

THE ENTERPRISE.

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New Year's Day.

One hundred years ago to-day the American forces, under Gen. Washington, with scanty clothing, poor provisions and no powder, were encamped around Boston, with orders to capture that city without delay. Truly a desperate situation—and how changed the face of affairs! Now we are a wealthy nation, peace reigning supreme at home, and our foreign relations everywhere friendly. We have passed through the horrors of many wars, from the early Indian troubles down to our late fratricidal conflict, and yet, like the world-giant whom Hercules threw so often, we have gained strength by our adversities, and have grown greater and more formidable than ever. To look back into the history of our republic is to every American a matter of love and honest pride. There are but few blots on our escutcheon, and our archives are but a series of brave deeds by brave men. The handful of shivering warriors who threatened the well-fed Britons at Boston one hundred years ago—nowwithstanding the shocks of war, the corruption to which a republic is open, and the high running of party spirit—has developed into a mighty nation. The monarchial croakers who predicted a short life for our republic are driven to the wall for new theories; and to new fields for new predictions; whilst day by day, "the only true government for free men" has gained new importance and stability.

In celebrating our one hundredth birthday as a nation, a grand exhibition of our progress will be held, and the crowned heads of the Old World invited to the banquet board to share in our general rejoicings. They cannot be disappointed, for history contains no account of a more rapid and substantial growth than ours has been.

Those of our young men who have a chronic habit of "swearing off" certain little evil practices every first of January, have an opportunity now to date their resolutions from the centennial of existence. A grand chance for grand resolutions! To those who turn over new leaves in their conduct book on this day, we would suggest that they abjure their bad habits for lengthy periods, and bind themselves solemnly, before notaries—otherwise good resolutions become like pie-crust. If there be, however, any self-reformers who entertain any doubt as to their ability to abstain from pernicious habits after signing pledges to that effect, better not sign at all, thus, at least, escaping the disgrace of dishonoring their autographs.

It needs no prophet to tell of the bright future before us as Oregonians. Our fisheries, wheat, fruit, hops and flax; our manufacturing advantages and mineral resources are every day becoming better known to the outside world. Every steamer brings new settlers,—and with people and capital, our success in time to come is indisputable.

Hoping for the continued liberal patronage which has heretofore been given the ENTERPRISE, and reiterating our determination to make it in every way deserving of its numerous subscribers, we wish all our readers, most sincerely and heartily, a happy New Year.

Americans Abroad.

Americans in Europe have made for themselves no very enviable name;—their utter disregard for the established customs of foreigners, their rude assumption of superiority, and loud-mouthed braggadocio are everywhere known. One of the latest incidents of this much perturbed and sensitive people, is the holding of a meeting among themselves in Berlin, to protest against the German press making any insinuations against the great and glorious American eagle while commenting on the Bremer-Haven dynamite explosion. So in a foreign land, these brave protectors of America's fair fame take up the cudgel of defense! How magnanimous! How like a Winkler! How brave in this little band of patriots! Bluster away, you indignant asses, until King William's throne tapers to its fall. To bring the case home, what would we think of a handful of English travelers, remonstrating in Portland against the way Oregon papers occasionally speak of British Columbia? They would be deservedly laughed at, and we hope the German public and press will give similar treatment to what Mark Twain alludes to as not Americans, but *Les Voyageurs d'Amérique*.

Minister Schenck would never have indulged in poker had he known that the Boston Post would ever have said: "Schenck thinks the Emma mine stockholders are making an effort to try to force his character."

After stirring itself in a new bill and tucker, the *Evening Journal* unceremoniously casts its lot with the Democratic party. While wishing it pecuniary prosperity, we cannot refrain from expressing a doubt as to its success, and a regret at the independent press having lost so valuable a supporter.

To Patrons of Husbandry.

