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1903. NEW YEAR GREETING. 1904.

The old year is dead! 1903 with its aches and pains, business and bustle; with its cares and griefs; hopes and fears, loves and hates; with its joys and sorrows and laughter, its jests and jags, facts, fiction, foolishness and wisdom, all that life for the millions that have lived, or died, failed or prospered—to all it has fled, and the old year lies cold and dead at the feet of the living. Whatever fate, fancy, faith or hope had in store has been revealed, finished, realized, or the phantom wraiths have fled.

Another year has been born, a new year, young and full of promise, only to those who work. There is no room in the world for the indolent, shiftless or too important to work. Labor is the ladder by which honest endeavor mounts to the pinnacle of success; it is the only sure way to fortune. The ordinary man who gets above working will steal and the man who secures honest toil, will applaud theft.

This is the New Year, let us all start in with good-will and good-wishes for the success of our neighbors, our town and our country. Unload all malice and meanness and cultivate a charitable; forgiving spirit. Remember, your neighbors are just as good as you are, no matter what estimate you place on yourself. They have the same high object to live for, have like trials and are bent by similar cares: don't pull down their castles and try to build your own mansions thereon, nor build your selfish schemes upon their reverses. There is room and work for all if we could only realize it. The same blue skies bends above us; we bathed in the same warm sunshine; the same Great Spirit permeates all, and a similar fate and voiceless tomb awaits us all. Why wiggle and worry? Why carp and curse? Why cheat and chastize? Think! The man who thinks is born again. The man who permits others to think for him is in the bonds of ignorance. Be free, be sober, be pleasant, be honest and that will assure you an enviable record.

The LEADER is thankful for the good things of the past year. Its business has been good and the paper and office equipment has been greatly improved showing marked progress in its every department, and progress and advancement will be our watchword for the ensuing year. We feel under obligations to all the good people who have helped us by giving us their assistance and liberal patronage and we hope to continue to merit this hearty support, which during the past year has enabled the LEADER to change from small hand presses, to large modern power presses and other machinery and thus double its printing capacity as well as its subscription list. We feel good and grateful for these things and have set our mark still higher for 1904.

Let's push business, all of us. He who does his duty best by his state, his town, his home and himself, serves God most acceptably. The man who does the most for his home does the most for his country and a man can hardly be a real loyal citizen until he has a home.

That Cottage Grove has prospered and expanded during the past year there is ample evidence on every hand in the many new homes, new business houses and flourishing industries, including the saw milling, and timber interests as well as the rapid development of the great Bohemia gold mining district and the Blackbutte quick-silver mines.

At least 125 new residences and a half dozen substantial business houses have sprung up in this city during 1903, including the \$14,000 two story brick bank building 60x100 feet of Messrs J. I. Jones and F. B. Phillips, now receiving its finishing touches.

That Cottage Grove and tributary country will enjoy even a greater reign of prosperity during the ensuing year there is no doubt. We have entered upon an era of great growth and development as well as business expansion that will prove of vast benefit to all. We must all work together and encourage every legitimate enterprise. Though we do not help financially we can't least assist morally. Cottage Grove, under its newly adopted charter and enterprising city council will secure some valuable and much

needed improvements during the coming year, the greatest of which will be a good sewerage system. Its municipal water system already being considered one of the best in the state. So let us all, instead of standing on the corners and speculating as to the merits of the different enterprises and their financial standing, ascertain ways and means of encouraging other business proposition to open here.

1904—let us make it the banner year of our lives and we can do it by working and pulling together in a common cause—the upbuilding of humanity, our country, our city and our homes. In conclusion we wish one and all a Happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Attempted Suicide.

E. J. Judd, commonly known among the sporting fraternity as "Curley," attempted suicide in the Cruiser Saloon at Roseburg Sunday morning. He was intoxicated, and pulling a large 38 caliber colts revolver attempted to shoot himself in the left breast, but missed his aim and cut a deep gash through the upper part of the left shoulder. He will recover. It is said he went to Roseburg from this place recently.

Manila Itch at Lorane.

The LEADER was informed by telephone from Lorane this week that there are at least a dozen cases of small-pox in that vicinity. The epidemic is of such a mild form that they don't pay much attention to it.

The school teacher was recently seized with this plague, but kept on with his work, and now the whole neighborhood has it. On Christmas eve a Christmas tree and entertainment was the occasion of a large assembly of people at the Granger hall.

