

A NEW YEAR.

Whether in the city or the country, aloft or ashore, at home or abroad, THE ASTORIAN wishes its readers "A Happy New Year," and hopes that the year of our Lord 1888 holds for them all abundance of good.

Every year we all of us transfer our lives, hopes, and possessions on board a new craft and see the old bulk of the dead year sink into the waters of Lethe. Happy for us if we can leave on board that sinking craft all our troubles, cares, trials, annoyances, painful memories and vain regrets, and take with us on our new voyage over Life's sea only that which is worth preserving. Every year sees a change. We must either progress or go backward, there is no standing still, and though, as has been happily said, experience, like the stern lights of a vessel, illuminates only the track over which it has passed, yet we may esteem ourselves fortunate if our port and starboard lights and signals properly displayed keep us from collision with the numerous fleet of human lives that sail with us to the common haven, the harbor of eternity, "where never tempests beat nor billows roar."

Here, in our little isolated community, the roar of Life's sea sounds dimly to our ears, and in our daily rounds we note few changes. In the world at large the year that has gone has wrought wonderful changes and has had in it causes working that must produce tremendous results. It was a year of unrest, of agitation, of settling and readjusting, of upheavals and general expression of dissatisfaction with existing conditions. There has been a great deal that was good and a great deal that was new; but what was new was not good, and what was good was not new.

The observance of New Year dates back to the twilight dawn of history. Egypt, under the shadow of her pyramids; Assyria, in her hundred-gated cities; Carthage, in her granite temples; Greece, in her marble Pantheon, and Rome, the ruler of the world—all observed the New Year with rites and sacrifices, and when these great nations of antiquity crumbled and disappeared, the nations that succeeded continued to quote a custom that it was impossible to improve.

Though we write to-day January 1st, 1888, it is only three hundred years since the 1st of January was almost universally accepted as the first day of the new year. Before that and from the beginning of the Christian era, the 25th of December, the 25th of March, Easter Sunday, March 1st, and other dates, had been observed in different times as being the true New Year's Day.

As a matter of fact, there is no reason why the 12th of September or the 29th of May or the 5th of August, or any other of the 365 days shouldn't be the first day of the year, but custom and common consent have designated the 1st of January as the recurring milestone in human history.

WOMAN'S MISSION.

Nor a little curiosity and a great deal of talk has been excited in what is past as to "woman's mission." What is it?

The oldest record of woman's mission is—submission, but that does not settle it. Antiquity, as an argument for right, has lost its force in many things, and it has "gone to the dogs" in this matter. The present age does not recognize its authority or respect its dogmas. The prefix has passed away. There is no more "sub" to the word. It is all washed out, and now only "mission" is left to tell the tale.

Woman's submission is a thing of the past. She stands to-day claiming and exercising "equal rights," and to this, there is no other way for her more ungainly, stronger, self-assured brother than to submit gracefully.

What she lacks in muscular strength, she makes up in sharp, trenchant speech and keen, sensitive thought. The music of her incisive words tells on the tide of public opinion, and her sweet smile and gentle touch subdue all there is in the more brutal nature of man to keep her down.

It cost the federal government \$17,482 to run Washington territory in '87 and the federal government got the worth of its money. It costs pretty near that much a week to run Oregon, and it isn't run so much better than Washington after all.

When congress reassembles President Cleveland will send in a supplementary message on the Pacific railroads, the fisheries and the Chinese.

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From and To the Port of Astoria for 1887.

During the year that closed last night the direct foreign exports and imports to and from this port were as follows:

EXPORTS.

Wheat, 543,940 bus., value, \$383,596; flour, 18,781 bbls., value, \$71,014; salmon, 6,039,888 lbs., value, \$712,411; lumber, 3,297 M feet, value, \$37,835; miscellaneous, \$891; total, \$1,205,747.

IMPORTS.

Tin plates, 7,526,029 lbs., value, \$217,055; coal, 3,881 tons, value, \$10,900; salt, 168,000 lbs., value, \$432; miscellaneous, \$50; total, \$228,437.

DUTIES.

On tin plate, \$75,260.29; on coal, \$2,910.89; salt, \$201.60; miscellaneous, \$17.50; total duties collected for the year, \$78,380.28.

STILL HARDER.

A marriage license was issued on Monday by Auditor Hawley, of Walla Walla, to Robert G. Still and Maggie Harder, both of Dry Creek, near Milton.

The Eagle offers its good will And hopes he'll guide and guard her, And that she'll love him Harder Still And he'll love her Still Harder.

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