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**THE YEAR THAT BEGINS TODAY.**  
 The new year opens bright with promise.  
 Prosperity has become a settled condition throughout the country and the fear of recurring financial panics has almost been banished from the thoughts of the people.  
 An awakened conscience has aroused the American people to a sense of political corruption in high places of a character formerly overlooked and condoned. The movement for political reform promises to grow and expand and bear fruit in the betterment of all branches of government.  
 Locally, as a state, Oregon seems to be entering an era of great development, in which Lane county is leading Eugene as a city bids fair to make wonderful progress during the year 1907, with extensive public and private improvements planned for early carrying out. Among these the building of a street and inter-urban electric railway, already begun, is most notable, while of scarcely less import is the almost certainty of the beginning of modern street paving. A splendid postoffice building and extensive improvements at the state university may also be added to the list of achievements that the coming year will witness.  
 "But after all, as a community and as individuals, upon our own efforts depend largely whether the new year will be "happy and prosperous."

We all know that thousands of lives are lost annually by accident in the United States, but few will be prepared for the statement that in four years past more people were killed in this country than in the four years of civil war; that we are killing twice as many every year as perished of French and English in the three years of the Crimean war; that there are more killed and wounded on our railroads every year than the entire losses in the Boer war of three years; that we have fatalities and casualties enough every year to keep a war like that we had with Spain going twelve hundred years, or twelve such wars a hundred years.

Those Mexican soldiers should be tilted risks for life insurance. A week ago a band of the ferocious Yaqui Indians attacked and destroyed a Mexican village across the Rio Grande in Sonoma, murdering women and children and carrying off three women captives. After two hours of murder, plunder, riot and arson they retired, and fifteen minutes later soldiers from the fort but two miles away put in an appearance. While the Yaquis are said to be human tigers in ferocity and deadly shots with the rifle, there is no excuse for the soldiers not meeting the enemy. Only an approaching railroad work train scared the Indians away.

That was a good law providing for the conveyance of the insane to asylums by asylum employes instead of by sheriffs or other persons designated by the several county courts. Not only is the handling of the unfortunates done far better, especially in

the case of the women insane, but the cost for the last two years under the new law is but \$5668, with 314 conveyed, against \$14,185 for the preceding two years, with 375 conveyed.

The best New Year's resolve that the people of Lane county can make is to keep everlastingly at it until the Willamette river is opened to free navigation as far as Eugene. The "Tongues of Fire" religious craze should be handled by the authorities without gloves.

Governor Hughes is also opposed to another doing his talking, and has announced in no uncertain terms that he will do his own. That knocks out, in one state at least, the man who poses as being the governor's "mouthpiece."

Hawaii is also ready to join the Pacific coasters in agitating for Japanese exclusion legislation by congress, and Hawaii has had long and close experience with the little brown men.

King Edward felt so dubious about the future conduct of his nephew, the kaiser, that he made an alliance with France to assist in keeping him good and peaceable.

Some of the European papers appear to be under the impression that the foreign policy of the United States is discussed on the White House tennis court.

There seems to be more demand in the English press for a revision of our constitution than there is at home, and there is a reason.

**NEWS FROM LOWER SIUSLAW VALLEY**  
 A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Workman near Acme, at 11:30 a. m. December 25, 1906, when their daughter Lizzie became the wife of Burton E. Cobb, of Portland. The impressive words which united the happy young couple for life were spoken by Rev. T. A. Yost, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. The young couple were attended by Mr. Lott and Mrs. Florence Workman as groomsmen and bridesmaid. Besides the contracting parties those present were Mrs. Workman and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knowles and daughter Ruth, Mrs. E. P. Waite, Mrs. Jennie Vater, Messrs. Lott, C. B. Morgan, Warner Waite, George C. Lloyd and A. C. Funke.

A quiet wedding took place in Florence on Wednesday afternoon, December 26, 1906, at the home of H. D. Chamberlain, when his daughter, Maud E., was united in marriage to Edgar R. Roberts, of Coburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. L. Lovell in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: Mrs. L. R. Bond, president; Mrs. Wm. Kyle, vice president; Mrs. W. A. Cox, secretary; Mrs. Alfred Funke, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. C. Behnke, treasurer; Mrs. J. Schreuder, Mrs. Alfred Funke and Mrs. C. C. Behnke, purchasing committee.

A surprise party was given to Miss Isabelle Kyle by the Degree of Honor at their hall last evening, in honor of her eighteenth birthday. The guests assembled at the Bay View Hotel and then went in a body to the lodge room, where a merry time was enjoyed.

At the special meeting of the Florence school district, held at the schoolhouse Saturday afternoon, it was voted to levy a tax of four mills to meet current expenses and interest on the bonded debt of the district.

