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A NEW YEAR VOW

I don't go much on gilded vows, for I have made them in the past, and they are with the how-wow-vows—they were too all-fired good to last. And so I'll make one vow today; I'll simply try my best; that vow should help me on my way, for it embraces all the rest. I'll take the middle of the road, and always do the best I can, and pack along my little load, and try to be a manly man. A man may end his journey here too poor to buy a decent shroud, and planted be without a fear of mourning from the worldly crowd; but when he's in the judgment scale he'll come triumphant from the test; no man has failed, no man can fail, who always, always does his best. And though my pathway be obscure, and void of honor and applause, and though the lean wolf of the moor to my cheap doorway nearer draws, I'll keep a stout heart in my breast, and follow up this simple plan; I'll always do my very best, and try to be a manly man.

WALT MASON.

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EUGENE'S RAPID PROGRESS CITYWARD

Building statistics for the past year, compiled and printed in today's Guard, show that between \$800,000 and \$900,000 were expended in building improvements in Eugene during 1909, and it is known that in many cases the figures given in the permits issued do not fully cover the cost. The actual expenditure was probably fully \$1,000,000.

In addition to this large sum there was considerable street paving, and a great deal of street grading and graveling done, and miles of cement and board sidewalks laid. The telephone and street railway companies, and city water system have expended large sums in extensions and betterments. Altogether the past year has been one of great growth and advancement in Eugene, just as The Guard one year ago predicted it would when it printed the following editorial:

The year just closed has been one of unsettled business conditions, owing to the panic of the fall of 1907, but conditions are rapidly improving throughout the country. In the West the panic was not seriously felt, except in a sympathetic way, due to conditions in the Eastern money centres, and almost every trace of flurry seems to have disappeared here. Eugene has grown in spite of the drawbacks of the past year, and should have a great increase of prosperity during 1909, since there is every assurance of big railroad developments in Oregon in which this city seems likely to have a large share. The idle mills are reopening and those in operation are increasing their output, which adds materially to an already bright outlook.

From year to year The Guard has been writing the history of Eugene in advance, on New Year's day, as extracts from its New Year's editorials will show. On January 1, 1907, this paper said:

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.

On January 1, 1908 The Guard made the following forecast for the twelve months just closed:

Eugene will resume in the early spring the work of street paving where it was stopped by the advent of winter, the new government building will be erected, and several large uncompleted structures will be finished. The S. P. Co. will build its new depot, and improve the yards in keeping with the progress of Oregon's University city. Of these things and many more we are assured, including the construction of electric lines not only to Springfield and up the McKenzie, but toward Portland. Eugene has made great strides cityward during the year just closed, but in the next twelve months The Guard feels that it will eclipse the record of any previous year in its history.

And again today The Guard rises to remark that the splendid record of 1909 bids fair to be eclipsed when the history of 1910 is written one year from today. The rapid development predicted for three years past has been literally fulfilled; the city has grown and expanded its streets are paved; it has an excellent street car system, which will be extended this year, and is reaching out into the country, and the long-talked-of railroad across the mountains to Eastern Oregon and down into California is in course of construction. These things already accomplished, should mean more rapid growth and development for years to come, and we believe this year will see more and better buildings erected and the volume of general business increased to a marked degree.

Situated at the head of the Willamette valley, with the developed resources capable of being greatly intensified, and many new industries attracting capital and labor—it is in the ideal location for a great city—the second in the state of Oregon. Here we have almost incalculable timber wealth and mineral deposits in mountains that bound and along streams that fertilize and water a large area of rich soil, producing cereals, fruit and hops of unsurpassed quality. The natural gateway to Eastern Oregon, the extension of the Southern Pacific railroad to Klamath Falls and Ontario, now well under way, will inevitably cause large jobbing houses to open here as a logical distributing point for a large territory.

What Eugene needs reflects the needs of every ambitious city—push, energy and the utmost faith of its citizens in the city's future. Two business men's organizations, the Commercial Club and the Merchants' Protective Association, are doing earnest, efficient work now, and they should be backed up in every well-directed effort by every patriotic resident who desires that which a large

promotion fund has been subscribed for the third time indicates that this is being done.