The committee appointed by the National Grange, to which all matter of co-operation was referred, after a careful consideration of the subject, reported, among a series of extensive resolutions and rules the following sensible preface:

Practical co-operation does not necessarily imply buying by wholesale and distributing at cost, neither does its success depend upon buying from the producer and selling to the consumer. These are principles of trade to be generally commended. But successful co-operation is based upon the policy of investing the profits of trade for the benefit of the purchaser.

If a number of persons, collectively, buy a stock of goods, and distribute them to each other at wholesale or cost prices, there is no substantial evidence of profit, but an invariable creation of prejudice throughout the mercantile community.

If, however, the same party disposes of their wares to themselves and others at usual retail rates, and invests the profits in favor of those who purchase, the transaction is at once pronounced legitimate and laudable, and rapid accumulation of profit is the result. Let us illustrate:

If \$100 worth of articles be sold at wholesale rates, quarterly, for consumption during the year, there will be nothing at the close of that year to present either as an evidence of economy or thrift.

But should that same amount be sold during the first quarter at retail, and the profits, (that is, the difference between wholesale and retail prices) be invested in favor of the purchaser, there would at the beginning of the second quarter be \$110 to reinvest, if the sales netted only 10 per cent. This amount again invested in goods to be sold the second quarter at the same profit of ten per cent., would yield \$121 to be invested at the beginning of the third quarter; and the same operation repeated through the third quarter would increase the amounts to be invested at the beginning of the fourth quarter to \$133.10. Continue this operation during the fourth quarter, and there would be, to begin the second year with, a capital of \$146.41. Or, in other words, an investment paying quarterly dividends of 10 per cent., is more than 46 per cent. per annum.

It is not an extravagant assertion that in all mercantile transactions an exchange is seldom if ever made for less than 10 per cent. profit. Hence successful co-operation is dependent upon quick exchanges for cash, and cash only, and not upon wholesale buying or large marginal profits to secure extended credit.

Unequal Taxation.

There is no doubt that a vast amount of property escapes taxation because it is not assessed, or assessed below its value. Under the provisions of our Oregon laws, taxpayers are required to furnish the Assessor with a list of their property to which they make oath. This, one would suppose, would be sufficient to deter even the most depraved from making false reports of their financial standing, but unfortunately such is not the case. A California exchange, feeling the necessity of some improvement in this matter, proposes the following remedy, which we think will be hailed with satisfaction by our entire press:

There is one sovereign remedy for this, and it should be applied immediately. Let the Legislature enact a law making it the duty of the Boards of Supervisors, or the proper officer of every county in the State, to publish in its county paper for one or more weeks the name of every taxpayer, with the amount of his assessment, and the amount of taxes he pays. This would be a speedy and effectual cure for the evil. If a taxpayer's pride did not influence him to make a true statement of his taxable property, his neighbors would know the fact, and this knowledge of itself would compel him to make a true statement to the Assessor. Besides, every taxpayer has a right to know how much another is assessed, and how much he pays.

From the Agricultural Department's report for the months of November and December, we compile the following, relating to Oregon: Corn product compared with last year, 102. Average quality compared with last year, 98. Potato product compared with last year, 96. Average quality compared with last year, 97. Hay product compared with last year, 101. Bean product compared with last year, 100. Buckwheat product compared with last year, 100. Flax product compared with last year, 96. Grape product compared with last year, 93. Pear product compared with last year, 89.

The comptroller of the currency has called upon National Banks for reports of their respective conditions at the close of business on Friday, the 17th of December. We hope that the information thus obtained may be of a nature to warrant a return to specie payments in 1879. From the amount of idle capital, and other similar facts to be gleaned from these bank reports, the comptroller may be able to form a very practical estimate as to how soon it will be for the nation's good to "resume."

PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

From our regular Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1875.

It may be interesting to you newspaper men to know that the great advertiser, Dr. Helmbold, of burlin and four-in-hand notoriety, has again been permitted to turn his back on the asylum for our well-to-do insane. I do not pretend to be much of an adviser, but should the little quack wish four or five columns in the ENTERPRISE, to be paid for at the end of every year, why look out that he doesn't get a little erratic a few days before his debt is due.

