

The New Year.

In two days more the old eventful day, the beginning of a new century in our country's life will have begun.

The shock of a second civil war would be to our nation downright paralysis, and those men who would stir up the strife should be hanged like all other traitors.

A second view of the coming first of January is that taken from a personal stand, as it affects us as individuals. A great many who have arrived at the age of maturity make this day the occasion for pledges, usually affecting their moral and social standing.

When Greek Meets Greek.

The dispatches announced on Wednesday that the Odell party had reached Washington and were very indignant at the way they were misrepresented in San Francisco, and, like Cronin, whom the Tribune says "organized himself," they have published a card refusing to be interviewed by the newspaper reporters.

Mixed.

Things are no less muddled or undecided in the "three disputed States" than at this time a month ago. Poor South Carolina writes with a bad attack of double Governor, Florida is compromised, apparently, by both parties, the Republicans taking the lion's share, which is the electoral vote, while the rejoiced Democrats take the Governorship and other State offices.

Cronin at Washington.

A Washington dispatch of the 21st gives the following concerning the would-be elector from Oregon: Cronin of Oregon arrived in this city today. Up to this time he has not presented his papers to Ferry.

At the rate of progress Japan is making she must soon take her place among the foremost of the nations. She already has the European postal and light-house systems in active operation; and the report of the Postmaster-General shows that in four years the Empire has distanced Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Turkey and Greece in the postal service.

If Commodore Vanderbilt's apparent illness has been a trick devised for the purpose of revenging himself upon the New York newspapers for the sharp things they have said of him, it has been very successful. According to the Graphic, each of the big dailies has had to maintain, during the many months that the Commodore has kept his house, a regular staff of Vanderbilt reporters, at a cost of from \$30 to \$50 per week.

After doing all that was in our ability to stir up the property holders of this city to a sense of their plain duty (we refer to the building of a bridge across the Willamette at this place) we give up the attempt, conscious however that we have done what was demanded of us in the premises, and that our citizens in carrying out the "penny-wise and pound-foolish" doctrine are blinded to their best interests.

The English government having made the initiatory step toward an amicable agreement in regard to the extradition treaty, by surrendering Brent, a criminal fugitive, the Department of State has notified the British minister at Washington that the President is prepared to respond and make requisition for the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

In the Senate on the 21st, Mitchell presented a joint resolution of the Oregon legislature, asking the passage of a law to authorize the sale of certain public lands in the Eastern portion of that State, which are unfit for agricultural purposes, at a price less than \$1 25 per acre, the minimum price fixed by law. It was referred to committee on public lands.

What do our tax-payers say to a new court house? For a rising county like ours a room a little over the size of a dry-goods box is hardly keeping, and we think if the subject were thoroughly canvassed a majority of our solid men would favor our proposition.

Telegraphic News.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—There is considerable apprehension of trouble on the 5th of January, when the Governor is to be inaugurated. Both DeLoach and Nichols will be inaugurated. The Republicans will not oppose the inauguration of Nichols, but should he attempt to exercise the functions of the office, he will in all probability, be resisted, and a civil war will be made for troops, eleven hundred of whom are now stationed here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In case of Charles G. Fisher, late assistant district attorney, charged with abstracting papers from the clerk's office from the district court, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. A motion is entered for a new trial.

The statistician of the Department of Agriculture in his December report, makes the corn crop only 2 per cent short of the great crop of last year, and fully 50 per cent greater than in 1874. The aggregate, subject to possible future revision, is twelve hundred and ninety-five million bushels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The World's Washington special says: Dispatches are received to-day by both Senators from Florida, Conover Republican, and Jones Democrat, announcing the supreme court has issued a mandamus requiring the returning board to make the entire vote a majority to the Democratic candidates for electors and State officers, and declaring the following proceedings null and void.

9:40 P. M.—The supreme court has awarded everything the Democrats asked for. There is great rejoicing here. C. C. DYER.

It is definitely ascertained from Ferry that he does not intend to decide which is the correct return from the States where there are two sets of electoral returns, much less does he assume any right to count the same.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The difference of opinion in the service of the State before the House and Senate committees is accounted for by the fact that the Senate committee has had only testimony from Oneida, while the House has considered New Orleans parish, and the testimony is not yet really conflicting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President Grant, in conversation with a reporter of the Associated Press to-day, said in reply to a question that he had no knowledge of a Democratic conspiracy south or west, as has been reported. He had information merely of organized rifle companies outside of the State militia, but he was apprehensive of armed collision in connection with the Presidency. It seemed to him that the people in Washington political circles, and electoral vote in Southern contested States, in order to be satisfied of the result. The report of the several committees now there would shed light on the true condition of affairs, and lead to a speedy and final settlement of difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence, residing near Walla Walla, were thrown from a wagon last week and both badly hurt. Mr. S.'s thigh being broken, and his wife being bruised severely about the head and shoulders.

