

The New Year.

We wish all of our readers a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." The old year has gone, never to return, its history is the history of the past. We are in the lap of a new year, the period of which will unfold itself to us as the days go by, then the weeks, then the months and at last 1906 will drop out of sight and we will commence to think of 1907. So goes the years. On the threshold of this new year let us look forward to a better and larger city. Less jealousies and less bickerings among ourselves, but get down and do our level best to make this city the best in Oregon on the coast. Take off our coats and do some hunting, and not be knocking all of the time. Take things as they come. When a stranger comes to town take him in tow and impress on him that we have got the best city on earth, the greatest country and that our climate can not be beaten by any section of the state. That we are little slow, but we do not not have to hustle like those that live in a country where life is a continual fight against the elements. Where nature has done the most for it and is continually bestowing her best works on the country about us. Give them the impression that we are the people and not that we are poor nfortunates that are here and have to stay because we can't get out. That in the course of a few years when we get through railroad connections with the outside world we will be "it." That our dairy products lead the west; that our lumber will last for years to come and that mills will dot the shores of the Coquille from Myrtle Point to the sea. Every one in this city and the county can materially help the cause of their adopted county and section by appointing themselves a committee of one to help advertise this section. If they can do nothing else they can join the Board of Trade of this city and by their moral support do more than anything else to put this city in the ranks where she belongs. Now let us all in the commencement of the new year do what we can to make this city prosperous. Forget our differences with our neighbors and the enmities that exist between this and our neighboring towns. Forget everything that will rouse the spirit of doing nothing, but get down to solid work of building up the country. Every one can help by lending their moral support. What is spent in advertising the country will be returned a hundred fold in the uplifting of the values of the ranch and the city property and the higher prices that the ranchers and the loggers will get for their produce and their logs. We all can be members of the Board of Trade by the payment of a small fee that goes toward paying for advertising matter and the legitimate expenses of the organization. Now is a good time to begin with the commencement of the new year in the work of building up the city and country.

The primary election supplies were received at the county clerk's office this week, and is composed of many different kinds of blanks and books that is enough to bewilder the ordinary man who wants to save his country through the ballot. The registration books were opened yesterday and the only objectionable feature that we see about it is that it makes a voter register his political affiliations. The law is a complicated one and will make the party leaders afraid to go up against it on account of the many intricacies of the new law. It puts the county to the expense of an extra election and County Clerk Watson's office has double the work than it had under the old system.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Dingler Hermann, of Oregon who is under indictment in connection with Oregon land frauds, is expected to arrive in Washington late today or early tomorrow, and the Interior Department officials are of the opinion that his trial will be begun within 30 days. The two Government witnesses, Puter and M. Kinley, also under indictment, but promised immunity if they would turn Government's evidence, will be here for trial.

Wm. T. Estberg, secretary of the Commander Mining Company, passed through from Myrtle Point to the bay on Thursday of last week on his way to the bay to catch a steamer, being en route to the east in the interest of his company. This company is doing a great work and will doubtless be handsomely rewarded for their labors, beside showing up the mining possibilities of our mining district. We give below an excerpt from a report of N. S. Beithhead, president of the company, which reads as follows:

"Recent analytical tests of the ore have shown up an average of \$65.00 to the ton in gold and silver and that the ore can be successfully and cheaply treated. In order to further demonstrate the values in the ledge several tons are now being shipped to the smelter. While driving a flume tunnel of 365 feet a rich looking chute of ore was unexpectedly encountered in the last 60 feet of the work. Recent assays of this ore show \$19.00 to the ton and our superintendent believes that when the same depth is attained as on the Commander ledge, we will have ore of the same character and value. Later on a more exhaustive test will be made of this flume tunnel ore by shipments to the smelter. "The company's finances are in good condition and there is still ample stock remaining in the treasury to accomplish a large amount of work on the quartz claims. A brief resume of the work done to date is as follows:

"Large flume 8742 feet long, 4 feet bottom, 3 feet sides. Large power dam 41 feet high, span 56 feet. Lower dam 22 feet high, span 58 feet for saw mill. Small flume at Bulcher Gulch 1500 feet 36 inches x 16 inches, and span across the river. Pressure 50 feet. "The flume at Flume Gulch 800 feet 24 in. x 14 in. pressure 100 ft. Also flume tunnel 365 ft. 60 feet of this in ore. Besides this there is about 300 ft. of work in tunnels and shafts on the Commander ledge.

"In addition to this work a splendid new trail has been constructed over the divide to the mines. This divide is encountered during the last three miles of the trip into the mines and the trail has been constructed in such manner that, with a reasonable additional expense, it can be widened into a good wagon road.

"With these are also the cook house, bunk houses, blacksmith shop, sawmill, stable and other accessories.

"In conclusion, we will state that we have had many obstacles with which to contend and we wish to thank the stockholders who have stood by the enterprise so steadily and well for their patience and we believe that they will soon have their reward in substantial dividends."

On a Cash Basis.

An eminent physician in P had cured a little child of a dangerous illness. The grateful mother turned her steps toward the house of her son's savior.

"Doctor," she said, "there are some things that cannot be repaid. I really don't know how to express my gratitude. I thought you would, perhaps, be so kind as to accept this purse, embroidered by my own hand."

"Madam," replied the Doctor coldly, "medicine is no trivial affair, and our visits are to be rewarded only in money. Small presents serve to sustain friendships, but they do not sustain our families."

"But, Doctor," said the lady, alarmed and wounded, "Speak—tell me the fee."