Edwin Booth has been delighting the educated class of our theatre goers for the last week with some of his inimicable representations. Suffering somewhat from his recent accident, his Richard I. was rather labored, in fact tame. In Cardinal Wolsey, however, (and it was his first appearance in this character) he was grand. Here he enacted the part of an old man, and no great physical power was necessary, hence his success. In King Lear, he reminds one feebly of Edwin Forrest,—but we feel that while the echoes of that great actor, in this character, are still ringing in the ears of the living, Mr. Booth had better confine himself to his hamlet, Romeo and Othello.

Rowe, a comparatively new historical sharp, is "drawing good houses" as Micawber the great Wilkins—at the Arch street theatre.

Some crazy pin-backs—perhaps members of the Sorosis Club—have been circulating a petition at Washington entitled "A Woman's Solemn Protest to the Members of the Forty-Fourth Congress." It is in opposition to granting aid to the Centennial Exhibition, because, as the signers allege, "the doors of the palace have been shut in the faces of the American women, and also because the negro race has been ignored." I will not take the space to show the absurdity of these charges, but simply brand their assertions as ignorant falsehoods. On the 8th of this month, the first step toward an appropriation to the Centennial was taken in the Senate. An elaborate and frank exposition of the receipts and expenditures of the managers of the Centennial, containing all the items involved, the amount of money on hand, and an estimate of the amount still required, was laid on the desks of the Senators this morning. Later in the day Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of the Board of Finance, asking for something over a million and a half dollars at the hands of Congress. The temper of Congress is more favorable than heretofore toward contributing to the success of the Exhibition. There was also sent to each Member and Senator to-day an invitation to visit the grounds of the Centennial, at Fairmount Park, on the 17th inst., and return on the evening of the 18th. A special train will be provided, and in Philadelphia the Congressmen will be the guests of the city. Lunches, dinners, banquets, speeches and a general good time is promised on behalf of Philadelphians. It is proposed to show to Congressmen exactly what has been done without Government aid, and what is yet proposed to do. It is claimed that no idea of the extent of the work accomplished can be obtained except by a personal visit.

Great heartiness is being displayed by France in our centennial celebration. The grand banquet of the Franco-American Union was a gratifying demonstration, and elicited many testimonies of fraternity and good will. The subscription which the city of Paris has just made to send French workmen to the Exposition is also a friendly act, calculated to popularize the project in Europe. The artisans will of course be welcomed, and will probably, on returning, be found as ardent republicans as were many of the followers of Lafayette after their stay in this country.

Our city is apparently not so much stirred as was Brooklyn by the services of Messrs. Moody and Sankey. Unfavorable weather has occasionally interfered with the attendance. The meetings still present the same characteristic of merely initiating the work, the actual conversions not being very numerous. There is some prospect, however, of more vigorous efforts being made before the revivalists depart. Barnum is said to be waiting for Moody and Sankey to leave us that he may begin remodeling the building now used by them. He will have a grand hippodrome, and "everything else," with which any man that here are not other young reynolds who will soon manifest their peccanting proclivities?

It is said that the amendment to the United States Constitution proposed by Mr. Blaine concerning our public schools, will doubtless be passed; for the Democrats are anxious to show their attachment to the wishes of the majority in this respect and how false are all charges to the contrary.

TWENTY.—Recent dispatches aver that prior to Tuesday's leave-taking he compromised the suits against him to the tune of \$1,000,000, and that he may return at any time without fear of further incarceration. Wasn't this known before? And if not, why not?

Sam Randall, M. C. from Pennsylvania, wants the army reduced. What, with our Indian fights and Mexican border troubles?

Lines South have been down since Tuesday; therefore we have no telegrams since that date.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Associate justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, W. C. Whitson, died here last night of paralysis.

