentlest and most beautiful forms. The perishing of a chosen flower, the decay of a cherished plant, the fading of a summer cloud on which the eye and fancy have for a time been riveted, the close of a bright day, brimming with enchanting experiences, the extinction of a meteor that blazes in the heavens for a moment and bursts brilliantly into nothing, the fleeting away of a sunbeam or of a shadow, the doom of anything that attracts and fixes the soul, though for an instant, and then vanishes forever, is charged and full laden with

"Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."

Death, purely as such, is full of exquisite solemnity. The simple idea of the cessation of existence is one of the most sublime and touching that the soul can conceive. It drives the mind back upon itself with a sudden flash of inspiration that lights up the dim bearings of humanity as a blaze of lightning illumines a temple in the night. It awakens in the soul a thrilling sense of awe and wonder and fascination. It holds up a flaming torch to the inaccessible heights of the spirit, and sheds a momentary brightness across their settled mystery. It is sublimely sad. But if the bare conception of passing away is thus strangely impressive, how deeply mournful must be the passing away of an object loved in the loveliest associations, and lacerating, as it goes, the heart's rich and delicate affections. If death, in itself, is sad, how exquisitely sad must it be in all things else that are most fair and blest. Such, and so deliciously mournful, is the death of the vanishing Old Year. We feel not only that something is about to cease to be, but that a lamp of joy and beauty will soon go out in the clear gaze of men. We are raised in a twinkling, to a sense of immeasurable and irreclaimable loss. We perceive, as if in the revelation of a single glance, that another chapter of pearls has slipped off the necklace of life, and sunk irretrievably into the depth of Time—that another argosy has gone down on the shoreless sea, freighted with the overflowing wealth of human hearts; that a whole galaxy of beaming stars have shot, one by one, from their stations in the sky, and been quenched in the eternal wave—that a full anthem is lost from the majestic choral song of Nature. Well, indeed, may all hearts blend in one soft plaint above the grave of a buried year, for much, oh, how much! of the joy and beauty and sweet ventures of all hearts are buried with it.

But, notwithstanding our pardonable regret that we are so much nearer the tomb, the final home of all of woman born, because of the decadence of the Old Year, we welcome the new. We greet it as the forerunner of a more genial and enlightened era in the history of mankind. A period in which rational quarrels shall cease, and the apparently diverse interests of people be settled by friendly arbitration, instead of being decided by the two often unjust influences of physical superiority. We welcome it as a period that brings us yet nearer to the hoped-for Scriptural time when "the wolf, also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted together, and a little child shall lead them."

BUTLER'S SACRIFICE FOR THE LADIES.—The feature of the last meeting of the Woman's Suffrage Association, remarks the *New York Herald*, was a letter from General Butler, in which he avowed his belief that his advocacy of woman's suffrage cost him five hundred votes. Like a good little boy the General is not disheartened by this untoward result, and he is still for the cause. It is to be presumed that the good women of the Suffrage Association join with him in his lament.

The Albany Democrat gives notice that that office will accept no complimentary tickets for shows, theaters, concerts, etc., after Jan. 1st. All pupils must be paid for.

## Our Advertisers.

At the commencement of a New Year, we deem it but proper that we should return special thanks to our advertisers who have given us their support for the past year, and shall proceed to do so, by commencing with the upper end of town. The first among our advertising patrons is the

### O. S. N. COMPANY.

who are now running seven boats on the Upper Willamette, and two on the lower, leaving here daily up-river, and twice each day for Portland. They have a fine lot of boats, and their officers are gentlemen who understand their business. Next, we have the

### IMPERIAL MILLS.

owned by Messrs. Geo. LaRocque & Co. These Mills have long since attained an excellent reputation all over this Coast, and the owners do not propose to lose any of their past laurels. Next we come to the store of

### MAJOR THOMAS CHAMMAN.

one of the oldest merchants in our city, who always has on hand a splendid stock of goods for his customers, and is known for his soundness on all business matters. Next we go into the establishment of

### MESSRS. S. ACKERMAN & CO.

who have a fine store, full of all kinds of goods. Their long residence in this place has given the public every reason to trust in their integrity. We next enter the store of

### MESSRS. WARD & HARDING.

Druggists, who are both young men of liberal principles in all their business transactions. They keep an excellent stock of goods on hand, and aim to do full justice to their many patrons. They are entirely worthy of the liberal support they are receiving, and we trust that our young friends may continue to prosper. We next step into the well-filled store of

### A. LEVY.

who has a fine stock of clothing, dry goods, and all kinds of goods generally found in a first-class store. He is an old settler here, and his friends know that he will do to trade with. We next come to the old store of

### I. SEELING.

who is so well known and sells so many goods to the people of Clackamas county. We hardly know what to say about him in order to do him justice. However, he is always on hand to sell goods, and never fails to satisfy his customers. We now come to the jewelry establishment of