"Two hundred dollars, Madam." The lady opened the embroidered purse, took out five bank notes of one hundred dollars each, gave two to the Doctor, put the remaining three back in the purse, bowed coldly, and took her departure.—January Lippincott's.

There is a general desire among the Russian people to extend the franchise to women. It would seem that Russia had had trouble enough without looking for more in the form of women's rights.

The novelist Hall Caine is warning us against the dangers of great wealth. However those who are alarmed can get an insurance policy against that calamity at a low rate, and even a man's own friends will help him avert it if he will give them a chance.

Bryan Abroad.

W. J. Bryan will write a series of letters while on his two-year tour of foreign lands. These letters will appear once a week in a select list of the leading American daily newspapers, among which is the Journal.

The Bryan letters in the Sunday Journal will make clear the point of view of foreign countries on many of the questions which now confront us.

Few men are better qualified to treat large questions in a large way than Mr. Bryan, and no one who wishes to keep abreast of the times can afford to miss these letters.

The Sunday Journal is a great newspaper, filled with "good things." With its beautiful color supplements, its cartoonists like Opper, Swinnerton, Sullivant, Howarth and others of like renown; with its special staff of famous writers, including such stars as Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Henry Symes, Lady Henry Somerset, Beatrice Fairfax, Max Nordau, Maurice Maeterlinck, Count Tolstoi, Prof. Garrett P. Serviss, and humorous sketches by George V. Hobart (Dinkelspiel), Wex Jones, William F. Kirk and others, and with all the world's news by leased wire, and the home news, The Sunday Journal is a thoroughly representative newspaper.

The Journal is "the paper of the multitude," in sympathy with and pledged to the cause of the masses of mankind—of "equal rights to all"—a square deal.

THE JOURNAL, Portland, Oregon.

Standard Oil Causes Squeeze.

New York, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Standard Oil interests, together with several local banks, have banded together for the purpose of squeezing money and incidentally to control the stock market, J Pierpont Morgan and Russell Sage have combined to thwart the efforts of those who are trying to create a money stringency and up to today they have been partially successful.

In the last two days it is estimated that Morgan and Sage have loaned \$60,000,000. Outside banks have also come to the aid of traders who desire to carry their stock and within the next few days the money stringency is expected to be entirely relieved.

The Standard Oil men and their banks are fighting desperately to maintain the money strain, but it is believed that it will be a matter of two weeks at the most when they will surrender and release their capital.

May Send Warships to Riga

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C. says: Because of the serious situation in Russia, Secretary Root yesterday required the Navy Department to take measures for the protection of American citizens in St. Petersburg. The State Department was informed by Secretary of the Navy that, unfortunately, there is, no vessel in European waters which can be sent to St. Petersburg before navigation is interrupted. It is expected, however, that a ship will be sent to Europe, certainly to Riga, which is not frozen up. But as Riga is some distance from St. Petersburg, a warship at that point would be of little value.

In case of extreme danger Secretary Root will ask the good offices of the Swedish or French government to give what assistance it can to Americans.

Have you tried a meal at Mrs Gilkey's new restaurant.

Remember that Friday is our special sale day on crockery and embroidery. O. Wilson & Co.

Will Elliott, chief clerk at the Prosper mill store, returned Saturday from a business and pleasure trip to San Francisco. He made the HERALD office a pleasant call while in town.

Mrs. V. L. Arrington, of Myrtle Point, Point, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Haynes, returned from Marshfield on Saturday. Mrs. Arrington has been on the bay several weeks visiting.

The Ladies of the Woman's Study Club wishes to announce that they will meet at Mrs. Sperry's next Saturday afternoon and that an address will be made by Rev. Browne and Prof. J. Percy Walls.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

COQUILLE LODGE, NO. 52, O. E. S. Meets every Saturday night. C. A. BOSTON, S. H. J. S. LAWRENCE, Sec'y.

COQUILLE ENCAMPMENT, NO. 28, O. E. S. Meets the first and third Thursday nights in each month. J. J. EASLEY, C. P. L. HACKER, Scribe.

MAMIE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 20. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday nights in each month. GRACE SKRELS, N. G. MRS. INEZ CHASE, Sec'y.

SHADWICK LODGE, NO. 68, A. F. & A. M. Meets the Saturday night on or before the full moon. R. H. MAST, W. M. J. S. LAWRENCE, Sec'y.

BEULAH CHAPTER, NO. 8, O. E. S. Meets next Friday night. MRS. ORA MACRY, W. M. MRS. MAMIE SLAIG, Sec'y.

LYCOURGUS LODGE, NO. 72, K. P. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday nights each month in Odd Fellows' hall. J. W. LAIRD, C. C. J. S. LAWRENCE, K. R. S.

COQUILLE LODGE, NO. 127, A. O. U. W. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month in W. O. W. hall. FRED SLAIG, M. W. O. F. ROHRER, Rec.

IMPERIAL LODGE, NO. 11, D. O. F. H. Meets the first and third Wednesday nights each month in Woodman hall. MRS. BRIDIE SKRELS, C. H. MISS IRIS LAMB, Rec.

MYRTLE CAMP, NO. 197, W. O. W. Meets the first and third Saturday nights of each month. ROBT. BURNS, C. C. J. G. SIMMONS, Clerk.

COQUILLE COUNCIL, NO. 398, F. A. A. Meets the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month in Odd Fellows' hall. DR. GEO. RUSSELL, Pres. MRS. CHAS. HARRINGTON, Sec'y.

EVENING TIDE CIRCLE, NO. 214, W. O. W. Meets the first and fourth Saturday nights of each month. MRS. ALICE GALLIER, G. N. MRS. M. McDONALD, Clerk.

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