AVON, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The business portion of this town was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Loss \$80,000; insurance \$36,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The President signed the bill further extending the time of the duration of the court of commissioners of the Alabama claims to the 23d of July next.

A Madrid telegram gives denial to the report that General Caballero De Rodas is dead.

A Berlin dispatch says information has been received that the disorders in Northern Khokland will soon be made the occasion by Russia for the annexation of the rest of the country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It has been decided that the law restoring the Stockton and Copperopolis land grant to the public domain took effect only when promulgated by the department and not at the date when approved by the President.

Representative Luttrell submitted to the Committee of Internal Revenue the bill drafted by the California Wine Growers' Association for the relief of native brandy distillers, and invited his approval, or suggestions concerning it. The commissioner will examine the subject and probably advise some modification.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Dec. 27.—Owing to the vigorous bombardment of Hernani by the Carlists, the situation there has become critical, and it is thought the garrison will evacuate unless promptly reinforced.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—At the Methodist preachers' meeting to-day the effort to have placed before the public a paper setting forth the views of the meeting with reference to the third term speech of Bishop Haven failed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A London telegram says the dispatches from the seat of war in Herzegovina state that a great battle took place Thursday last near Nitchitz, lasting nearly all day, in which 15,000 troops were engaged. The Turkish force claim a decisive victory. The fighting on both sides was desperate and the losses on both sides severe.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 27.—News has been received here of a dreadful calamity which occurred in the little village of Hiltikon, in the canton of Nargau, on Saturday. Christmas festivities were being celebrated in the schoolhouse in that place, when the flooring gave way, and 80 persons killed, and 50 more or less injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The Commercial bank of this city failed yesterday. It was a small run. The bank has a nominal capital of \$5,000,000, of actual capital less than \$200,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Moses A. Wood, in a contest with two burglars at his house in Cambridge yesterday morning, was stabbed three times and shot in the abdomen. The burglars escaped, but left \$2,000 worth of booty they had taken.

ROCK POINT, Dec. 28.—The Grave Creek Hotel and telegraph office, owned by Samuel Harkness, caught fire last night about 9 o'clock and was burned to the ground.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Postal changes for the past week in Washington Territory: Postmasters appointed, George C. Chisholm, Lewis county; James Meagher, Port Angeles, Clallam county; Wm. H. Eason, Steilacoom City, Pierce county; Wm. F. Mackintosh, Stoughton, Clarke county; James F. Wilson, Woodward's Landing, Pacific county.

A German named Lasse beat his wife to death in this city yesterday. James town, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The express train was thrown from the track to-day near Salamanca, by the spreading of the rails. Several persons were slightly injured.

ANOTHER IN THE RACE.—Dec. 13th, the crack ship Three Brothers (she used to be the steamship Vanderbilt) sailed from San Francisco with 4,000 tons of wheat for Liverpool. She will be another competitor in the big ocean race with the Western Shore and the fine British ships Baron Aberdare and Carmarthen Barch, lately from this port for the United Kingdom.

What is the matter with those Portland people who assembled with "a grand flourish of trumpets" to start a Reform School? Because Willie Raynard is paroled, is that any reason that there are not other young reynolds who will soon manifest their peccanting proclivities?

We think it would be a move in the right direction if the Oregon Grangers were to follow the example of their brothers in California, who are circulating a petition praying the next Legislature to pass a bill "fixing the rate of attorneys' and lawyers' fees, where no special contract is made." Come, who will start it?

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SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS.

A few days since, a half breed opened a saloon at Wheatland, thus enabling the Wheatlanders to get gloriously drunk and at the same time patronize "home industries."

The farm of Father Wilbur, in Douglas county, was sold for \$5,000 last week.

From the December report of the Department of Agriculture, we learn that during the month of November, Oregon wheat brought a higher price than that of any other country or section except Australia, the latter being quoted at 11s 10d against 11s 9d for Oregon.