J. M. Smith, of Mapleton, was in Florence Wednesday. He has disposed of his stock and is arranging to move to Florence to obtain medical treatment for Mrs. Smith. Edgar P. Roberts, of Springfield, arrived in Florence Sunday morning to remain a few days. Rudolph Brynd returned from Portland to spend a short vacation with his parents in Florence.—The Florence West.

**Justice For The Railroads**  
 By J. J. HILL, President Great Northern System

**T**ODAY the entire country is suffering from want of transportation facilities to move its business without unreasonable delay. The prevailing idea with the public is that the railways are short of cars, while the fact is that **THE SHORTAGE IS IN TRACKS AND TERMINALS** to provide a greater opportunity for the movement of the cars.

More cars? Yes, we need more cars, but we need also cars of greater capacity, heavier trains and **MORE MILES OF RAILROAD** to haul them over. In ten years the railroads of the country expanded 20 per cent for the handling of a business that increased 110 PER CENT. Suppose you are able in the near future to increase that expansion 50 per cent? That will still leave 40 per cent a year of the business **WITHOUT ANY FACILITIES** for taking care of it.

It is estimated that from 115,000 to 120,000 miles of track must be built **AT ONCE** to take care of this immense business. But to build that amount will cost as much as the civil war cost at least. It will cost from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. A thousand million dollars a year for five years will scarcely suffice. Why, there is not money enough or rails enough **IN ALL THE WORLD** to do this thing.

And if the rails were piled up ready for the undertaking, and if the money were in bank today, it would be impossible to **GET THE LABOR** with which to do it.

**LABOR IN THE MINES, IN THE FOREST, IN THE QUARRY, IS BEHIND A STONE WALL WHICH IT CANNOT SCALE.**

There is no question since the civil war of half the consequence of this one. Why, you can't go out and contract with any railroad in this country to move 500 cars of freight from St. Paul to New York in thirty days. And the railroad could not deliver it if it should contract to do it.

There is not money enough available to bring relief to this situation **UNDER THE CONDITIONS EXISTING**. Are men going to invest their money in railroads as long as railroads are considered **OUTLAWS**? The fact is the railroad has not been getting justice in this country. Why, in the recent campaign we beheld the spectacle of two great political parties preaching the doctrine of the operation of the railroads by the government. The federal government is to run the main lines—they are the only ones that make any money nowadays—and the private investors can have the branch lines, **THERE BEING NO PROFIT IN THEM**. Is that the way to get men to put more money into the country's railroads? Is this the way to get more railroad mileage so that the country's freight can be moved?

It is time to **CALL A HALT** in this treatment of the railroads. Why, I challenge any one to point out a road that has not failed at some point in its career.

**MOST OF THEM HAVE HAD THEIR CAPITAL WIPED OUT AND HAVE GONE INTO THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS. IT'S BEEN A FAD, AND A COSTLY FAD, TO BUILD RAILROADS.**

**The Trusts Are Like Pigs**  
 By CHARLES J. BONAPARTE, Secretary of the Navy

**O**UR big, strong, greedy and overprosperous trusts are **LIKE PIGS**. They crowd their smaller and weaker fellows from the feeding trough, so that these don't get their **FAIR SHARE** of our national prosperity.

**THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO SO FENCE OFF THE GREAT BEASTS AS TO GIVE THE LITTLE ONES A SHOW.**

Remember, we don't complain of the former because they are themselves big and fat, **BUT BECAUSE THE OTHERS ARE SMALL AND THIN**. The fatter the big pigs become the better for their owner and the more money the trusts make, and it is better for the American people, provided in the one case that all the little pigs **GET FAT, TOO**, or, at all events, as fat as these can, and in the other that all dealers outside of the trusts have a **FAIR FIELD** and the trusts have no favor.

**A Poem for Today**  
**SOWING AND REAPING**  
 By Adelaide Anne Procter

**S**OW with a generous hand.  
 Pause not for toll or pain,  
 Weary not through the heat of summer,  
 Weary not through the cold spring rain,  
 Not wait till the autumn comes  
 For the sheaves of golden grain.

Scatter the seed, and fear not;  
 A table will be spread,  
 What matter if you are too weary  
 To eat your hard earned bread!  
 Sow while the earth is broken,  
 For the hungry must be fed.

Sow! While the seeds are lying  
 In the warm earth's bosom deep  
 And your warm tears fall upon it  
 They will stir in their quiet sleep  
 And the green blades rise the quicker  
 Forerunners for the tears you weep.

Then sow, for the hours are fleeting,  
 And the seed must fall today;  
 And care not what hands shall reap it  
 • Or if you shall have passed away  
 Before the waving cornfields  
 Shall gladden the sunny day.

Sow, and look onward, upward,  
 Where the starry light appears,  
 Where, in spite of the coward's doubting  
 Or your own heart's trembling fears,  
 You shall reap in joy the harvest  
 You have sown today in tears.

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