The mining industry of Lane county is growing in importance from year to year. Besides the Blue River and Bohemia districts good prospects are being opened in many other localities, and there is increased development work reported in every camp. What is needed most in this direction is more publicity of the right kind—good, honest advertising, that will attract men of means who are looking for mining investments. Such operations as have been going on for years in Lane county, if transferred to Nevada, California, Colorado or Idaho would be heralded constantly to the world, thousands of dollars would be invested in those districts where now single dollars are expended. What Oregon people must learn is the full extent of the resources of their own state as well as the art of honestly exploiting them.

Eugene has manufacturing interests that contribute materially to the prosperity of the city. These are a woolen mill, iron foundries, sash and door and lumber mills, flouring mills, excelsior factory, fruit cannery and packing house, and various other industries that are employing a good many hands the year around. Their owners are enterprising and persevering, because it is no small task to build up such concerns when it is necessary to pioneer the way, and they deserve liberal home patronage and encouragement. "Buy Eugene-made Goods" is a rule that should never be deviated from except in regard to lines that are not produced here. Keep the money at home and it will be constantly circulating, and some of it will find its way into the pockets of every man, woman and child in the community.

Eugene is a city of schools and churches, the seat of Oregon's splendid University, with an enrollment of several hundred of the flower of the state's youth, boys who have proved themselves the athletic champions of the coast, and girls who are destined to add to Oregon's wide fame for beauty and intelligence of its womanhood. Then there are the Bible University and a Catholic academy, business colleges, and perhaps best of all, a splendid public school system supplemented by a high school course. The schools are commodious and well arranged, with methods of instruction and discipline unexcelled in a city of similar size in the United States. To the homeseeker who would rear his family in the environments of education and refinement Eugene has superior inducements to offer.

Irrigation will no doubt be an important factor in the future development of the Willamette valley. Naturally a protective soil, with climate conditions all that can be desired, there still an opportunity to greatly increase yields by artificial watering. Alfalfa growing, the best promoter of dairying operations, is best carried on in the irrigated sections of the country, and intensified farming is proving very profitable in the semi-arid states since irrigation was introduced there. For this reason improvement on the part of the government toward experimental irrigation next year near Eugene will be watched with much interest and solicitude.

The growth of the fruit industry tells the story of rapid development of the resources of Lane county along practical lines. It is greater than those who have not made special study of the situation were aware, as told in the annual report of Fruit Inspector Beebe, submitted to the county Horticultural Association at its annual meeting last month. The figures are as follows: Set out in 1908: Two hundred and twenty-two acres of apples, 12,911 trees; 395 acres cherries, 39,500 trees; 34 acres pears, 2901 trees; 9 acres prunes, 976 trees; 49 acres peaches, 12,283 trees; 200 acres walnuts, 5376 trees; total, 1009 acres, 74,035 trees. Set out in 1909: One hundred and ninety-three acres apples, 10,020 trees; 184 acres cherries, 10,049 trees; 121 acres pears, 3632 trees; 33 acres prunes, 3490 trees; 101 acres peaches, 6571 trees; 62 acres nuts, 1588 trees; total, 694 acres, 40,536 trees.

Eugene has big banks that would be a credit to any city, and everybody will be glad to know that their aggregate deposits and resources are many hundreds of thousands of dollars larger than they were a year ago today.

The Daily Guard has almost 500 more regular subscribers than it had on January 1, 1909. Like every well-founded business institution in Eugene, it just can't help growing.

The Oregon Electric is coming up the valley to Eugene, and the Portland, Eugene & Eastern is going down the valley from Eugene. There is room for both and then some.

"Dayton, O., Girl Lawyer Wins Her Cause," reports a headline over a press dispatch. Pshaw; let girls win their own cases, and without being lawyers, either.

A will written on a bed slat is being read at Crawfordsville, Ind. Now we'll see whether the count break the will without cracking the slat.

No, Margaret, Mr. Halley will not be with his comet this season. We understand he has retired free road and it will come unaccompanied.

"Kentuckians have salt and savor," was a defender of the Blue Grass state. Yes, and plenty of pepper in particular.