The fall sown wheat at Tygh valley is 10 inches high.

Four cattle belonging to a drove being ferried over the river at Salem last Friday were drowned.

The directors of the Dalles Military Road, at a late meeting, determined to place the road in thorough repair.

Geo. Bryant, of West Chehalis, lately killed a monster wild cat.

Hon. Dained Clark has returned from the meeting of the National Grange.

The West Shore comes to us filled with well executed illustrations of Oregon landscapes.

The young ladies of Lafayette talk of getting up a leap-year party for the benefit of baneful young men.

A gentleman from Upper Deschutes informs us, says the Oregonian says: "From what we learn of the weather, in that region, the fall has been mild, and is susceptible of a high polish. It has a white lustre, slightly clouded with what appears to be oxide of iron, which adds much to the beauty of its finish."

Large numbers of immigrants have lately arrived in Jackson county. They are chiefly families and come to stay.

Burglars have been operating at Amity. The residence of Mr. White was broken into and robbed one night last week.

Pendleton has a grandmother who is only 92 years old.

A man was robbed of \$130 in Pendleton last week.

At Independence last week, a man who had hauled a load of wheat to town, was driving under the load back of the warehouse. The team became frightened and ran, passing under the beam of the trestle, which was so low as to strike him about the breast, crushing him against the back of the seat and injuring him very seriously.

Five large cases of walnuts and hazelnuts have arrived from the East to be planted in Polk county.

W. B. Singleton, of Roseburg, killed a gray eagle measuring six feet seven inches from tip to tip of wings.

The *Messenger* and Bro. Campbell took a rest during Christmas week.

Chief Lappeus is making it lively in the crowd of banks and monte sharps who have come to Portland for the winter.

A brother of Hon. S. F. Chadwick is fitting up an establishment to be known as the Baldwin Hotel, in San Francisco.

Salem had watermelons on Christmas day.

The *Mercury* says: The *Heppner Times* is the name of a little 7x9 sheet published at Heppner, Eastern Oregon. It has for a motto "Droit et Loyau." Will some one lend us a French dictionary?

The *Astorian* says: The ship Gatherer, now loading at this port for Europe, picked up the survivors of the bark Jessie Scott and took them into Honolulu. The Jessie Scott was abandoned under difficulties, and it was a lucky thing that the Gatherer came along when she did, as there was four feet of water in her hold then, and she probably sank the next day.

The Gussie Telfair now lies beached at Astoria for repairs.

A woman with two children, who has been passing herself off for a "widow by the loss of the Pacific," has disgusted the good people of the Dalles by getting drunk on the proceeds of her generosity.

The Jackson county jail is now empty. The last term of the Circuit Court emptied it into the Penitentiary.

On Wednesday the telegraph wires were down.

Rogue river has not been so high for twenty years.

The high water has done much damage in Southern Oregon.

Two new boilers are now being constructed at the Willavette Iron Works for Captain John Irving of Victoria, and will soon be ready for shipment to their destination.

The *Journal* moves that Irish flax growers and workers be offered inducement to immigrate to Oregon. Second the motion.

Henry White from Gernantown Pa., has committed suicide in Lake county.

Umatilla county has a population of 4,426, and raised 290,471 bushels of grain.

The population of Union county is 3,456, and it had thrashed in it 284,175 bushels of its own raised wheat.

TERRITORIAL NEWS ITEMS.

Tucson, Arizona, is building up rapidly. Among other structures recently erected is a school-house, costing \$10,000.

The principal business men of Silver City, Idaho, have agreed to close their places on Sundays, after January 1st.

The ore recently struck in the Bay City tunnel, Alta, Utah, is said to assay from \$2,000 to \$4,000 in silver to the ton.

Tenino is making the hoop-pole business a success. Every house in town is occupied, and they are going to ship 6,000,000 hoop-poles from that station next year.