The number of legal firms in Seattle is 12, saloons 21, markets 7, mills 3, newspapers 3, daily and weekly and one monthly, 6 foundries and iron works, 2 ship yards, 12 meatly establishments, 78, manufactories of all kinds 69, breweries 2.

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that the unappropriated balance might be returned. We should be sorry to see such a delicate question raised.

A Times' dispatch from Shields says the shores of the Tyne are strewn for four miles with wrecks. Similar accounts come from along the east coast. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The Marquis of Salisbury will to-day demand from the Sultan his acceptance of the proposals agreed upon by the powers. Should he refuse Salisbury is instructed to leave Constantinople, and order the British fleet to quit Turkish waters.

Great quantities of arms and ammunition have been received from America. The temper of the population is warlike and the situation critical. On Saturday the Sofas made a demonstration before the Russian Embassy by shouting, "Down with Russia." Russian steamers have ceased running on the Black Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Another corvette of Russian North Pacific squadron arrived this evening, there are now three Russian men of war here, and three more due. This concentration of a fleet is exciting considerable comment in view of the present Russian complications.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A letter from Sacramento under date of Dec. 24th, says the young grass which started after the early rains is beginning to die, and summer followed grain, which scarcely ever fails in this county, will fare the same as other grain, unless rain falls within two weeks. Plowing is entirely suspended, and already much grain which has been sown will rot in the ground, and the crop will be a hopeless howler. Should rain come within two weeks, a great part would be saved, and with favorable weather later in the season the crop would still mature. The winter has been an unusually cold one. Yolo and San Joaquin counties are no better.

The Olympia Echo has suspended. Idaho Territory is in debt about \$130,000.

Judgment has been obtained at Boise City against the bondsmen in the Geer case for about \$7,000.

Forty-three new members have been added to the Snohomish Lodge of Good Templars during the last three weeks.

Two men were sentenced to the chain-gang at Victoria last week for pawing the clothes of dead small pox patients. A scow with 18 car loads of coal aboard sunk on the Duwamish river last week, and will probably prove a total loss.

Quite a change is taking place in the river at Nesqueally ferry, the crossing forcing itself down to the old fording place of 20 years ago.

On the 15th an old Scotchman, named Phail, living near Steilacoom, fell from a load of hay and broke his neck, killing him instantly.

An old soldier who had seen 18 consecutive years in the service of the United States, died at Walla Walla last week and was laid at rest with military honors.

The stage station building at the "City of Rocks," Idaho, on the overland route to Kelton, and within fifty miles of that place, was destroyed by fire last week; loss, \$1,000.

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The Puget Sound Manufacturing Co. is about to establish a stove factory at Puyallup, Pierce county. A 60-horse power engine will be put in operation in the factory. About twenty men will be employed as enginemen, besides a large number of hands will be engaged in felling trees and transporting timber from the woods; to be manufactured into staves.

Two men who wanted to raise the wind drove five head of steers from a ranch on Snake river into Walla Walla a few days ago and sold them to a butcher. The latter had to pay for the beef a second time, as the real owner turned up in the person of the owner of the ranch. The men gave their names as Mason and Castleman. One of them is under arrest.

Several years ago the wife of Alonzo Hayward of San Francisco obtained a divorce from her husband, and received from him a full half of his property, then amounting to many million dollars. Since the separation his circumstances have undergone a great change for the worse, and his divorced wife has repeatedly offered him a large part of her portion. As he persistently refuses to accept a cent of it, she has altered her tact, and courted him so warmly that they have been re-married. She is truly a noble woman.

Hereafter, in Virginia, there will be biennial instead of annual sessions of the Legislature, and to vote, one must first pay his poll tax, and if he steals never so little, and is convicted, he is disfranchised.

State News.

Seio has purchased a fire alarm bell. Marshfield, Coos county, is to have a fire engine. Hillsboro is illuminated by a solitary street lamp.

1,085 letters were mailed from Salem one day last week. Rich mines are said to have been discovered on the Santiam. About 900 hogs have been slaughtered at Salem this season.