Everybody went, regardless of smallpox, and the disease is scattering in all directions, but little inconvenience is suffered therefrom. The Christmas festivities were highly enjoyed in the Lorane valley, fine weather prevailing.

Died.

SEARS—At the family home in Cottage Grove, December 26, 1903, Mrs. E. A. Sears, aged 73 years, 9 months and 19 days, her death resulting from complications of pleurisy and heart trouble.

Elsie Ann Sears was born at Charleston, Ill. March 7th 1830 and was the oldest daughter of Michail and Mary Cassell.

In 1840 Miss Cassell with her parents moved to Iowa where, in 1848, she was married to Joseph Sears at Fairfield, Indiana. In 1861 the family, consisting of four members came by water to Oregon and settled in the southern part of the state. Here two more children were borne into the family. Mrs. Sears had been reared by Christian parents and was herself a Christian from early childhood. At her death she was a loved and respected member of the Christian church of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Sears leaves to mourn her decease two sons and two daughters, J. A. Sears of Portland, Jas. Sears of this city, Mrs. M. C. Lewis of Wilderville, Ore., and Mrs. E. S. Cogswell, of Klamath Falls, Ore. Her husband died in 1880.

The funeral took place at the Christian church, being conducted by the pastor. The body was interred in the Shield's cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

WINGARD—At his Lorane home Dec. 28, 1903, Martin Wingard, who was 78 years old last October. He died from a complication of heart troubles.

Deceased was a native of Indiana, but crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852 and for the past 40 years has resided on a comfortable farm home near Lorane. He was unmarried and was somewhat eccentric, yet a genial, honest and upright gentleman. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. P. F. Davis and Miss Ellen Wingard. He was buried in the Grange cemetery at Lorane Tuesday under the directions of that order.

In Memorium.

At a regular meeting of Lady Lambson Hive No. 42 the following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

WHEREAS: Our heavenly Father has received unto Himself the spirit of our beloved sister Mrs. Dora Byrne, and

WHEREAS: That in her untimely death the Hive has lost one of its most active members. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Hive charter be draped, as a token of respect to our departed sister and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the husband and the mother of our departed sister and a copy be furnished our local papers and that they also be spread upon the minutes of the Hive.

MINNIE UNDERWOOD,
IDA MILLER,
MARY SCHMUTZ.

Removed to Eugene.

Darwin Bristow, who for many years past has been closely identified with the commercial interests of Cottage Grove, has been prominent in this city's business, fraternal and social circles and at all times has contributed his full share both morally and financial to the upbuilding of the town and tributary country, has disposed of his most valuable interests at this place to his long time partner, Herbert Eakin, and together with his estimable family went to Eugene Wednesday to reside in the future and at which place Mr. Bristow will engage in the banking business with well known Eugene parties. The general merchandise business of Messrs Eakin & Bristow is being closed out at this place as rapidly as possible and Mr. Eakin will devote his entire time, attention and energies to the interests of the First National Bank, which in the past several years has been conducted by this firm in connection with their mercantile business. Few, if any, local residents in the past dozen or more years have lent more assistance toward the upbuilding of Cottage Grove and vicinity than has Darwin Bristow, and he will be sadly missed in the business and social circles of this city. He has at all times manifested far more than ordinary public spirit and foresight and by his genial manners, square dealings, generosity and enterprise he won the everlasting friendship of everyone and his removal from this place is deplored by the entire community. There is one consolation, however, and that is, the family does not go beyond the boundaries of old Lane county and their change of location, Cottage Grove's loss is only a gain to another part of the county. The many Cottage Grove friends of the family join the LEADER in wishing them health, happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Opera House Sold.

The Cottage Grove opera house was purchased this week by J. S. Milne, the genial real estate dealer, who will remodel the building as soon as spring opens and convert it into a modern store building. This will render it necessary to devise ways and means to secure a new and up-to-date opera house for which the town has long felt an urgent need.

Special School Taxes.

State Supt. Ackerman has advised all county school superintendents that, under the new law just enacted, school districts wishing to levy a tax, and not yet having done so, may still accomplish this by taking action at once. Notifications of such tax levies, however, must reach the county clerk on or before Jan. 15, 1904, in order that same may be entered upon the rolls and the tax collected with the regular taxes during the coming year.

Sidewalk Completed.

