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Our Glorious Republic.

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For one hundred and five years the American republic has steadily marched on, and step by step reached the point where she stands today, the most solidly united and grandly prosperous among the nations of the earth. Some may claim a larger population, and one, perhaps, a greater wealth. But nowhere is to be seen such a compact body of citizens, bowing with respect to the national authority, or so well pleased with their political and social condition. Yet, all those races of men that are still contending for supremacy or existence in various parts of the world are here represented; but in the crucible of American liberty they have been cast into a homogeneous mass, and acquired an individuality that the oldest nations have seldom equaled and never surpassed. The dream of philosophers has become a reality, and on the virgin continent discovered by Columbus, freedom, reason and humanity have triumphed over despotism, prejudice and hatred. When we look behind and contemplate the work so rapidly accomplished by men of iron will and noble heart, we may well feel proud of them and of the inheritance they left us, and endeavor to emulate their public spirit and private virtues. We reap the fruits of their labors, and should at least keep the grand structure and the fertile land as they transmitted it to us—a refuge for the oppressed and an Eden for the industrious.

Never in the history of the United States has the cold sun of a new year showered upon the people so many warm rays of hope and confidence. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the great lakes to the gulf, health, peace, prosperity and contentment reign supreme. Not a cloud obscures the sky; not a fear troubles the heart of the nation. The old sores are healed; the misery of past years is forgotten; labor receives again its just reward, and occasional misfortunes, as soon as discovered, find clarity at the door, ready to help and console. *Aye, beautiful 1881!* Let us not, however, bury beyond the reach of remembrance the sufferings which this country must have endured before enjoying so much happiness. The lessons of the past should remain engraved in the very stones on which we walk, that we may keep on the right path.

It is, indeed, easier to acquire than to preserve. Energy, vigor, enterprise, are great qualities—more common, however, than wisdom, and often useless or even destructive without it. While a greater knowledge of government and a higher order of statesmanship are required from our legislators to consolidate the results obtained in peace by industry than to devise means in times of war for the salvation of the republic, the people themselves should remember that labor and frugality were the main instruments of their present welfare; that if political differences imperilled the existence of the nation, commercial speculation suspended for a time its industrial life. In other words, good laws are necessary, but individual morality, sense of right and understanding of duty are indispensable.

On the 4th of March a new President will enter the White-house. On the same day a new congress, differing in its political faith with its predecessor, will take possession of the capitol. Great things are expected from both, and both

will be watched by strong opponents. Let us hope that, guided by the purest patriotism, they will accomplish all the good that is in their power; that, under an honest administration and comprehensive laws, our public services will be returned, economy enforced, our debt reduced, our paper money cancelled, our commerce extended, and that our flag, so long banished from the sea, will float again, proud but peaceful, in all the waters of the world.

In this great city of New York, whose welfare is so intimately connected with the prosperity of the nation that every American citizen rightly feels concerned in the management of its public business, we have a new mayor and new officers in almost every department. These have it in their power to redeem its political reputation. They know what the country demands, and it is hoped that they may be wise enough and able enough to carry out the many reforms advocated by its present members, and the vast improvements necessitated by its constant growth.

From Albany little good has ever come. But there as here it is never too late to mend. The interests of the state and of the metropolis require immediate attention, and questions of the highest import are waiting solution. Among these must be mentioned the improvement of our great waterway, the Erie canal, that the grain trade of the northwest may not be diverted from its present course by the intelligent enterprise of our Canadian neighbors.

But far above everything else of a public character we place, as we said before, the virtue, foresight and industry of the citizen. Let each continue honest and laborious. Let the reckless speculator whose function in society is seldom productive of anything but disaster, learn at last that his ill-gotten millions give him no title to the respect of a hard-working and moral community. Then, the forces of the nation, kept at work in their natural and legitimate channels, will perfect the work so well begun, and the International exhibition to be held in 1883 will reveal to the world in its true greatness the beneficent power of the American republic.