### W. H. HIGHTFIELD.

the pioneer jeweler of Oregon, and who has a reputation as a workman in his line, which brings him business from every part of the State. He understands his business, and keeps nothing but the best in his line for those who purchase from him. We then cross the street and find

### JOHN M. BACON.

with a fine stock of books and stationery, which he dispenses to his customers at low prices, besides furnishing many of them with letters from the dear ones far away. We come back again and enter the store of

### B. A. HOGGINS.

who has a fine stock of goods, sells cheap, is known for his liberal dealing, and representing his goods just as they are. He is an old merchant, and when he gets a customer, he hardly ever loses him. We then enter the store of

### WILLIAMS & HARDING.

who are ready to supply the people with groceries and bread, cakes, pies, and anything generally found in a store of the kind. By their just dealings and promptness in business, they have secured the confidence of all who trade with them. We now have a long jump to make to get to

### LOUIS SAAZ'S.

confectionery establishment, in which you can get enough candies, toys &c., to supply all your friends and relations. We next enter the store of

### E. D. KELLY.

where you can find the latest styles of hats, and a general assortment of millinery goods. Mrs. Kelly knows what the ladies want, and has it on hand for them. Next we go to the establishment of

### JOHN SCHRAM.

who has been here so long, and has made his harness so strong that when a man once buys one from him he gets tired of it before it wears out, which is enough recommendation for him as a mechanic.

### DAVID SMITH.

one of the best blacksmiths and wagon-makers in the State, is always ready to meet the wants of his many customers, and he never fails to give satisfaction and do a good job of work.

### JAS. M. FRAZER.

keeps all the horses put in his charge well, gives his patrons good, gentle teams to drive, and is ready at all times to accommodate the public.

### JOHN MYERS.

has a fine stock of general merchandise, is liberal in his dealings, and merits the generous support he has received in the past, and will continue to deserve it in the future. He is one of our oldest merchants, and has the full confidence of the public generally.

### CHAS. H. CAUFIELD.

at the old stand of Robt. Canfield, has a well-selected stock of goods on hand, and though a young man in business, has established an excellent reputation for integrity and liberal dealing. He deserves a generous support.

### WM. SINGER.

manufactures all kinds of furniture to order, is an excellent mechanic, and turns out the best of work from his establishment.

### HENRY HUMMEL.

makes the best of lager, which is ap-

preciated by his patrons. He is a man that understands his business, and is deserving of the success he has met with.

The legal profession is represented in our columns by Messrs. S. Hue-lat, W. W. Moreland, Johnson & McCowan, and L. T. Barrin. They are all gentlemen of ability, and deserving the confidence of the public.

The cards of Drs. J. W. Norris and S. Parker appear in our columns. They are gentlemen of excellent abilities, as the success in their profession has abundantly proven in the past.

In conclusion we wish our patrons a Happy New Year, and that they will be as deserving of their past favors, and that they may continue the same, and that they have been fully rewarded for their liberality.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The Returning Board to-day threw out the polls of Assumption Parish, which gives the Conservatives 103 majority thus defeating 21 Republican Senators. It is understood that the Conservative majority has been reduced to two. There are 11 parishes yet to canvass which elected 18 Conservatives and one Republican last November.

A committee of 70, composed of the leading citizens, has been appointed to address to the people of the United States, reciting the wrongs they have been subjected to by the Kellogg government, and detailing frauds by which the Returning Board are endeavoring to wrest from the people the fruits of their victory at the polls last November.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—Last week W. Kingsbury, Jordan Ivory, Van Hatfield, Henry Wood, Carey Young and Vincent Petty, prominent colored men, were arrested at West Point, Mississippi, for the systematic robbery of freight trains on the Mobile Ohio & Kentucky Railroad. Their method was to have one or two enter a car and throw out the goods, which were then picked up and transferred to the store of Ivory, who is an Alderman, or to that of Petty, who is the County Treasurer. Kingsbury confessed first; the others subsequently. The amount stolen is said to be thousands of dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Representatives of 8,000 colored men in Richmond arrived here to-day with a petition, asking Congress to take early measures to have a dividend declared to the depositors of the Freedmen's Savings Bank. The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the payment of interest due on the 1st of January be commenced to-morrow without rebate.

Axtell's nomination as Governor of Utah is urged by Sargent in view of Axtell's confessing his Democratic sins and stamping Ohio for Grant.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The father of Charley Ross offers \$5,000 reward for the boy, and no questions asked.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 26.—Two sons of Jacob Newswinder, who lives fifteen miles north of here, have been arrested charged with murdering their father. They are 14 and 18 years old. The family deserted the house, and the remains of Mr. N. were found in the ashes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—Governor McEnery has issued the following dispatch: "The wrong just perpetrated by the Returning Board against the people of Louisiana, which threatens the safety and integrity of the Republican institutions of the United States, is a more crowning injury than the action of the Lynch Returning Board. It surpasses even the midnight order of Durell, and would not be submitted to by any free people. Resistance to the wrong is a duty. I am here, here by a large portion of the army and naval fleet sustaining usurpation and stifling the voice of the people."