Marshfield Knights of Pythias gave a grand ball on Christmas night. Frank Hodgson was sent to the insane asylum from Eugene last week. The Coos Bay News will appear on a half sheet this week "cause its Christmas week."

Miss Mary Brown, aged fifteen years, committed suicide near Roseburg last week. The whisky license in Baker City has been reduced from \$200 to \$100 per annum. The Jacksonville Times will change its day of publication from Thursday to Saturday.

About \$45,000 was turned loose in Polk county the past two weeks all for whisky. Notwithstanding the stringent gambling law, they still continue to "ante" at Marshfield.

J. N. T. Miller has been summoned to appear before the Senate Investigating Committee. Dr. Bunnel assayed some of the rock taken from the Estler mine, which yielded \$2,000 to the ton. There are 40,000 bushels of wheat in the warehouse at Buena Vista, according to a Polk county paper.

Johnny Holton, of the Cosmopolitan, Portland, spends the winter in Southern California for his health. The hull of the wrecked Daisy Ainsworth will be brought to the Dalles and converted into a barge. The Pacific Threshing Machine Co. proposes to locate its works at Albion if it can secure a subsidy of \$10,000.

The capital stock of the People's Protective Transportation Co., of Yamhill county, has been increased to \$50,000. The weather in Eastern Oregon during the past two weeks has been frosty, foggy and chilly, with some little snow.

The Douglas Independent has it from reliable authority that Mat Bledsoe was killed at Prescott, Arizona, about six weeks ago, by a man named Stoum.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is about to be instituted at Astoria. Hon. A. Van Dusen, A. W. Ferguson, Esq., and others are the principal workmen. John Morgan, of Hillsboro, sold forty five acres of land last week, located near Newton, for \$10 per acre, three acres beaver dam, the rest fir timber upland.

Mr. W. T. Webber, civil engineer, has recently completed a full set of sectional maps of Benton county, showing all the vacant land, school land, etc. There is great complaint among the carpenters in Astoria because of the scarcity of lumber, the three local mills being unable to supply the current demand, both having orders six weeks ahead.

The plan for the bridge to be built at Sandy, on the Sandy and Dalles wagon road is now in possession of Colonel Gates. It will be 430 feet long; the longest span will be 230 feet; the building of this bridge will be let by contract, all of which will be advertised in the course of time.

The Grand Ronde valley wheat is worth 50 cents per bushel, oats and barley 75 cents per 100 pounds, flour \$3 per barrel, butter 25 cents per pound, eggs 25 cents, potatoes 75 cents per 100 pounds, pork 5 cents per pound, green, 7 1/2 cents a net; green apples 3 1/2 cents per pound.

Riley & Stewart, of Ellensburg, Curry county, have sold their fishery and sawmill to a Mr. Hume, from the Columbia river, for \$24,000. Mr. Hume will put a steamer on Rogue river and build a large salmon cannery at Ellensburg. The enterprise, it is calculated, in connection with the mill, will furnish employment for about 150 men.

Pomeroy's Democrat says: "The silver springs just discovered in Oregon are quite remarkable. The waters are impregnated with liquid silver so that an iron bar floats on the surface. A hunter recently roved across one of them and found \$15 worth of the precious metal in the basketwork of his canoe."

The Astorian says: "As a test of how the value of real estate has advanced in Astoria, we refer to a tract of two lots lying opposite the eastern end of the Farmers' wharf, at the outer edge of street improvements, which was purchased two years ago for \$500, upon which about the same amount has been expended, and this week, \$7,000 was offered, but refused, for the same lots."

The Demerit says one of Mr. D. Cooper's sons the other day found a piece of gold quartz in the LaCroire river at Dallas. The gold is visible with the naked eye, and is pronounced to be good gold, too. It is supposed that this has been washed out of the bank of the creek, somewhere not far distant, and that a ledge is likely to be found on the LaCroire not far from Dallas.

For the Astoria trade, next season, 1877, the Oregon Steam Navigation Company are arranging to construct a palatial side wheel steamer, 251 feet in length, 34 feet beam, and 10 feet depth of hold. She is to be a three-decker, with a main saloon 125 feet in length, with capacity for accommodating 200 passengers, and will carry 1,000 tons of what she will be the most elegantly furnished and fitted steamer on the Pacific coast.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota has affirmed the constitutionality of the law requiring each liquor dealer in the State to pay \$10 annually for the establishment and maintenance of a State Asylum for Inebriates. Our lawmakers would do well to give this State a similar law.