The Legislature of Wyoming has passed an act for the location of a wagon road from Cheyenne to the Black Hills.

A man named James Newman was drowned at Port Ludlow last week.

Hood river colonists are moving to Cowlitz, W. T.

The Hon. J. G. Swan, Centennial Commissioner for Indian curiosities of the Northwestern coast, has had brought down from Alaska, a carved column 30 feet long and about 4 feet feet. It has carved, on its immense heads of Indians in various postures. It is now being boxed up for shipment to Washington. Mr. Swan is making valuable selections for the Centennial.

The Tacoma saw mill has been running night and day for some time past, cutting over 100,000 feet of lumber every 24 hours.

Professor Rice, the mind reader, is amusing the people of Seattle.

Seattle is importing eggs from Chicago.

A petition is being circulated in Seattle praying for the pardon of David Hughes, the boy who was convicted of killing Gellerson. Hon. A. S. Hughes offers to guarantee that the boy shall not kill anybody else.

There are 36 persons in the Utah penitentiary.

"Road agents" are collecting toll very extensively about Santa Fe, N. M.

Utah has shipped in the last six years \$25,000,000 worth of ores and bullion.

The *Owyhee Advertiser* says they have struck a rich lead in the Poor man mine.

A girl with three arms has just been married in New Mexico. Poor man.

There is a \$100,000 suit pending against the Sheridan Hill mining company of Utah.

Some Denver pedestrians intend to walk to the Centennial at Philadelphia—distance 2500 miles.

The Wyoming legislature is talking about repealing the woman suffrage act.

A Mormon bishop is under bonds at Salt Lake for stealing five bushels of wheat.

The iron bridge over the North Platte at Fort Laramie is completed.

A 27 foot vein of galena has been struck in Bingham canyon, Utah.

Silver City has sent a missionary to New Zealand. Was Silver City "unconvertible"?

The schools in Walla Walla are very meagerly attended owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever.

Says the *Walla Walla Spirit*: The other night a woman being tired of this "vale of tears," attempted "to evils we know not of," on an over dose of laudanum. Fortunately medical aid prevented a fatal result.

Mrs. Dunaway is about to return to Portland from her lecturing tour.

Nine different varieties of flowers were picked from a garden in Olympia one day last week.

The revenue cutter *Wolcott* has brought away from Neah Bay a lot of Indian curiosities intended for the Centennial.

It is rumored that E. S. Kearny has been appointed Governor of Washington Territory.

A lively mining season is anticipated in the Oro Fino and Pierce districts in Idaho.

Walla Walla has a female pugilist who will clean out a saloon, "quicker than you can say Jack Robinson."

Five attempts have been made to take Utah admitted as a State. The first was in March, 1840, when Crittiam was nominated Governor. Willis Attorney General, and John Taylor Associate Justice. The other attempts were in March, 1850, January, 1862, March, 1872, and December, 1875. Next.

A Mr. Ireland, in going from Walla Walla home on a dark night, recently, fell down a steep bank about 20 feet, and was seriously hurt.

Mr. John Kerchoffer met with a severe accident at the ranch of Chas. Moore, near Walla Walla. He was working a fence machine that has five augers, and his arm got caught between them and the bones were badly shattered.

A large elk was killed about six miles from Dallas last week.

Diphtheria is prevalent in some parts of Polk county.

An old lady named Mrs. Zourow was seriously injured by the upsetting of the stage near Baker City last week.

One day last week Thos. Benson, living between Pendleton and Umatilla, had his hand badly injured by the bursting of the gun which he was using.

They had a heavy snow-storm on the 27th inst. at Golden Gate.

G. W. Waldron has 8,000 sheep on his ranch near Kikkitat.

On a miser who died on the thirty-first of December—Here lies a miser, who beside A thousand other wretched died, On New Year's Eve expressly died, For fear of making New Year's gifts.

Moody and Sankey are to be invited to this Coast.