And 1910 will be just a little easier than 1909. We always did have trouble making a respect "9."

But what the women would like to know is how much Mrs. Cook really knows, and what she thinks of it.

Use plenty of axle grease; let the no squeaking of the water wagon when you get on.

If worry shortens life, old Methuselah must have been one of the original Don't-Worry-ites.

Could Topsy's tales pass the test of Copenhagen?

It is said Wall street is taking note of the rise of

prices of necessities, and is looking for the cause. It's so hard for Wall street to realize that anybody else is entitled to do any skinning.

Postal receipts in Eugene passed the \$30,000 mark by a good margin last year.

Don't worry, Reginald; spring will come again—but not for awhile.

THINGS WE THINK
and
WHAT OTHERS THINK
By Elbert Bede

A dark brown taste in the mouth is never done in water colors.

The telephone is an awful talker. It can't keep anything to itself.

Some folks order their bodies cremated just to keep from giving the devil his due.

The only reason some women don't wear the trousers is because of their born modesty.

When prosperity strikes you, you're very likely to feel that the world's growing better.

Our neighbor's troubles never appear large until we run up against the same thing ourselves.

"Aeronautic politicians" is the up-to-date way of speaking of the kind that can't stick to terra firma.

This idea of falling a couple of thousand feet in an aeroplane is nearly as dangerous as playing football.

It is better to be a spoke in the wheel of progress than the driving power in a plant that is getting nowhere.

It don't seem so long from one Christmas to another when you get old enough to do the buying of the Christmas.

A certain amount of pleasure is necessary for the relaxation of mind and body, but a certain amount of work is just as necessary for the appreciation of pleasure.

The person who can see nothing but good in anyone shows a charitable disposition, but is too credulous to make much of a success in this age of frenzied finance.

Secretary of State Knox's hat was stolen a few days ago—and there are those who fear the Roosevelt policies were concealed under the band.

The Walker Pilot man wants a yoke of oxen. He probably figures that's about the right pace for a country newspaper to travel.

Scientists say that the memory is stronger in the summer than in the winter. We often noticed, when younger, that a young lady's memory retained with greater tenacity a promise of an ice cream soda than it did her own promise to have you in to a fudge party.

There is nothing to the story that has been going the rounds to the effect that after January 1, those drawing checks for less than a dollar, would be subject to a fine of \$500, but if it was true there are many who could draw one for a smaller amount with less risk than for the amount of the fine.

Lee Huxelton wishes to announce to the public that he is now prepared to do all kinds of stone polishing and mounting at reasonable rates, 565 Olive street.

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WOODBURN CELEBRATES
NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE

Woodburn, Dec. 31.—The completion of the Valley Electric railway will be celebrated tomorrow morning when the first car will be run from Portland to Woodburn. The line that will be finished extends from West Woodburn to Woodburn and will be operated by the Oregon Electric. The road will probably be extended eastward to the big timber belt, a Portland firm promising to take 40 car loads of timber a day when the extension is built.

Woodburn fairly bristles with activity and many buildings are projected in the spring, among them being brick business structures, a \$15,000 Masonic temple and \$20,000 armory. The contract has been let for the paving of Front street and other streets will be improved.

EUGENE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association will be held at the court house in Eugene, Oregon, Saturday, January 8, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of nine (9) directors, and any other business which may come before the meeting.

J. O. HOLT, Sec.

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COBURG PERSONALS.

Mrs. M. C. Bond and Guy went to Eugene Tuesday for a visit with relatives there.

Banker Washburn and wife, spent Christmas and Sunday, with J. W. Ford and family in Eugene, a renewal of old friendships.

Marjorie Poole, who is attending the Eugene Business College, spent the first of the week with friends in Coburg.—Journal.

We take pride in the fact that we carry a complete line of Pure Drugs and Chemicals and everything to be found in an up-to-date store, and we sell at reasonable prices. We do not have our entire capital invested in fancy fixtures, for you to pay for when you buy of us. Red Cross Drug Co.

Bolton & Jenkins millinery store will be opened up in their new store at the corner of 6th and Willamette streets, January 1, 1910. 11

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