Eleven women and twenty men, students at St. Petersburg, have been arrested for shouting "liberty," and unfurling a red flag bearing the inscription, "Union and Liberty," at a church service.

Minority Presidents.

In 1844 James K. Polk was made President by an electoral college, although Henry Clay had 24,119 more votes on popular vote than Polk.

In 1856 James Buchanan was made President, although he was in a minority on the popular vote of 37,629.

In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected President by the electoral college. In the South there were no votes cast for him in many of the States, and on the popular vote there were 944,140 votes against him.

In 1876, at this time, it is claimed that Tilden has the popular majority of nearly 250,000. But even if he has, the constitution provides that the President shall be voted for by electors from each State.

The New York Dramatic News has the following item concerning the marriage of the proprietor of the N. Y. Herald: Mr. James Gordon Bennett's marriage, which was so extensively announced last spring, is probably definitely given up, the breach between himself and his finance having been, however, altogether amicable, and the result of a firm conviction on his part that he was not fitted for the married state.

Whatever President Mr. Bennett gave Miss A. and they were numerous, have been retained by her at his desire. The Nation warns clergymen that nobody but a biologist, a microscopist, or a chemist is competent to criticize Prof. Huxley, which leads a sharp critic to reply that if no one can properly criticize Huxley unless he himself be a biologist, a microscopist, or a chemist, for the same reason no one can properly commend him but a biologist, a microscopist, or a chemist. This is rather unpleasant for the Nation.

The expense of proclaiming the Queen of England and Empress of India at Delhi, is set down at \$1,125,000. Did we have any one remark about the civilization of the nineteenth century, and the superiority of Anglo-Saxon to Indo-African civilization? "Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the eagle to scream?"

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the Senate for the protection and preservation of salmon in the Columbia. Mr. Mitchell has also moved for \$20,000 more in aid of the Cascade canal.

Physicians room and medicine have never been in such low prices as now. Words are cheap, but the proprietors of these articles will present trial bottles to medical men, gratis, and will also send rapid and satisfactory results than have ever been known to any other medicine.

The Centaur Liniment, White Wrapper, will cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Gout, Sprains, Swellings, Frosted Feet, Chilblains, Swellings, Sprains, and any ordinary ailment.

It will cure the poison of bites and stings, and heat burns or scalds without a scar. Lockjaw, weak limbs, contracted muscles, rheumatism, toothache, itch and cutaneous eruptions readily yield to its treatment.

James Hart, of Zanesville, O., says: "The Centaur Liniment cured my Neuralgia." "I had a severe attack of Neuralgia, which was cured by the Centaur Liniment, which I used one dozen bottles, and I feel as well as ever." "I had a severe attack of Neuralgia, which was cured by the Centaur Liniment, which I used one dozen bottles, and I feel as well as ever."

For a postage stamp we will send a Centaur Liniment containing hundreds of certificates from every State in the Union. These Liniments are now sold by all dealers in the country.

With great difficulty I got him to the stable on Fourth Avenue. The stable keeper gave me a bottle of your Centaur Liniment, which I used with such success that in two days the horse was active and well. I have been a veterinary surgeon for thirty years, but your Centaur Liniment is a very good thing.

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Castoria is the result of 20 years experience, by Dr. Samuel P. Mitcher, Massachusetts. It is a vegetable preparation as effective as castor oil, but perfectly pleasant to the taste. It can be taken by the youngest infant, and neither gags nor gripes. Dr. A. J. Green, of Boston, says: "I have been a physician for thirty years, but your Castoria is a very good thing."

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Final Settlement.

In the County Court of Clackamas County, in the matter of the estate of Richard E. ISAAC WILLIAMS, ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID WILLIAMS, the above estate having filed his final account, and prayed for final settlement, the same was ordered by the Court to be set apart for the hearing of objections to such report and account, if any there be.

Admin'r of estate of Richard E. Williams, Oregon City, Dec. 8, 1876-7w.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND WRIT of execution issued out of the County of Clackamas, dated the 27th day of November, A. D. 1876, and to me as Sheriff directed, in favor of Karl Seig and against Charles Jerome, for the sum of seven hundred and Thirteen 25-100 dollars, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 27th day of September, A. D. 1876, and the costs and disbursements in said suit taxed at Forty-five 60-100 Dollars, now thereunto due, I do hereby give notice that I will sell at public sale, on Saturday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, to satisfy the above named judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs, at public auction, the highest bidder for cash, one quarter of section 20, situated in Clackamas county, Oregon, and on

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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sarah A. Brown, widow of the late John Brown, and account as administratrix of the estate of the above named John Brown, and prayed the Court to set a day for final settlement, whereupon it was ordered that Saturday, the 29th day of January, 1877, be and is hereby set apart for the hearing of objections to said report and account, and make all persons interested can appear and make objections if any they have.