By a most persistent and diligent effort on the part of foreman G. O. McGilvary and the cemetery sidewalk committee, the new sidewalk from this city to the cemetery, covering a distance of 2700 feet was completed Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. McGilvary being able to boast of driving the first and last nail in the sidewalk. The sidewalk is built from first class material, cedar posts and foundation blocks being used and it is above highwater mark at all points along Silk creek. It is a first class job and our citizens, and the Masonic and I. O. O. F. orders by whom the cemetery is owned and controlled, may well feel proud of it. As soon as the bills are all in, an itemized statement will be published.

Sunday School Officers.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the M. E. Sunday School Board Tuesday evening: Superintendent, J. I. Jones; assistant superintendent, W. A. Hogate; secretary, Ebe Brown; treasurer, J. B. Lewis; librarian, Miss Lucy Job; assistant librarian, Miss Katie Knowlton; organist Miss Emma Job; assistant Miss Eunice Vandenburg; choister, Miss Lillian Hart; The teachers for the several classes will be announced later.

The school is reported to have maintained a steady growth during the year.

Captain Mahone.

I received a letter from Captain Mahone stating that his wife is quite sick requiring his attention at her bedside. This made his return to this city during this week impossible. He will come at his first opportunity. His engagements throughout the state are many and pressing and must be taken care of in time.

G. H. FEESSE,

Burn the ledger and learn to say no; this is best for both buyer and seller.

Welch & Woods
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Happy New Year

January is considered a dull month with merchants, but we are going to try to make it lively for ourselves by taking off most of the margin on a number of lines of merchandise

Men's Underwear

which we sold at \$1.45, now \$1.10
Another weight \$1.25, now 95c
And others proportionately low

CLOTHING

We make a sweeping reduction of 15 per cent on Clothing, which brings it down to actual cost

Our Clothing is all marked in plain figures and there is no she-nan-igan about this. All we ask is for you to compare prices and quality, and we know where you will buy. We carry a nice line of ladies underwear in cotton, fleeced, half wool, or all wool. We have made a reduction of 50c each on all grades of Mackinaws

We have just received another invoice of eight cases of rubber goods, so can supply your wants in that line :: :: :: :: :: ::

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WILL GO TO COLUMBUS.
State Game Warden J. W. Baker a Delegate to American Game League Convention.

State Game Warden J. W. Baker, has been chosen a delegate to Represent the state of Oregon at the League convention of American Sportsmen which will be convened at Columbus, Ohio, February 10th and 11th, 1904. At this meeting Mr. Baker will be afforded the pleasure of meeting nearly all of the game wardens of the various states of the Union and many leading sportsmen of the country. A general discussion and comparison of the game laws of the several states may be made and much general information obtained relative to the preservation of game. It will no doubt prove a trip from which Mr. Baker will derive much pleasure as well as a great amount of knowledge which will prove useful to him in the administration of the affairs of his office as state game warden.

Committed to the Asylum.
Tuesday afternoon Constable B. K. Lawson of Cottage Grove took Mark Sparing, of the Divide, down to Eugene to be examined for insanity. The unfortunate man was examined Saturday morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Kincaid and ordered sent to the State Insane Asylum at Salem.

Farmers of the east learned long ago that large farms, as a rule, are not so profitable as small ones. Increased population, the growth and spreading out of towns and villages, trenching upon broad acres, which became too valuable for farm purposes, and compelled their shrinkage. But the result was astounding. Heavy, better and profitable crops were raised. Fifty acres produced as much as a hundred did before. The labor expended on the larger quantity concentrated upon the smaller gave more satisfactory returns. Besides, the farmer's life was not one continuous drudgery; he had more leisure and more opportunities. Farmers here are making the same discovery. Farms are getting to be smaller, but not less profitable.

President Roosevelt presented 125 Christmas turkeys to married men connected with the White House service.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 19, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Walton, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on Jan. 15, 1904, viz: Nicholas Hostettler on E. E. No. 287, for the e1/2, s1/2, s1/2, s1/2, sec. 15, T. 20 S., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hostettler and Christ Hostettler, of Saffinaw, Oregon, Charles Sears and C. H. Jones, of Cottage Grove, Or. (N2)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 23, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Jan. 4, 1904, viz: James A. Thomas on E. E. No. 994, for the s1/2, s1/2, sec. 4, Township 22 S., Range 3 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Wincoff, G. W. Kelly, Henry Whitlock and A. A. Kelley, all of Cottage Grove, Or. (N2)

Pay up Notice.
All persons knowing themselves indebted to Garman, Hemenway Co., will please call and settle before Jan. 1st 1904.

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