A fight came off between Dan C. Byerly, manager of the *Bulletin*, and George W. Varnum, a lawyer on Canal street, on the 25th inst. Byerly knocked Varnum down with a stick and jumped upon him, when Varnum drew a knife and stabbed Byerly several times in the abdomen. The wound is dangerous. Varnum was arrested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Louisiana Legislature meets January 4, when, it is reported, stern opposition will be made in the House of Representatives to the rulings of the Returning Board. There is some color to the report that if it becomes necessary, General Sheridan will proceed to New Orleans to assume command. If the rumor be credited he will be close to New Orleans on the day of the meeting of the Legislature.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—General Sheridan, with a portion of his staff, left here last night for New Orleans. A Washington special says instructions to General Sheridan, it is understood direct him to acquaint himself with the actual condition of affairs in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, but to make Louisiana his present point. On arriving at New Orleans he is to confer with Major Merrill on the actual condition of affairs in Louisiana, outside the city of New Orleans. Major Merrill is the officer who arrested the perpetrators of the Bonshatta massacre, and has a high reputation for energy, courage, and fidelity in military circles here. An officer of the Government, of high standing, says that thus far Merrill has been the only military man in the South who understands the situation. The nature of Sheridan's mission is similar to that of General Grant in 1867, with the exception that Grant was designated to discover why there was no prosperity in the South, while Sheridan is to learn why there is no peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Postmaster General to-day ordered the mail ship on Puget Sound to begin at Olympia instead of Tacoma, and thus insure for the former place close connection.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—The inquiry over Byerly, killed by ex-Governor Warmouth, will be held to-morrow. At the post-mortem to-day six wounds were found, one only being superficial. Two of the remaining five wounds would have caused speedy death, and three would have caused death in two or three weeks.

Thirteen persons are down sick with the typhoid fever at one house in Lane county.

## SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS.

The fireman's ball at Eugene City, on Thursday evening last, was a success. Tickets to the amount of \$276.50 were disposed of.

Deputy Sheriff Kent arrived at Jacksonville on the 28th ult. with William and Walter Brown, who killed Oliver Hurt in Sprague River Valley last summer. The arrest was made on the morning of the 25th ult. in the vicinity of where the crime was committed.

A fire occurred at Portland last Monday night, damaging the small buildings on Second Street, between Pine and Oak.

John Marden, superintendent, and one of the commissioners of the Dalles and Sandy wagon road, states that should the weather continue, work on the lower portion of the road will be resumed some time next week. He has already purchased the lumber for the bridges.

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The *Ashtoria* learns that the oyster business of Tillamook, which a few years ago, under improper management of the spawn, was almost exhausted, is now through wiser economy slowly resuscitating. Many new claims have been taken within the last couple of years, and planted with young oysters, which are maturing profitably to the owners, and will ever afford a source of revenue.

But this business cannot spread beyond certain limits, nature itself setting the bounds by allowing a bay of small extent wherein to operate.

Ten days run of the Virtue Mill, this month, resulted in a gold brick weighing 140 ounces.

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the House to-day Mr. Bradley from the Public Lands Committee, introduced a bill for the sale of timber lands in California, Oregon and the Territories at the minimum price of \$2.50 per acre, in limited quantities, excluding lands containing gold, silver, copper or coal.

Herndon, from the same committee, reported back the Senate bill to create an additional Land District in Oregon to be called Dalles Land District. Passed.

A bill was introduced by Senator Kelley and Representative Nesmith providing for a United States guarantee of four per cent. on bonds issued by the Oregon Central Pacific Railroad, to the extent of \$30,000 per mile of the road from Winnemucca to Portland.

The bill introduced last night in aid of this road is simply for right of way and depot grounds.

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## Reliable Testimony.

It cannot be reasonably supposed that when a person testifies to the efficacy of a remedy whose benefits he has experienced, without solicitation, that he does so for the purpose of misleading the public, or from any other motive than that of gratitude. It is still more unreasonable to suppose that eminent physicians would condescend to the evidence thus given unless they were persuaded of its truth. The proprietors of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are constantly in the receipt of voluntary testimonials acknowledging the curative and preventive potency of this medicine in a great variety of cases, emanating not only from those who have felt its influence, but also from well known members of the medical profession, both here and abroad, who have witnessed its effects, and presented it in their private practice. In the face of such evidence as this, to