John Brown & Co., Administrators, County Judge, Oregon City, Dec. 15, 1876-7w.

Sale of Real Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of a decree of the County of Clackamas county duly made and entered of record on the 7th day of January, 1876, in the matter of the estate of W. W. Cook, deceased, we will proceed to sell, on Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., at public sale, situate in the county of Clackamas, State of Oregon, to-wit: The W. S. of the S. W. 1/4 of section 10, T. 12 N., R. 12 E., S. 30 acres; also the E. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of section 7, in said township. Terms of sale, to-wit: Cash, one-fourth of purchase price paid down and the remainder in sixty days, with interest at one per cent per annum.

WILLIAM H. COOK, Adm'r of estate of W. W. Cook, deceased. JOHN SCHRAM, Main St., Oregon City, MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTER OF Saddles, Harness, Saddlebags, Trunks, etc., etc. WHICH HE OFFERS AS CHEAP AS CAN BE HAD IN THE STATE, AT WHOLESALE OR RETAIL.

2nd warrant my goods as represented. JOHN SCHRAM, Saddle and Harness Maker, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1876-7w.

IMPORTANT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN! BEING DESIROUS OF ADOPTING A new line of business, I would request those individuals to whom I am indebted to pay up immediately, and save inconvenience and expense, as I have determined to discontinue the same. I have reduced the prices on Goods greatly, and can assure all that I can give.

Bargains to Cash Buyers. Come and see for your own satisfaction. A. LEVY. HARDWARE, IRON AND STEEL, Hubs, Spokes, Rims, OAK, ASH AND BICKERY PLANK. NORTHRUP & THOMPSON, March 31, 1876-7w. Portland, Oregon.

I. SELLING. HAS JUST RECEIVED THE LARGEST stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS ever imported to Oregon City, which he offers at greatly reduced prices. My stock of CLOTHING Has been largely increased and I can show as handsome a line of ready-made goods in Black, Blue, and Checked Cotton Flannels, Coats, etc., as can be found in the country, and at prices that cannot fail to satisfy.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT. Is filled with a splendid assortment of all the leading styles and fashionable shades of goods Imported from England, France and America. French and American Dress Goods, Blankets, Shawls, Cashmeres, &c. FLANNELS. Flannel, Drap and Opera Flannels, of all colors, Black, Blue, and Checked Cotton Flannels, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, Shawls and Scarfs, Wood Buttons, Trunks and Tracing Satchels, Hats and Caps, Oil Cloth for Tables.

BOOTS AND SHOES. I would call special attention to my stock of Men's and Boy's Saddle Shoes, which I have sold for a number of years past with great satisfaction. Every pair warranted a complete stock of HARDWARE & FARMING UTENSILS. Choice Teas, Canned Goods, and all choice Family Groceries, All at low prices. ADAMS LIVERPOOL AND CARMAN ISLAND SALT. Highest Price paid for all kinds of Country Produce. 200,000 lbs. of WOOL Wanted, for which I shall pay the highest cash price. Oregon City, Nov. 1, 1876-7w. I. SELLING.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP, AT John Lewis' Old Stand. C. W. GANONG HAS OPENED AT his old stand, and he is prepared to do anything in his line. Oregon shoeing a specialty. Oregon City, MAY 20th.

FARMERS! 1,000 HOGS WANTED!! HAVING REMODELED AND ENLARGED our Pork Packing Establishment, we are prepared to purchase 1,000 or more Hogs this season, and for which we will pay the highest market price. Cash down on delivery. ALBERT & LOGUS, Oregon City, Oct. 8, 1876-7w.

WARD & HARDING, DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIES. KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND A GENERAL assortment of Perfumery, Soaps, Combs and Brushes, Trussers, Shoulder Braces, Fancy and Toilet Articles, ALSO..... Kerose Oil, Lamp Chimneys, Glass, Putty, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs.

PURE WINES AND LIQUORS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES. PATENT MEDICINES, ETC., ETC. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded, and all orders correctly answered. Open at all hours of the night. All accounts must be paid monthly. nov. 1876-7w. WARD & HARDING.