At Oregon City.

The Standard of the 19th says: The steambot *Occident* arrived from Oregon city yesterday morning, having on board a number of passengers, from whom the following intelligence regarding the storm is learned: Thirty feet of the river bank at Green point has been washed away, and the latter wall erected to protect the shore line of the river at that place is gone. The porch of the Abernethy residence now projects over the river bank for a considerable distance. Everything was moved out of the Imperial mills, but fortunately the building was not damaged, the Woolen mills escaped with the loss of 200 cords of wood and a few slight damages. One hundred yards of the road between Canemah and Oregon city and the rock wall is also gone. No estimate of the damage incurred had been made. The river was falling gradually, and the water was over four feet deep on the Clackamas bottoms. A large crowd gathered to see the *Occident* take her departure, and great fear was expressed that she could not be handled in the current. On casting off the boat shot down the river, carried off the sulphur house of the woolen mills, but got away all right. Coming down past Milwaukie, the current carried the boat on an island on a lot of drift, but she was got off without damage and reached Portland safely.

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Astoria Matters.

Corr. Oregonian.

ASTORIA, Jan. 19th.—After a week or more of almost incessant rain we have to-day enjoyed delightfully clear and sunny weather. The Astoria Chamber of commerce has received from our representatives in Washington encouraging news as to the prospects of an appropriation being made during this session in accordance with the memorials forwarded by it and the Portland board of trade for the early improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river, and also for the establishment of a signal station here to connect with the Tillamook rock lighthouse. The praiseworthy and energetic efforts of Messrs. Leinenweber & Co., leather and boot and shoe manufacturers of upper Astoria, to establish a wide spreading connection and reputation for Oregon manufactures, bid fair to receive a rich reward. By the last steamer they received an order for a large quantity of their leather from a heavy dealer in that article in the city of Chicago. The far north also believes in encouraging home manufacture, a Sitka merchant having lately ordered several cases of boots and shoes from this factory.

Weston, Umatilla County.

A. S. D. in New Northwest says: Weston is a beautiful little city whose character was not lost by the clerks or the governor, and whose sidewalks are excellent and continuous. A flourishing school, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Morrison, a Presbyterian clergyman, assisted by Mr. Freed and Miss Cresswell, occupies two commodious buildings, in one of which we lectured on Friday evening in the presence of a large, respectful and sympathetic audience of ladies and gentlemen. The school room is used as a church for the present, and Mr. Morrison, the teacher and pastor, who also edits a little church paper entitled *Church and Home*, has enough work on his hands for a woman. Our stay was too short to permit much sight-seeing or visiting, but we hope ere long to return and remain long enough to meet everybody. The town is wide awake on general principles.

Geo. Jos. B. Hawley has been elected to the United States senate from Connecticut; Thomas F. Bayard has been elected from Delaware; McMillan from Minnesota; Baldwin from Michigan. Maynard was probably elected in Tennessee, Oliver in Pennsylvania. Nebraska is doubtful, between Gov. Nance and Judge Paddock.

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Horse Education.

In something written we have an indistinct recollection of having made reference to a general disposition among boys in their teens, as well as boys of maturer years, to enlighten and bless the world with their profound knowledge of the horse and his history. Our books and newspapers are full of this kind of literature, and it varies in style from the production of the child at school, commencing with: The horse has four legs and a tail; up to the eloquent tribute of the scholar when he quotes from Job: That his neck is clothed with thunder and the glory of his nostrils is terrible. He smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting. Between these two extremes of the child at his first school composition, and the professional literature, we have every grade of pretention, and each professing to have mastered the whole subject. As we approach the close of this nineteenth century, we begin to look for something better in this department of knowledge from those who assume to instruct. And it is to be found in Kendall's Treatise on the horse, sent by mail to any person for twenty-five cents, postage paid. Apply to THE ASTORIAN office, or address D. C. Ireland, Astoria, Oregon.

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