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ANOTHER YEAR.

A year! How small a space it spans, A finger mark upon life's strand, A pebble cast upon the shore, And lost among the drifting sands.

Another year has sped by like an arrow from the archer's quiver, 1888 with all its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, enjoyment and suffering, has passed into the records of eternity, and no power on earth can recall it long enough to inscribe a single act on its pages.

We cannot tell what 1889 may bring, whether joy or sorrow, prosperity or adversity, but we wish all the readers of the OBSERVER, a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Nearly 60,000 people settled in Oregon during 1888.

The OBSERVER has prospered during the past nine months, its time of existence. Its business has grown. We don't intend to stop, we feel thankful for the past favors from all our patrons, and trust the OBSERVER will better merit their continuance in the future.

The Salem Statesman is out with a splendid New Year's edition. It devotes its space to interesting matter of Marion county, state buildings and the servants of the state; also, a liberal and good review of Polk county; its resources, and especially are the towns of Dallas, Independence and Monmouth, written up. The Statesman stands on its 31 year of publication with the new year, and we wish it prosperity.

Every part of Polk county is making rapid progress in settlement, industry and trade. No year has been more marked with improvements than the one just past, and it is just to suppose the new year of 1889 will far surpass it. The outlook for the coming crop is all that could be desired for, and the business interests of all the towns are brightening up. There need be no fear that the growth of one part will injuriously affect another part. On the contrary, the progress of each helps the progress of all.

The Oregonian has reached us with the largest extended review of the year ever published in Oregon. That paper presents almost an exhaustive and valuable account of the great progress of Portland and the state at large. This issue should be in every household in Oregon.

N. H. Butler has all kinds of machine oils. Call and see him before purchasing elsewhere.

President elect Harrison is a Presbyterian elder, his private secretary is an enthusiastic Methodist, while the Vice-President belongs to the same faith. There is nothing in true piety to unfit men for honorable positions.

Mothers, when you visit the fantastic slipper, deal gently with your erring boy. You may be rapping on the spinal column of a President of the United States or a grave and revered Senator. In the behalf of American statesmanship, we appeal to you not to weaken the backbone of that which may be the main stay of the ship of state in troublesome times. Smack him on the jaw and diminish his cheek.—Er.

A Letter from Eld. Messick.

Trouton, Mo., Dec., 21, '88. ED. OBSERVER.—Neither storms nor blizzards, yet, December, to date, has been almost as mild as October. The farmers have an abundance of good weather for the gathering in of their fine crop of corn and for the hauling up their winters wood. But little feeding has been done and stock looks well. The streams of water are very low, and should we have a severe cold spell, before the rain, the ponds and creeks will be frozen to the bottom. We cannot expect exemption from cold much longer. Dressed geese, turkeys and chickens, and all very fat are hanging at every grocery door, and the good mothers are buying presents for Santa Claus day. We love to know that the little ones are well supplied on that day with knickknacks in abundance, and the "old folks" enjoy the turkey gobbler and mince pie; but how many poor widows and little orphan children will be neglected. This thought brings over our spirit feelings of sadness. I wish I could impress on the minds and hearts of all well-to-do people, whether in or out of the church, the propriety of always, on such days as "Thanksgiving" and "Christmas," remembering the poor. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies." So wrote the immortal bard of Israel, and since he spake as the Spirit of God gave him utterance, the promises contained in our quotation are from heaven. Too many professors of the Christian religion, on such joyous occasions, are too much like the old man whose love did not go beyond the household; hence he always prayed "for me and my wife, my four and no more," and then too many are like a very worthy citizen said to me on one occasion about helping poor widows—"that the best way to give such persons assistance was to furnish them with work." Well that is well as far as it goes, but there are very few poor women on this earth though industrious, who are able to set aside enough money to buy the Christmas turkey or Thanksgiving goose, especially where they have little fatherless children. They ought to know that on such days the tables of the poor, the worthy poor, are well supplied, and how would it do to invite such to their dinners and suppers? The savior, the greatest of all teachers, the wisest of all philosophers and the purest and the best of earth's humanity in His day once said: "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee, but when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Alas! how few of the disciples of the Nazarene, yet God with us, obey this divine injunction.

Well, I will close my letter by wishing all the good people of your town and county a happy and prosperous New Year. The Lord bless you, one and all, and keep you under the shadow of his wing is the sincere prayer of your friend, R. S. MESSICK.

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